I. Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: David Bezayiff, Kathryn Benander, Tim Brown, Vickie Dugan, Stewart Hathaway, David Hensley, Vira Lozano, Carmen Martin, and Joel Wiens. Richard Osborne attended (representing the PC Foundation)
Guest: Sarah Phinney

III. The agenda was approved as amended. (M-S-P, Hensley/Brown).

IV. The approval of minutes of the November 18th meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

V. Sarah Phinney addressed the Senate, presenting a proposal to establish a Distance Education Committee (to report directly to the Senate). Regulatory issues, transferability, and enrollment/retention issues will be examined and then reported directly to the Senate (M-S-P, Hensley/Dugan, to establish said committee). Sarah Phinney was asked to serve as the inaugural co-chair of this committee.

VI. Reports: A. Dr. Hathaway’s report was submitted in writing.
B. The Physical Education and Fine Arts Divisions expressed serious concerns about the President’s “re-arrangement” of academic positions without comment or explanation to the exclusion of the Senate’s top two recommendations. It was suggested that the President be invited to appear at a future Senate meeting to explain this action.
C. Mr. Osborne reported on the upcoming Hall of Fame banquet at River Island Country Club (March 10th) at $40 per person, and that faculty are encouraged to attend. Keith Erickson (from ABC Sports) will be the keynote speaker. Representing CHAPS, Mr. Osborne asked that $1500 be designated from the John Reid funds to support Charlie Trujillo’s upcoming visit to Porterville College (M-S-P, Benander/Bezayiff).

VII. Old Business: A. After brief discussion, it was decided that SLO course assessment results shall be reported and available only to members of the specific course’s division (M-S-P, Wiens/Brown).
B. KCCD Board Policy Changes: Modifications to 4A3 and 6H were presented and the Senate’s endorsement was given (M-S-P, Bezayiff/Dugan).

VIII. New Business: A. A discussion was held concerning the Academic Calendars for 2013 through 2015. Divisions are asked to gather information concerning the proposed Thanksgiving Week vacation, and the addition of two holidays (Native American day and Cesar Chavez day). Discussion followed as to the viability and necessity of having a common calendar for all three colleges. This will be discussed further at an upcoming Senate meeting, with input from the various Divisions.

IX. Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer