Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: May 4, 2012

I. Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Stewart Hathaway, Joel Wiens, David Hensley, Buzz Piersol, Kathryn Benander, Tim Brown, David Chamberlain, Jeff Gervasi, Kailani Knutson, David Kaveren, Vira Lozano, and Chris Roche. Virginia Gurrola, Janice Halopoff, Mary Jo Jordan, Richard Osborne, Rickelle Syrdahl, and Ann Marie Wagstaff also attended.

III. The agenda was approved as presented. (M-S-P, Benander/Wiens).

IV. Minutes of the April 20th meeting were approved as corrected.

V. Reports:
   A. Dr. Hathaway’s report was presented in writing.
   B. The SLO Committee chair’s report was submitted in writing.
   C. Mr. Osborne reported that Sunday Swap Meets have been discontinued, and that the Athletics Awards Ceremony and “Lucy Redux” are both happening tonight.
   D. The Curriculum Committee reported that closure is still pending on several items, and the committee will be meeting at least once more this semester.
   E. CCA will be having a referendum next Tuesday, May 8th, concerning benefits. All CCA members are urged to participate.
   F. The Distance Education Committee report was submitted in writing.

VI. Informational:
   A. Ms. Jordan presented information (including current KCCD forms) concerning Equivalency/FSA procedures. Certain concerns regarding the specifics of her situation (and several direct accusations to campus individuals) relate to the procedures and how they were followed in this particular situation. The report was accepted as an information item (M-S-P, Hensley/Chamberlain) in order that they appear in these minutes.
   B. Ms. Gurrola reported that students wait-listed for a course in which they are already enrolled (in another section) or on another wait-list will be deleted from the redundant wait-list.
   C. Ms. Gurrola and Janice Halopoff presented the new “Degree Works” software that will be piloted beginning next fall.
   D. Ms. Syrdahl presented DRAFT Institutional SLO’s. These should be discussed in Divisions and at CLC for an early fall vote.
VII. New Business:  
A. Dr. Wiens was installed as new Academic Senate President for the 2012-13 year. His first action as President was to present Dr. Hathaway with a gift certificate in honor of his year of service.

B. A recommendation by the Fine Arts Division for program discontinuance of three art certificates and one photography certificate was tabled due to concerns about the procedures, especially in the photography area, raised several unanswered questions until Mr. Entz has an opportunity to address the Senate (M-S-P, Benander/Lozano).

C. In support of a formal nomination from the Social Studies Division, Mr. Osborne is being recommended for Professor Emeritus status (M-S-P, Hensley/Unanimous Senate). These minutes reflect the standing ovation given to Mr. Osborne, who was present.

D. Mr. Hensley was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Academic Senate for the 2012-13 academic year (M-S-P, Piersol/Benander).

VIII. Adjourn: 9:35am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer