Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: August 16, 2012

I. Joel called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Joel Wiens, President; Stewart Hathaway, Past President; Buzz Piersol, President Elect; David Hensley, Secretary; Kathryn Benander, Tim Brown, David Chamberlain, Jeff Gervasi, Dave Kavern, Vira Lozano, Carmen Martin and Beverly Ward.

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

IV. Minutes of the May 4th meeting were approved as presented (M-S-P, Benander/Chamberlain).

V. Reports: A. Dr. Wiens reported that he attended two KCCD Board Meetings during the summer, presenting a report at the July meeting on specific courses and programs being taught at Porterville College. During discussion it was suggested that the faculty keep a “running list” of exactly what has been cut at PC as a result of the budget dilemma.

B. Ms. Ward reported that there may be a pending cut to the LVN program at Porterville College, evidenced by the announcement that there will be no January cohort entering the program.

C. By agreement, it was determined that Senate meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 8:00am for the 2012-13 academic year.

VI. Action: A. Per request by the Fine Arts Division Chair, the Senate recommends discontinuation of the Studio Art AA degree program and certificate programs in Art Studio, Commercial Art and Photography (M-S-P, Hensley/Hatheway).

VII. Information: A. Dr. Wiens brought to the Senate’s attention three items that will require future action and discussion (faculty equivalency, program discontinuance, and Senate bylaws). Consensus was reached that a subcommittee be formed to discuss faculty equivalency, and the committee will consist of Dr. Wiens, Dr. Hathaway, Mr. Piersol, Mr. Hensley and Ms. Lozano. There was also a brief discussion concerning the perception of excessive general education requirements, with the suggestion that this would be a future topic of relevance for the Senate (working in conjunction with the Curriculum Committee).

VIII. Adjourn: 4:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer