Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: September 14, 2012

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

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Joel Wiens, President; Stewart Hathaway, Past President; Buzz Piersol, President Elect; David Hensley, Secretary; Kathryn Benander, Patrick Chan, Jeff Gervasi, Dave Kavern, Vira Lozano, Carmen Martin and Beverly Ward. Rickelle Syrdahl also attended, representing the campus’ SLO committee.

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

IV. Minutes of the August 16th meeting were approved as amended (M-S-P, Benander/Gervasi).

V. Reports: A. Dr. Wiens reported that he attended the recent KCCD Board Meeting and emphasized the need for classes for students in this time of budget difficulties. This may have been poignant in that these remarks were made to the Board at the same meeting where $2 million was being considered as the cost for new turf on the Bakersfield College stadium field.

B. Mr. Chan reminded the Senate of the upcoming Senior Day, scheduled for October 3rd.

C. The Curriculum Committee chair’s report was submitted in writing. Specifics included special consideration for “stand-alone” classes, catalog due-dates for 2013-14, and the beginning of campus-wide discussion concerning graduation (general education) requirements.

D. The Distance Education Committee’s report was submitted in writing.

VI. Unfinished Business: A. The Program Discontinuance Policy that was discussed at the previous meeting was approved as presented (M-S-P, Hathaway/Benander).

VII. New Business: A. Ms. Syrdahl presented the SLO Committee’s recommendations for Institutional Student Learning Outcomes. Following a healthy discussion, the committee was thanked for its efforts and the document approved (M-S-P, Hathaway/Benander).

B. Dr. Wiens presented the preliminary draft edition of the proposed Equivalency Policy. Sections 1 through 5 were discussed and edited; sections 6 through 9 will be forthcoming (NO ACTION).

VIII. Adjourn: 9:35am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer