I. Joel called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Joel Wiens, President; Stewart Hathaway, Past President; Buzz Piersol, President Elect; David Hensley, Secretary; Jeff Gervasi, Dave Kavern, Kailani Knutson, Carmen Martin, Susan Regier, and Bev Ward. Also in attendance were Jeff Keele (representing the PC Foundation) and Mike Carley, Institutional Researcher.

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

IV. The Minutes of the February 8th meeting were approved as corrected (M-S-P, Piersol/Kavern).

V. Reports:
   A. Dr. Keele reported that the Foundation will host the annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, March 9th at River Island Country Club. The Tidball Scholarship funds are dwindling. Arlitha Harmon-Williams has written a grant that resulted in an extra $28,000 being made available for scholarships.

   B. In his oral report Dr. Wiens spoke of his report to the KCCD Board, and made note of the inability of the colleges (District) to settle some classified issues (which has resulted in a very large number of grievances), and reported on his meetings with the BC Senate President.

   C. Language Arts Division will be spearheading an “Earth Day” observation on April 22nd. Clubs and other Divisions will be encouraged to participate.

   D. Mr. Kavern reported that spring sports are now in progress.

   E. The Distance Education Committee report was submitted in writing.

   F. Ms. Regier, representing CCA, reported that the CCA continues to hold the District’s feet to the fire (administration vs. union), causing everyone to question why there must always be a “we-against-they” mindset between the District and the CCA.

VI. New Business:
   A. Dr. Hathaway and Mr. Carley reported on the “Achieving the Dream” movement that was announced to the faculty during the previous week. The Senate’s sentiment is that a) this is not needed at this time, b) the Senate objects to the spending of $37,500 annually when needed counseling and other faculty positions are being unfilled (due to lack of funding), and c) the perception is that the District is, essentially, “ordering” us to participate in this program even though all three KCCD campuses received full accreditation. (consensus)

   B. Ms. Regier, representing the Basic Skills committee, is concerned that the committee has absolutely no authority. Dr. Carlson had recently vetoed the sending of a faculty member to a Basic Skills conference. The Senate’s sentiment was that the Basic Skills Committee, not the College President, should decide when/where/who, and it should have purvey over Basic Skills
funds. Dr. Wiens and Susan Regier indicated they would speak to Dr. Carlson about this specific issue, noting that this was not the first time the Basic Skills Committee has raised the issue of use of its own funds.

C. Dr. Gervasi presented the Rio Hondo College’s FLEX plan for Senate to view. (more discussion will follow)

VII. Old Business:  

A. The On-Line Instruction Handbook was approved (M-S-P, Hensley/Martin).

B. Dr. Wiens asked that Senate members take time during the next two weeks to share the Equivalency Policy (recommended) so that it can be voted on at the next full Senate meeting.

VII. Adjourn: 10:00am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer