Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: April 26, 2013

I. Joel called the meeting to order at 8:09am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Joel Wiens, President; Buzz Piersol, President-elect; Stewart Hathaway, Past President; David Hensley, Secretary; Tim Brown, Dave Chamberlain, Lupe Guillen, and Dave Kavern. Rickelle Syrdahl, SLO Chair, was also in attendance.

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

IV. The Minutes of the April 12th meeting were approved as presented (M-S-P, Hathaway/Brown).

VI. Reports: A. Dr. Wiens’ report was presented in writing. There was significant discussion regarding common assessments, common course numbering, and the fact that the equivalency policy that the Senate recently approved has not yet been sent on to the Board.
   B. Lupe Guillen, representing Health Careers, noted that access and parking lot improvements will inconvenience vehicle traffic on the NE side of campus this summer (information only).
   C. The Curriculum Committee’s report was presented in writing.
   D. Ms. Syrdahl presented a recommendation on changing input (through Curricunet) to course record of study (information only).
   E. The Distance Education Committee’s report was presented in writing.
   F. There is concern that the perception is that a Basic Skills Chair is not Susan, but rather the Dean (information only).

VII. Informational: A. Curriculum Handbook – approval is pending.
    B. Flex Days will continue as in the past, at least for now.

VIII. New Business: A. The Mantle of Governance was handed by Joel Wiens to Buzz Piersol (official installation as President).
    B. Mr. Piersol gave a report on his attendance at the ASCCC Spring Plenary.
    C. At the request of the CTE Division, the AA program in Administration of Justice will be discontinued (M-S-P, Wiens/Brown).
    D. After some discussion and recommendations from affected Divisions and Faculty, the McCann Common Assessment will be recommended on a pilot basis for summer and fall, 2013 (M-S-P, Wiens/Hensley).

VIII. Adjourn: 9:45am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer