I. Buzz called the meeting to order at 8:07am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Buzz Piersol, President; Joel Wiens, Past-President; David Hensley, Secretary; Kathryn Benander, Tim Brown, Dave Chamberlain, Jeff Gervasi, Jeff Keele, Carmen Martin, and Bev Ward. James Thompson (Curriculum Chair) was also in attendance.

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

IV. The Minutes of the September 13th meeting were approved as corrected (M-S-P, Benander/Wiens).

VI. Reports: A. Mr. Piersol’s report was presented in writing. In addition, he reported that the Consultation Cabinet’s September meeting had been cancelled, and the group is scheduled to meet in October. Dr. Carlson would like to add a Basic Skills Task Force (under CLC). More discussion will follow. There was discussion of the “Fail to Withdraw” grade (proposed), concerns were the necessity for faculty to increase record-keeping at the end of the semester (the busiest times of the year), and so more information will be forthcoming to facilitate discussion.

B. The Senate expressed thanks and appreciation to the Distance Education Committee for its detailed and analytical and comprehensive reporting (noting that the DE report was presented in writing).

C. Ms. Benander (representing language Arts) again raised the concern that high unit value courses seem to be more highly scrutinized. Mr. Thompson, representing the Curriculum Committee, responded by explaining how the Curriculum Committee is reviewing these courses. How the unit values transfer to our transfer institutions is the aspect that the committee considers first.

D. Dr. Keele, representing the PC Foundation, announced that nominations are open for outstanding alumni (to be recognized next spring). The Foundations Scholarship Committee is working to increase the scholarship opportunities for our students. Faculty are encouraged to contribute (payroll deductions are suggested).

VII. Old Business: A. To submit to the Association (faculty) for ratification the proposed change to the Senate Constitution, Article VII, Section 3, A and B (M-S0P, Wiens/Benander)

B. To change the Senate Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4 A and B (M-S-P, Wiens/Hensley)

VIII. New Business: A. To approve the Equivalence Procedures as amended (M-S-P, Wiens/Hensley).

VIII. Adjourn: 9:25am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer