I. Buzz called the meeting to order at 8:03

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Buzz Piersol, President; Joel Wiens, Past-President; James Thompson (for David Hensley), Kathryn Benander, Dave Kavern, Carmen Martin, Bev Ward, Jim Carson (for Tim Brown), Dave Chamberlain, Jeff Gervasi.

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

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

VI. Reports: A. Mr. Piersol’s report was submitted in writing. There was discussion of state policy issues of the Senate Area A meeting. Local issues discussed were keeping AA degrees while having AA-T or AS-T degrees and participating in Achieving the Dream campus conversations and the upcoming ATD meeting at PC. Also discussed were end of the year committee reports at CLC, the Fail to Withdraw policy, participation in the Consultation Council. The Regional Curriculum Meeting is scheduled for November 15 down south.

B. Curriculum Report: Discussed whether a change in SLO’s on the course content of record should have to go through the long cue process in curriculum committee, or whether there should be a shorter cue process for a change in only SLO’s.

C. The DE committee discussed the Online Student Coach (OSC), specifically potential students to fill the role and duties of the job. They are looking at the Basic Skills Initiative to fund it. The OSC will address a recommendation by the Accreditation Visiting Team.

VII. New Business: A. Foundation – endowed staff fund – postponed to next meeting so Jeff Keele could present information.

B. Academic Senate Constitution revision – postponed to next meeting due to time constraints.

C. Academic Senate By-Laws revision – postponed to next meeting due to time constraints.

D. Fall 2013 State Senate Resolutions – discussed.

E. Board Policy 4B7, Articulation CTE course H.S. credit by exam - The Senate will continue to participate in the development of board policy.

F. Faculty Positions – Motion - The Senate recommends the replacement of the math position. (The position had been a highly ranked and tenure track hire two years ago.) (M-S-P, Thompson/Chamberlain, two abstentions)
It is the wish of the Senate that our administrative leaders remember the past rankings of the Senate and recognize the need for additional faculty to meet the needs of students.

G. Equivalency Policy – Motion to accept the revised Porterville College equivalency policy. (M-S-P, Benander/Martin).

VIII. Adjourn:

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Wiens