I. In President Buzz Piersol’s absence, Joel Wiens called the meeting to order at 8:04am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Joel Wiens, Past-President; David Hensley, Secretary; Kathryn Benander, Jeff Gervasi, Dave Kavern, Jeff Keele, Carmen Martin and Bev Ward. James Thompson also attended, representing the Curriculum Committee.

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

IV. The minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved as presented (M-S-P, Benander/Martin).

V. Old Business: A. Dr. Keele moved and Mr. Hensley seconded that the calendars be approved for the coming two academic years with the one change to include a “floating” spring break (in order to align with the PUSD). Consensus was that further discussion within divisions was needed – the motion was tabled until the February 7th meeting.

VI. Information: A. Senate members were asked to review the proposed Board Policy changes for future discussion. A rather lengthy discussion ensued during which the concept of a 17% reserve, in light of the severe cutbacks that have recently been made, is the wrong direction to take, given that we are an educational organization and not a “for-profit corporation.” While prudence suggests that more than the requisite 3% is safe, the suggested reserve amount of 17% continues the recent trend of lessening our offerings to students in order to build a “nest egg.” This discussion suggested that the three Senate Presidents need to meet and confer on the issue.

VII. Reports: A. Student Services reported their new counselor is not as well-dressed as the administrators.

B. Mr. Thompson, representing Curriculum, announced that Curricunet is being changed to “Metanet,” and he predicted that it will be up and running next fall. Curriculum changes are being retroactively moved to summer, 2014 (instead of fall) because the Board recently changed the calendar
(summer is now the beginning of the new academic year, where it used to be the end of the previous academic year).

C. Dr. Keele reported that the Foundation will select the recipient of the distinguished alumni award.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:03am.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer