I. Buzz called the meeting to order at 8:04am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Buzz Piersol, President; David Hensley, Secretary; Rebecca Baird, Jim Carson, Terry Crewse, Vickie Dugan, Carmen Martin, John Stern, and Bev Ward. Joel Wiens (Foundation Representative) also attended.

III. The agenda was approved as presented (*M-S-P, Martin/Hensley).

IV. The minutes of the September 12th meeting were approved as corrected (*M-S-P, Carson/Dugan).

V. Action Items: A. Consensus was reached that individual faculty should determine, course-by-course, which classes will allow students to enroll in classes after the start date (up to the first census date). This did not require action as it proposes no change to current practice.

B. Campus Smoking Policy: Motion was for status quo (M-S-P, Carson/Hensley).

VI. Information Items: A. The District may be moving back to a 4/10 schedule for summer, beginning with the 2015 year. How this will affect campus activities (such as youth camps, athletic events, etc.) was not clear.

B. Dr. Wiens is meeting soon with John Word and Bill Henry concerning off-hours access by faculty to campus facilities, particularly faculty work and office areas.

C. A survey is being distributed to a targeted group concerning duplication of services between PUSD Adult Education and Porterville College. Those who are completing the survey are asked to submit it ASAP as there is ongoing discussions between PC and the PUSD concerning these students and which direction their education should take.

D. Six positions are anticipated for new faculty hires for the 2015-16 year, and divisions will be asked to present their recommendations on October 31st at a special Senate meeting for just that purpose. Voting (with minimal or no discussion) will be on November 7th.

E. High School Senior Day is scheduled for October 8th.
VII. Reports:  

A. Mr. Piersol reported that Sabbatical Leave Proposals may be accepted in the near future (more details forthcoming).

B. Mr. Hensley, representing Fine Arts, raised the concern that the current manner of ranking faculty hiring recommendations does not consider expanding existing programs or initiating new programs because there are no hard data for programs and courses of study not yet being offered. This limits the potential for departments and divisions to expand offerings, particularly in areas of study which have been adversely affected during the period of budget cuts.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer

*In consideration of the Brown Act, Items considered to be part of routine procedural business or that incur a unanimous vote have been determined to not require delineation of votes.