Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: October 31, 2014

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

II. This was an informational, informal meeting to allow Divisions to present their requests for full-time faculty positions (the requests will be ranked by the Senate at its November 7th meeting). No formal business was conducted at this meeting.

III. Reports: The various Divisions presented requests for full-time faculty positions for the 2015-16 academic year as follows:

A. Natural Science/Mathematics Division requests a replacement position in Mathematics (Jeff Gervasi, resignation).

B. *Social Science Division requests a replacement position in Political Science (Jeff Keele, currently serving as Interim Dean).

C. Student Services Division requests three positions as follows:
   1. Replacement position: Library Director (Jeff Spalsbury, retired in 2003).
   2. Replacement position: DRC/Counselor (Carol Wilkins, retired in 2011).
   3. New position: Counselor (potential exists for external funding).

D. Career and Technical Education Division requests two positions as follows:

E. Fine Arts Division requests two positions as follows:
   1. Replacement position in Art (Darryl Nelson, retired in 2010).
   2. New Position: Communications instructor.

F. Health Careers Division requests a replacement position for Karen Boriak.

G. Language Arts Division requests three positions as follows:
H. Physical Education/Health Ed. Division requests 2 positions as follows (the Division Chair noted that this Division has lost four full-time instructors during the past several years without any replacements: 
   1. Health Education instructor.
   2. Physical Education instructor.

* denotes a one-person program

IV. Following the presentations, it was once again noted that only six full-time positions are currently proposed for new hires for the coming year. It was also noted that the Chancellor recently suggested hiring more full-time faculty at Porterville College, but did not suggest a commensurate increase in the campus’ budget. Discussion highlighted the lack of available part-time instructors in many disciplines, the fact that two of the vacant positions are “one-person programs,” and that 12 of the 15 requests are to fill positions that have been vacated by resignations and/or retirements reflect badly on the college and its leadership.

V. Mr. Piersol requested that all Senate representatives poll their respective Divisions for input and be ready to vote on November 7th for the formal ranking (that has been requested by and will be presented to the college President)

VI. Adjourn: 10:05 am

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer