I. Buzz called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Buzz Piersol, President; Joel Wiens, Past President (representing the PC Foundation); David Hensley, Secretary; Rebecca Baird, Kathryn Benander, Jim Carson, David Chamberlain, Terry Crewse, David Kavern, Carmen Martin, and Danny Sciacqua. Karen Bishop (representing Distance Ed.) also attended.

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

IV. The minutes of the December 12th meeting were approved as presented (M-S-P, Martin/Kavern).

V. Action items:  
A. After considerable discussion, the Distance Education Regular and Effective Contact policy was again tabled as it was deemed important that it be discussed further in Divisions.

B. Board Policy Revision 4B3 was approved with the corrections noted (originality remains).

C. Consensus was to NOT endorse the Academic Renewal policy suggested by Cerro Coso College.

D. The Non-Participation policy was approved, as amended (M-S-P, Hensley/Benander).

E. Ms. Martin has agreed to serve on the equivalency committee as a faculty/senate representative (M-S-P, Benander/Hensley).

VI. Information Items:  
A. The spring calendar for Senate meetings was distributed.

B. Dr. Hathaway has volunteered to run for Senate President for the 2015-16 academic year. Mr. Hensley will conduct the election in a timely manner.

C. Other Board Policy revisions will be tabled until February 6th.

D. The Graphics Center staff person is currently a 19-hour position, which leaves the campus without a graphics attendant during most of our operating hours. Repeated complaints about this lack of service to the full-time AND part-time staff has given cause for the Senate to direct Mr. Piersol to draft a resolution to the President of the College to increase staffing in this critical area (consensus).

E. Even after repeated discussions with Senate, Administration and M&O staff, there continues to be virtually no usable space to adjunct faculty to use as an on-campus work space (most colleges provide office space to adjunct faculty, and many of our adjuncts work at other colleges and have made note of this lack in the PC
work environment). The Senate directed Mr. Piersol to draft a resolution to the President of the College and/or District Staff to secure functional work space (office space) for adjunct faculty at Porterville College, which would include, at a minimum, computer and telephone access (consensus).

VII. Reports:  

A. Mr. Piersol reported on a windfall of $ from Sacramento during the current school year. The balance of his report was submitted in writing.

B. Dr. Wiens reported that the PC Foundation has $1.5 Million in its accounts and investments. Scholarship funding is being secured and increased. The weekly swap meet continues to be successful.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:37am

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.*