MEMBERS PRESENT: Delso Bosquez, Evelyn Brown, Sari Dill, Shawnee Hanzlick, Julie Hecimovich, Michael Ochotorena, Lucy Schubert, Joan Warfield, Hector Acosta, Rosa Whaley, Joe Dolan, Dave Gittings, Rita Ladd-Carpenter, Carrie McLaughlin, Robert Ramirez, Robert Teso, Robert Swindle, Gail Fritz, Cliff Shuttleworth, Carol Carder, Diane Miller, Amanda Passeri, Marjorie Crook

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gloria Coronado

EXCUSED: Irma Ojeda, Barbara Byrnes, Jaylene Ford, Carmen Turner, Damian Montoya, Laura Rutkowski, Jennifer Schowengerdt, Eric Welsh, MaryAnne Wilson, Terrie Fisher, Suzanne Blackburn

GUESTS: Stan Steinman, Raul Ramirez, Michael Gonzales

1. GENERAL MATTERS
   1.1 Introductions
   1.2 Agenda Modifications
      None
   1.3 Approval of Minutes
      November and December minutes approved with changes.
   1.3.1 DC Re-Ballot DC
      Second ballots sent to DC on 1/10/08, due back 1/12/08. See Suzanne Blackburn if you did not receive a ballot. Ballots will be counted on Monday; Results sent by list serve.

2. BUSINESS
   2.1 Public Comment and/or question
      No comments or questions.
   2.2 Provost Report: Stan Steinman
      • Happy New Year. Welcome new members, Welcome back returning members
      • Accreditation Workshop will be held this spring. There are currently three scheduled; Feb 6th, 8:30 – 10:30, March 7th, 12:30 – 2:30 & April 17th, 2:30 – 4:30. They are scheduled at DO, B-218 from 2:30. There will be more scheduled later. Hours count toward step progression.
      • The state is having budget problems. It has a $970M deficit. Legislature will be back in session next Monday. The Appropriations Committee is meeting this week to start work. They are looking at huge cuts in higher education. It is possible that the State will ask PCC to return $3M. The Governor doesn’t want to touch Higher Ed, but rather use the Rainy Day Fund, and push back some K-12 Building projects. They will probably meet somewhere in the middle. Next year will be affected also.
• There is some public interest in cutting back on Property Taxes; that would cripple PCC. There are three ideas being floated around to reduce taxes. In California they have passed a similar issue as Prop 13, here it would reduce what we get from such Property Taxes, causing us to raise tuition. We have faced times like these before and we will get through them again. Stan suggested we contact our local legislators. There will be a list of contact information for them emailed to SC Chairperson.
• Faculty All College Day will be held Jan 16th at 7:30. Barbara LaWall will be the main speaker.
• A new State Board of Community Colleges is being formed; an earlier Board was dissolved in the past. They are scheduled to put the framework in place this year (perhaps) because of budget problems they will actually start another year, it seems unlikely to start now. It will not be a paid Board, but staffing to support it and a physical site is necessary.
• Imelda Cuyugan will be back to update us on External Relations. We should be aware of the issues.
• The Community College Conference will be held in Washington D.C. We will have 2 students attend. They will be speaking to the Legislative Appropriations Committee about how issues affect them.

2.3 Human Resources Report – Dr. Ramirez
• Recruitment for Faculty, Staff and Administrators is on-going. For Faculty, there are 50 positions in 29 different disciplines. Committees and schedules are in place. They received 180 applications. Staff and Administration; currently there are five acting Division Deans. Candidate Forums for the Director of Athletics are scheduled for January 17th & 18th for five candidates.
• Meet & Confer starts Thursday and teams are ready. Participants are listed.
• This is the final year of the Non-Exempt Step Progression Plan Pilot.
• With regard to tax reductions, if Property taxes are reduced, they will likely go back to 2004 levels. Our funding is like a three-legged stool. State funding, local taxes and tuition.
• Carrie thanked Dr. Ramirez for his financial support of our Christmas Luncheon.

2.4 Staff Council Community Service Committee – Julie Hecimovich
• In the past we have held a fund-raiser for scholarships. Last year we selected Project Progress, in 2006, we helped Youth on Their Own. We need to vote on the choices of fund-raisers. The choices were explained. We discussed Pros and Cons, stressed participation. There was a motion to table the choices of a Costume Ball and College Idol. A movie night was apposed. We voted on two remaining items. It was decided that we will hold BBQ Luncheons at each college location. Next month we will decide on which group to support. The CSC will pare down to a list of ten choices.

3. COUNCIL REPORT
• All items tabled until next month, due time constraints.
4. EMPLOYEE REPORTS

4.1 AFSCME:
   • Meet and Confer begins Thursday at 2:00PM in the DO Board Room. The
     sessions will last about two months. The public is invited to attend. They will be
     sending out a survey to all Non-Exempt staff.

5. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.