Present: Gigi Gallagher (President), Chris White (President-Elect), John DuBois (Treasurer), Maria Apodaca, Mia Casey, Darya Gilani, Al Guzman, Debbie Haynes, Rosalinda Jen, Elaine Kuo, Judi McAlpin, Jean McCarron, Sheri Mines, Leslye Noone, Karen Oeh, Sirisha Pingali, Linda Robinson, Al Ruffinelli

1) Gigi started the meeting by welcoming all, and announced the rescheduling of Brenda Visas-Davis who was to present today regarding the campus wide power outage to November 11, 2010. Gigi went on to thank all that participated in today’s fire drill and reported on the successful brief that followed.

2) Mia Casey gave a presentation reviewing the sustainability committees’ history; the good, bad and ugly of it all; and encouraged people to get involved in the many sub committees that exist. Mia stressed that participation on the sustainability committee, and its the sub-committees, is supported by Judy, the President of the College. Mia directed people over to the website for more information:
   www.foothill.edu/sustainability

Other items discussed regarding sustainability issues on campus included:

- Transportation committee (zimride) that matches students by location and schedule and has crossover capabilities so that faculty and staff can enjoin in the program along with the students
- Sustainability into the curriculum
- Confluent Learning Community; Rosemary Arca
- Foothill Author Series; Scott Lankford, Raj Patel
- Upcoming movie schedule and utilizing the Media Center as a depository/resource for movies
- KJ’s sustainability efforts as an example
- Growing vegetables as a group project
- Volunteering and getting involved

3) In lieu of Brendas’ presentation about the upcoming power outage, Judi McAlpin gave a short presentation on opportunities for staff to improve their skill sets. Judi gave the web address www.foothill.edu/staff/development and stressed that staff development is a two way street. If you don’t see the type of workshop or training that you are interested in or need, to please let her know and they will make every effort to include them at a future time. It was also suggested that a link exist between the classified web page and the staff development web page.
4) Gigi introduced Elaine Kuo, the new college researcher to the room and asked that everyone introduce themselves. After introduction concluded, Elaine discussed the upcoming campus wide survey scheduled for an October 22, 2010 rollout that will conclude in two weeks. Both Foothill and De Anza will send out the survey to a random sampling of students; District not included in the survey. The questions on the survey are both reflective and resemble the standards for accreditation. Results of the survey will be reported at the next PARC meeting. While the online survey is anonymous, it will recognize IP addresses so to assure that only one survey is received.

5) Gigi made appointments to various committees listed on the back of the agenda, Chris approved the appointments, Maria and Sheri seconded the appointments.

6) Chris reported the results from the classified survey. 63 out of 143 responded representing a respectable 44% response rate. Of those who responded, the items identified were for the senate to provide clearer job descriptions, time commitments; provide better communication and training opportunities for classified staff. It was suggested that a revamp be done to our web page.

7) Gigi and John briefly shared with the room what changes were done to the constitution and why. Encouraged everyone to have a look at the changes online in order to set an election date for sometime in November.

8) No minutes from the last meeting were distributed or approved.

9) Gigi thanked all that came to the meeting, adjourned the meeting, wished all well and hoped to see everyone at the next meeting scheduled for October 28, 2010 at 2:30 PM in the Student Council Chambers.