Minutes of the Meeting of October 15, 2008

Members present: Nancy Brent, Angie Alvarez, Cherie Clifton, Rebecca Bybee, Jason Norman, Jim Pond, Peggy Bruckner, Louise Ross, Denette McClain, Donna Moore, Debby Carey, Pan Kinnan, Lynda Barksdale, Pat Conley, Ron Long, Monica Martinez, Janice Joyner, Glennda Cook, Elayne Shults

Nancy Brent introduced new members of the Community Advisory Committee, Rebecca Bybee, Denette McClain, and Monica Martinez. She also stated that the CAC has lost one of our long-time members, IdaMae Gorsline. IdaMae was instrumental in establishing many ASP scholarships and could always be counted on for her very generous support. She was always able to help find funds whenever they were needed.

Nancy shared with the committee the August and September reports by ASP to the Advising Department. These reports demonstrate what ASP does throughout the month. She reviewed the 2008 Fall awards from the AC Foundation scholarships and Perkins child care and gasoline reimbursements. A new Emergency Fund has been established through the AC Foundation and Financial Aid for students needing immediate assistance to stay enrolled.

Nancy submitted the Community Advisory Committee calendar of meetings for the year. The annual spring banquet will be March 27, 2009, and the book sale will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7 and 8, 2009.

Nancy announced the ASP scholarships to be matched through the AC Foundation for 2008-2009. They are the Enid Bates and the Bud & Janice Joyner scholarships.

Monica Martinez from Workforce Solutions Panhandle explained that the WIA program looks at individual student needs to determine assistance in areas such as child care, employment assistance, gasoline reimbursement, and living expenses. Help can also be given to dislocated workers.