Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 2008

Members present: Nancy Brent, Angie Alvarez, Cherie Clifton, Myrna Raffkind, Karla Koontz, Danita McAnally, Debby Carey, Elayne Shults, Glennda Cook, Jim Pond, Janice Joyner, Pam Kinnan.

Nancy Brent opened the meeting stating that the Advising & Counseling office has been reorganized. Lynda Barksdale is the new Director of Advising. Cherie Clifton has moved to the West Campus to be the Allied Health Advisor, and she will also be the Adult Students Program representative on that campus.

Nancy reviewed the spring report. There have been several emergencies this semester. Examples are: a student who needed eye glasses, and one who needed immunizations. Numbers of students requesting transportation continue to rise. The amount paid per mile is now eight cents, and it will be raised to ten cents per mile.

Myrna Raffkind inquired as to where a student should be referred who may need assistance with textbooks.

Janice Joyner would like to see more assistance available to students who need help paying for their caps and gowns for graduation. There was a discussion on how to obtain this information. Cherie stated the cost of the caps and gowns is approximately \$40.

Pam Kinnan announced that she had a student who graduated from her program and will be graduating from the Pharmacy Tech program at Amarillo College this year who might need some assistance purchasing a cap and gown.

Danita McAnally commented that changes to the Carl Perkins grant are occurring with an emphasis on career clusters. Pam suggested that everyone should write their congressman and ask that Perkins funds not be cut.