1. ARCC Data Presentation

Mr. Farmer shared a PowerPoint presentation he had recently made to the Board of Trustees. The material is available on the Chancellor’s Office website at http://strategicplan.cccco.edu/. Mr. Farmer noted that ARCC does not compare colleges against each other since the data are not tied to any funding mechanisms.

2. Goals of the Committee for the Year

Mr. Farmer distributed copies of his goals and objectives for the coming year. He suggested researching who among our colleagues is doing developmental education the best and look at benchmarks we can use. Mr. Farmer informed the committee that the District has been approached by the ABC Unified School District that their Math faculty would like to align their courses with ours.

Mr. Farmer referred to the Basic Skills as a Foundation for Student Success in California Community Colleges, July 2007, handbook. There are 26 effective practices listed in the back of the book. He suggested downloading the book from their website, www.RPGGroup.org.

Mr. Farmer feels that our first goal is to assess ourselves based on the best practices and decide what we want to implement first. We will use funds for basic skills to implement our plan. Mr. Farmer commented that the District received funds last year and is expecting more funding for this year, as well. The funding is based on the percentage of students directly out of high school who
are in basic skills classes and the percentage of FTES in basic skills at our college.

Dr. Reece expressed concern that the numbers present an opportunity to share with the campus community that what we are doing right now is not working and we need to improve and come out with a strong plan that pushes people into action. We don’t want to be just an “average” institution. We need to strive to be excellent. The Faculty Senate is behind this plan. Dr. Reece hopes that this committee is able to build a plan that moves us forward. It is time we talk to faculty about how we teach and how that translates into resources.

Dr. Connal feels that we don’t have many alternatives but to think outside the box and shift the paradigm. Mr. Farmer sees this committee as the leadership group in these issues. We have to do the research to see that what we are doing is having the effect we want it to have.

3. Committee Membership

A membership list of the committee was distributed, along with the Board of Trustees shared governance document on the College Committee on Developmental Education. The membership is determined by shared governance, but anyone interested in the work of this group is encouraged to attend.

4. Selection of a Committee Chair

Nominations for committee chair were entertained from the floor. At the end of secret balloting, the results were judged a tie allowing Ms. Francie Quaas-Berryman and Dr. Janice Connal to preside as co-chairs of the College Committee on Developmental Education.

Mr. Farmer will discuss reassigned time for the co-chairs, effective with the spring 2008 semester. Mr. John Gallant will continue to provide clerical support to the committee.

5. Next Meeting and Assignments

The committee is scheduled to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 2 PM. Our next meeting will be held in LC-135 on October 2, 2007.
Mr. Farmer asked the members to read the first 30 pages of the literature, *Basic Skills for a Foundation for Student Success in California Community Colleges.*

6. Information Item: RPGroup.org

7. Other

Mr. Swanson will contact the President’s Office to express the desire of the four new candidates running for the Board of Trustees to address this committee.

Dr. Connal is presenting at the Student Success Conference in San Jose. The conference is full, but it may be possible to get information from the internet.

Mr. Farmer adjourned the meeting at 3:44 PM.