Members present were: Joseph Montoya, Harry Anderson, Marie Bachicha, Erica Chavez, Elaine Ortega, Charles Peterson, Dolores Gutierrez, Anthony Baca, Rosalie Ortega, Germaine Sandoval, Gene Sandoval, Maxine Hughes, Jacqueline Romero-Arguello, Erin Gilland, Leslie Jae Dennis, Sherry Goodyear, Patricia Kuhlman, Jeanette-Mercedes Nolan, Rita Surdi, Angie Manafy, Cindy Armijo, Clarice Bonney, and David Flores.

I. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson designate, Adrienne O’Brien.

The Chair designate called for dispensing with the roll call, a suggestion seconded by Sherry Goodyear. The motion carried without opposition.

II. The Agenda as published was unanimously approved.

III. The Senate Representatives, as elected, were installed.

Adrienne O’Brien stepped into the position of Chairperson for the academic year 2013-2014, while Cindy Armijo accepted the position of Vice-Chair. Harry Anderson, School of Business and SMET; Sherry Goodyear, Satellite Locations; Joseph Montoya, Trades; Maxine Hughes, Allied Health; Lawrence Martinez, Learning Resources, an Ex-Officio position being the Historian/Document Repository; Leslie Jae Dennis, Humanities and Early Childhood.

A representative for Associate members was not elected or selected.

IV. Ms. Dennis volunteered to be Secretary, and Harry Anderson agreed to be her alternate.

V. Regular Meeting Schedule
Voted for Once-a Month for the first two months, 1st Mondays, 3:30 PM, then probably switch to Twice-a-Month later on.

Next meeting...Monday Sept 9th. (Monday Sept 2nd is Labor Day).

VI. Chairperson O’Brien reiterated the “charge of the Senate under shared governance”...

A. Members of the Faculty Senate teach.
B. We do so under the umbrella of Academic Freedom.
C. We serve the institution in the pursuit of its academic goals.

For the academic year just started, the Senate membership will focus on:

1. Student completion.

2. Help to stabilize the institution’s operations by sharing our thoughts and ideas on Administration’s role in “student completion.”

The overriding vision for the Senate is to contribute to the reputation of Luna CC as “the shining city on a hill.” (Chairperson’s presentation has the details. Is attached.) Our Senate is fully supportive of excellent performance in behalf of the welfare of the students through the chain of command at the College.

Among the suggestions to accomplish this:

A. Get on the local radio stations and talk-up Luna’s programs – an organized way to go about spreading the word of the high value Luna course offerings by dedicated faculty

B. Submit to The Luna Light each month an article on what the faculty brings to the Luna Community, primarily the students.

The Chair asked for volunteers to staff a booth at the student lunch time barbecue on 8/22/2013. Humanities Senator said she would, as did the Trades and SMET Senators.
Also mentioned was the desire to BUILD SOME STUDENT LIFE ON CAMPUS. Our first effort to that end is to create a monthly film/lecture series. Some effort will be expended to achieve this starting in September.

As time was growing short, it was decided to table appointment to committees until the next meeting. This motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed upon by the Senate membership.

For our next meeting, those present were asked to re-read and prioritize the Strategic Plan elements as prepared by Sherry Goodyear. Absentees should be encouraged to do the same.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.