PRESENT: Darla Domke-Damonte, Carl Keller, Greg Krippel, Arlene Adams, Lance Bedwell, Alan Case, Emory Helms, Kathryn Hilgenkamp-Rodgers, Lisa Barboun, Denvy Bowman, Elsa Crites, Daniel Ennis, Peter Lecouras, Jo-An Morgan, Nelljean Rice, Jack Riley, Michael Ruse, Jose Sanjines, Philip Schneider, Linda Schwartz, Jill Sessoms, Gary Stegall, Olay Akman, Gene Collins, Richard Dame, Dave Evans, Terry Fries, John Goodwin, Louis Keiner, Bill King, Rich Koesterer, Susan Libes, Prashant Sansgiry, Sylvia Snyder, Rob Young, Michael Lackey, Dennis Wiseman

ABSENT: Andy Hendrick, Susan Slavik

APPROVAL OF July 11, 2001 MINUTES: A motion was made by Prashant Sansgiry to accept the minutes as mailed. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: A motion was made by Jill Sessoms to have the current officers conduct the business of the agenda. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Ingle said we have started off a wonderful year. We will continue our commitment to academic excellence in a year that looked like it would be a financial disaster. Ingle explained that the governor’s veto did restore the cuts to higher education, but it did not add any additional money to last year’s budget. That means we will continue, as we have done in the previous years, to rely very heavily on strategic planning that links academic planning, institutional planning and budgeting all as one. Our aims this year have to be purposeful and intentional, and we have to focus on those issues that are very important to us as an entire institution.

One of the first things we need to continue to focus on is academic excellence and the validation of faculty scholarship and student learning for which this faculty and this institution have established a national reputation in the last few years. Ingle said he appreciates that the faculty are dealing with larger sections and accommodating more sections because of the size of this year’s freshman class. It is approximately 20 percent higher that last year’s freshman class. F.T.E. enrollment may be up as much as 8 percent this year. Ingle said he will meet with the Faculty, Welfare and Development Committee on Friday to look at how we use those limited resources for faculty development and to see if we can reallocate some funds to make more funds available to faculty for development efforts. We need to continue to guide, plan, and effect change that achieves our goals in an environment of greater external accountability.

All of us are subject to accreditation standards, performance indicators and other assessments, and this institution has dealt successfully with these issues in the last few years and will continue to deal with them. Ingle said he anticipates receiving, through the appropriate faculty governance channels, of the report on the first assessment we have made of the core curriculum since we adopted the core many years ago. We must continue to support and refine our quality assessment efforts in the Strategic Planning Process. Once again, Ingle referred to such things as the SACS Report which commenced this institution on our commitment to its accountability efforts and strategic planning. Ingle said we also have to maximize the applications of technological innovations to facilitate a true teaching/learning community. Therefore, we are going to put together an ad hoc committee on distance learning, sequencing efforts that we have undertaken before. Ingle explained he had met with the Deans and others recently, and we are all committed to online learning, offering coursework beyond the confines of this community, but Ingle said that this also takes resources. It is very difficult to develop and teach an online course, and if we are going to enter into this, we have to recognize the resources must be available to those faculty who become
engaged in this process.

In about two weeks, we will begin the search for the Provost of CCU. We've already elected the representatives from the various Colleges and the Library to that search committee. Ingle will talk to the new Chair of the Faculty Senate about his (Ingle's) appointments to that committee. He first met with the Deans to talk about the Interim Provost position, that much more of the decision-making would rest in the hands of the Deans of the various Colleges. Ingle still thinks we should decentralize quite a bit of the decision-making at the level of the various Colleges at our institution. Ingle said he felt at first, it probably would not be necessary to name an Interim Provost, but after discussing this with some faculty members and the Deans concerning some of the legal implications, things like appeals and grievances, etc., there needed to be a step between the academic units or student affairs and his office. Reviewing what was before us this year, Ingle said, in terms of linking the budgeting with the academic planning, as well as some of the other things that are before us, he named Sally Horner as Interim Provost. Dr. Horner comes from an academic background, with a Ph.D. in Chemistry, and has served as a Provost before. He felt she brought some unique qualities to this position that we could use during this year as we search for a new Provost. Dr. Ted Lewis, the consultant for the search for the Provost, will be on campus September 18 & 19; at that time, Dr. Lewis will meet with Ingle, and other members of the campus community and have a long meeting with the search committee. Ingle has asked the Office of Institutional Research to do a stratified random sample of all the faculty to invite to a meeting with the search consultant. The purpose of these meetings in September is for the search consultant to learn more about us, and about what type of Provost would fit best in this campus community. Ingle said the purpose of these meetings is to talk about the qualities that the entire campus community would expect in a Provost. There will be meetings with other groups as necessary.

The search consultant will meet with the search committee and talk about a timetable for the search, the operating procedure for the search, the consultant's report, its focus and its use, discussions of the ads and where we will place the ads, and also discussions of this institutional profile. He will then leave and develop an institutional profile. Ingle thinks this is going to be a good search process, and he thinks we will learn a lot about ourselves. It will also assist us in moving the search forward so that we can identify the Provost as soon as possible and complete the search. In the meantime, he feels that Dr. Horner, given her knowledge of this institution, her commitment to academic excellence, and her national reputation in strategic planning, will serve us well until such time as a permanent Provost is named.

Dr. Ingle also stated that he had enjoyed working with Dr. Whitley and the Executive Officers of the Faculty Senate, and that it has been a very good and productive year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Whitley said Dr. Dave Evans, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, had requested time to present information to the Senate.

As a point of order, Senator Michael Ruse informed the Senate that the document before the Senate which includes the resolution had come from the Academic Affairs Committee, and it is saying in the document that the actions and plans for an Interim Provost are under the purview of this committee. However, the purview and purpose of the Committee as stated in the Faculty Manual, Section IV, page 8, are that the committee will provide continuing evaluation of programs of instruction, educational policies, and admission standards. Ruse said he finds no language that gives the Committee standing under this issue; therefore, Ruse said, "I move that the document containing the resolution be taken off the agenda as out of order." The motion by Ruse to remove the resolution from the agenda was seconded.

Evans said the comments he would have made concerning that issue, given the opportunity, were read in the following sentence from a prepared statement "for those who take issue to this not being under the Committee's purview, you may consider this a resolution from a group of faculty members, which is allowed."
Chair Whitley asked for a vote on whether or not to remove the resolution from the agenda. The motion to take the resolution off the agenda passed by a vote of 22 – 14.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair Whitley said the election will be for the Senate Chair and Vice Chair position. Greg Krippel, Secretary of the Senate, has one year remaining.

Sylvia Snyder nominated Richard Koesterer for Chair. Richard Koesterer will serve as Chair for the next two years.

Dennis Wiseman nominated Alan Case who declined.
Michael Lackey nominated Prashant Sansgiry for Vice Chair. Prashant Sansgiry will serve as Vice Chair for the next two years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Tomczyk reminded the Senate that the new Ad Hoc Committee for Distance Learning will be chaired by Dr. Wiseman. The previous committee Tomczyk chaired on that topic has a final report. She asked that senators pick up a copy on the table before leaving.

Chair Koesterer reported that Dennis Wiseman will replace Charmaine Tomczyk as the Administration Representative to the Faculty Senate. Tomczyk will continue to represent Academic Affairs but will not be a voting member of the Senate.

Thanks to Chyrel Stalvey who served as Recording Secretary in the absence of Janet Straub.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Gregory Krippel
Faculty Senate Secretary

Janet Straub
Faculty Senate Recorder