Note: The remarks of the Senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The taped recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate office or in the University Archives and Records Center.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair made an announcement that voting would be done orally today due to technical difficulties. Also, at the end of the meeting, the senators would be going into executive session to replace one of the executive committee members.

PRESENT: Janice Black, Bomi Kang, Tom Secrest, Lee Shinaberger, Jay Teets, Sam Wathen, Kimberly Carroll, Todd Cherner, Vin Porter, Nancy Ratcliff, Aneilya Barnes, Deborah Breede, Adam Chamberlain, Steve Madden, Stephanie Miller, Denise Paster, Brian Roessler, Gwendolyn Schwinke, Renee Smith, Jonathan Trerise, Dan Turner, Jesse Willis, Brian Bunton, Rajendra Dahal, Wanda Dooley, Michael Dunn, Jenna Hill, Jennifer Jackson, Fang-Ju Lin, Megan McIlreavy, Erin Rickard, Sherer Royce, Dustin Thorn, Margaret Fain, Allison Hosier, Keshav Jagannathan, and John Beard.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Arlise McKinney for Monica Fine, Paul Peterson for Suheir Daoud, Christina Anderson for Mark Flynn, José Luis Mireles for Yun Sil Jeon, Brian Nance for John Navin, Kate Oestreich for Tripti Pillai, Wes Fondren for Jonathan Trerise, David Duncan for Ogul Arslan, Will Jones for Jean French, Don Rockey for Sandy Wilson, and Agatha O’Brien Gayes for Ellen Arnold.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the May 7, 2014 minutes were moved by Wes Fondren and seconded by Brian Bunton. Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items on the July 9, 2014 Consent Agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President DeCenzo:

- The President expressed that he hoped everyone was having an enjoyable summer. There are a lot of exciting things going on and there are a lot of people coming to this campus. We are kicking off the 60th year celebration. There are a lot of things we are thankful for on this campus and mostly what you do in the classrooms to educate our students. We appreciate it and are looking forward to a good academic year.
Provost Byington:

- **Administrator evaluations**: the Provost decided to move forward with the subject of enrollment projections while the Chair searched for the electronic file that would accompany the update the Provost would give on administrator evaluations.

- **Enrollment projections**: Chris Mee’s office provides the Provost with weekly enrollment projection updates for incoming freshman and returning students. She is projecting a freshman class of between 2183-2258. The Provost is anticipating it will be slightly higher. In the Fall of 2012 we were at 2200, last year (Fall 2013) we were at 2084, so we are looking to be above where we were two years ago. Transfers are looking pretty flat, which is a little bit of a concern because we should be attracting more transfer students. We have several initiatives working towards this because it is a population that we are probably underserving. The retention rate is currently at 68.6 percent (this would be the freshman last fall that would be returning this fall). We can expect to have a little bit of a melt in that number. At the same time last year, we were at 66.4 percent and ended up at 62.6 percent. So, there is about a 3.8 percent decrease from where we were last year and where we ended up. So, we can expect some sort of a melt from our current 68.6 percent. Even if we have the 3.8 percent melt between now and October, we will still end up at about 64.8 percent. That is looking very positive for some of our incentives that we have for compression and merit increases.

- **Online Evaluations**: this transition has been ongoing and the results were a little disappointing for the Spring semester compared to the Fall. Depending on the individual colleges being looked at, the overall results ended up at 36.5 percent. This compares to last Spring when we were about 71 percent. It is behind where we should normally be for the amount of participation in these online evaluations. The good news is, looking at the numerical results and where we are as far as average evaluations, they are tracking almost exactly the same. Maybe a .05 or .06 percent below where they have been with the hard copy regular evaluations. We need to continue to do all that we are trying to do to get more students to complete those evaluations, and I am optimistic that those will improve as long as the faculty are engaged with that.

- **Administrator evaluations**: the electronic file was not found and it was something the Provost had hoped would be on the screen behind him when he talked about the online evaluation of administrators. However, what he has done is accumulated three major categories: 1) university administration, 2) deans and associate deans, and 3) department chairs. In looking at those evaluations, the Provost wanted to point out that we are looking at about a 25 percent response rate for university administration. This is for the president, vice presidents, associate provosts, and those types of individuals. We are looking at about a 33 percent response rate for deans and associate deans, and about a 48-49 percent response rate for department chairs. The Provost’s first concern is to get those response rates on those evaluations up. His belief is that they are beneficial and good to have when going through the evaluation process. It is really good to have a larger group of faculty who are participating in those evaluations. In looking at the others, as far as the ratings of individuals have, we are probably looking on the average of 60 to 70 percent as being distinguished or outstanding or proficient to effective, and of course the 40 to 30 percent as being basic or adequate or needs improvement. The Provost has met with the deans and will also talk to the senate chair because he believes the evaluation process needs to be pushed a little bit earlier in the semester. The reason for doing this is because there is a slight disconnect between when the evaluation is done and when the department chairs, presidents, and other individuals evaluate people who report to them. This would be very important to have this information when we are going through so we can fold those more into the evaluation process.
The plan moving forward is to build those into the evaluation process to make sure we are using them effectively.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Steve Madden, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report. Refer to the July 9, 2014 Order of Business for complete details.

A. Administrative Actions 18-23 were generated and approved without stipulations from the May 7, 2014 meeting.

B. The senate was notified of a Statement of Correction completed for SOC 499.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Nick Pritchard, Chair of the Core Curriculum Committee, provided an update on the core revision that will be going to Academic Affairs for approval in the 2014-2015 academic year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Academic Affairs Committee

This motion was postponed from the May 7, 2014 meeting due to questions concerning the MATH 331 course requirement. All questions were addressed and satisfied by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

1. Motion to approve a new minor in Middle Grades Education Mathematics. **Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Refer to the July 9, 2014 Order of Business for complete details on the following:

A. Student Life Committee

1. Motion to approve changes to the 2014-2015 Code of Student Conduct. **Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.**

B. Graduate Council Committee

1. Motion to approve a new Master of Science in Sport Management. **Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.**

C. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to approve a new minor in Scientific Computing. **Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.**
OTHER:

- A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Brian Bunton and seconded by Deborah Breede to discuss replacing one of the executive committee members. The motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.

- The Chair instructed the recorder to turn off the digital recording device and asked everyone who was not a senator to please exit the meeting.

- The Faculty Senate moved from Executive Session at 2:26 p.m. to take a vote for replacement of the vice chair’s one year appointment. During Executive Session, two nominations were made. Voting took place by secret ballot and the results are noted below:
  - Megan McIlreavy: 15 votes
  - Renee Smith: 31 votes

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Deborah Cunningham Breede, Faculty Senate Secretary