I. Approval of minutes from December 9, 2013 meeting.

The minutes of Dec. 9 meeting is approved without changes (Motion carried by Cyndi Dunn and seconded by Chuck Holcombe).

II. Procedures for Faculty Committee Elections.

The Senate discussed different methods of soliciting votes to CSBS faculty members and election procedures for electing CSBS representatives of several University committees.

- Discussions of using on-line survey tools through Qualtrics and MyUniverse to solicit votes: Creating the survey on-line can take some time but it is not a difficult task. To create an on-line survey on MyUniverse, the senate chair will need approvals from the dean and the HR to have an access to the survey.
- Procedures (timeline): Solicitation for nominations will probably need to take place by March. Andy Gilpin (Chair) will run by the Senate and dean with more details before soliciting nominations to the faculty. Meanwhile, Andy Gilpin suggests to the Senate members to encourage faculty to consider serving University committees.

III. Review of nominations for James F. Lubker Faculty Research Award.

Motion to move to revolve the Senate into a committee of the whole carries (Cyndi Dunn moved to motion and Chuck Holcombe seconded).

The Senate rose from the committee of the whole (moved to motion by Cyndi Dunn and seconded by Chuck Holcombe) after discussing faculty award nominations.

IV. Comments from the Dean.

1. Dean Bass attended the President’s Cabinet Meeting.

Curriculum requests.

- CSBS curriculum packages for Master of Public Policies (MPP) and Social Work will be forwarded to the UNI Senate.
- Category V proposal from the Coordinating Committee will come up. As of now, the proposal has gone through the LACC (Liberal Art Core Committee) and UCC
(University Curriculum Committee). College of Education raised questions but CSBS has been addressing the questions.

- Jerry expects that all curriculum requests will be completed in February.

New hire.

- The University hired Associate counsel, Nike Fleming. She will handle faculty issues and will be the point of contact for Union contract.

Budget/Funding.

- President Ruud provided details of the governor’s budget proposal and the governor’s willingness to put the funding to FY 2016, if reelected.
- Discussed funding for Schindler Education Center’s renovation.
- Funding coming from the legislators doesn’t give much control/freedom to the UNI in its spending.
- Considering the current enrollment based on frozen tuition, the UNI will have a net amount of $700,000.00.
- Contingency funds can be debated.

Dean’s comment: Budget Proposals (BP) from department heads and academic affairs come to the dean then to the provost. Listing top one or two priorities in the BP could increase chances of receiving necessary funds, but listing budget requests for everything that is needed could also show what’s needed and not met.

Board of Regents Efficiency Study updates from the Vice President, Michael Hager.

- Contract will start mid-March on short-term basis.
- Then, the contractor will have aggressive procedures to collect data due to a tight timeline; the efficiency study report needs to go to the legislators (Board of Regents) by September.
- The data collection is likely to happen over the summer considering the timeline.
- President Ruud emphasized transparency in contacts with various people. UNI isn’t in disadvantage than other two state universities.
- Dean Bass encouraged the senate to start discussing the Efficiency study amongst colleagues.
- Dean Bass plans to start working with administration then move to faculty. The dean’s office will try to handle tasks related to efficiency study as much as possible.
- A question about the cost of the Efficiency Study was raised during the CSBS senate meeting.
  - Dean’s response: According to the RFP, it is flat fee for the first part of the study. No extra fee will be paid to the contractor for creating more cutting funds.
- Another question was raised by the senate: How will academic programs be evaluated? (What are the national trends in academic programs?)
  - Dean’s response: RFP didn’t provide details about this.

2. Latest news on MPP Transition Committee
• Dean Bass has suggested that the transition committee take the transition as an opportunity to rethink about the curriculum to build stronger program.
• The transition committee has discussed various issues and options for the program including the limitations of undergraduate & graduate combined curriculum, who will teach MPP courses, exploring hybrid and long-distance curriculum (can’t support both hybrid and traditional model); and program requirement among research paper v.s. practicum v.s. comprehensive exam.
• MPP transition will need to be discussed and debated.

3. Creating Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees

• The University is exploring to create BAS degrees.
• In the beginning of April, the BAS degree committee will bring recommendations to the provost. Then, it will go through the regular curriculum process.
• The University will respect and value LAC: By creating BAS degree, LAC courses will not be shortened if the BAS degrees are offered in the future. Instead, the University is looking into the LAC courses that may relate to the degree (e.g. 30 hours of LAC and 30 hours of upper level major courses).
• Based on Kent Johnson’s report, people with business backgrounds and AA degrees might be attracted to pursue BAS degrees.
• Benefits of creating this new degree
  i. Will increase enrollment
  ii. Will show that the University is willing to work with community colleges
  iii. Will show that the University wants to work with people so that they succeed
• Currently, there is no extra funding allocated for BAS degree program.

4. Move to Bartlett

• Faculty and staff who relocated to Bartlett are still in the process of settling down.
• Removal of Baker hall has started with parking lot demolition. Psychology lab will stay. What entity will move into the lab is being debated by the president and provost.
• Schindler Education Center is next to be renovated.

Cyndi Dunn moves for adjournment. Tim Strauss seconds and the motion carries.

Meeting adjourns at 4:50pm. Next meeting will be on February 17th, 2014 at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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