MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Chair Cornett called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

II. Roll Call (sign-up sheet)

III. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2014
Karsten moved to approve the minutes “as corrected,” seconded by Berg. Minutes approved.

IV. Approval of the Agenda
Burns moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Compton. Agenda approved.
Masoom moved to approve the addition of Regents action regarding the handbook and RSTP, seconded by Penn. Agenda approved.

V. Announcements and Reports

1. Beacon Early Alert System (K. Hendrickson)
   - Hendrickson reviewed the process and stated that during the first month of activation there were 250 alerts, and each student has been contacted.
   - Hendrickson said the Beacon Early Alert System is proving to be very successful.

2. Faculty and Academic Staff Reps Meeting Report (C. Cornett)
   - Topics of discussion:
     - Title 9 issues and the concerns with preponderance of evidence,
     - Chapter 36 may not be open to revision which is of concern to faculty
     - Workshop in Oshkosh October 16 regarding future of public universities/affordability crisis in higher education
     - Universal transfer agreement: can a common education core work?
     - Tenure denials and timeline for the process and summer governance. Platteville does not appear to have this issue.
     - Student ID issues regarding the ID serving as a valid voter ID
     - FTE control is a university- by- university issue
     - 9 month vs. 12-month pay: this issue caused major discussion.
     - Compensation and merit pay,
     - Budget impact and tuition freeze,
- Remedial education,
- Next meeting November 12

3. **Regents action regarding the handbook and RSTP** (M. Den Herder)
   - URSTPC has been working to revise the process to help with accessibility to the RSTP policies and procedures by removing them from the constitution and bylaws. Board of Regents has approved this section, so now University Rank, Salary, and Tenure Policy Commission can now finish working on the Faculty Handbook. Provost Mittie N. Den Herder recognized and thanked everyone who worked on this task.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Academic Standards Committee Charge - General Education Assessment** [C. Cornett/A. Pawl]
   - Currently General Education assessment has not happened but the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) stressed its importance with their last visit.
   - S. Drefcinski, General Education Director, suggested including assessment of General Education in the program review in APC.
   - A suggestion was to create a general education committee.

   **ACTION:** Does Faculty Senate have authority to change which committee reviews general education? After substantial discussion regarding general education assessment, the consensus of Faculty Senate was the following:

   1. Departments complete the assessment.
   2. ASC will conduct the general education review of the departmental assessments of their general education courses.
   3. Provost Mittie N. Den Herder will set up a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss the general education assessment mechanism, group responsibilities, and then report to Faculty Senate.

2. **Data Gathering Faculty Governance Structure** (D. Barraclough/C. Cornett)
   - After discussion of the list provided by Barraclough, Consensus of the Senate was for everyone to review the list and then send comments/recommendations via email by November 4 to Chair Cornett.

   - Duplication of duties was a particular concern.
   - The concern regarding HLC and assessment responsibilities is perhaps a starting point.
   - If you notice a committee not listed, please inform Barraclough or Chair Cornett.
   - There will be an off campus meeting of those involved in governance in November.

VII. **New Business**

VIII. Next meeting date Tuesday, October 28, 2014

IX. **Adjournment**

   No other business to discuss, Chair Cornett adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rea Kirk, Secretary  Lisa Kress, Recording Secretary

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The Faculty Senate meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in University North (Markee Pioneer Student Center). The Faculty Senate agenda is composed of items from many sources. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, please submit it to a Senate officer no later than eight days prior to the Senate meeting. The meetings are open to the public and all faculty members are invited to attend. The agenda is distributed to the faculty in advance of the meeting to give faculty members the opportunity to contact members of the Senate to express views on topics being discussed.