MINUTES

I. Call to order
Chair Gormley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda
No quorum, approval not needed to run meeting.

III. Approval of minutes of general faculty meeting on August 28, 2013
Quorum not met, so approval will take place at the next general faculty meeting.

IV. Announcements and reports
1. Update from URSTPC on transition on new RST process (B. Barnet)
URSTPC continues to work on the forms and update them as needed. Normally January 31 would be the deadline, but we extended the deadline for this year. URSTPC will review as the forms are received, so please turn in as soon as possible. Starting early February on Wednesday afternoons, URSTPC will have question and answer sessions. The new forms are located on the faculty senate website and they will be sent to faculty via email.

2. Update from APC on Institutional review process of academic programs (L. Riedle)
APC will be meeting the next two days to review form A and will also be meeting with the Deans. We will be trying to come up with a better process to collect data. This was not an easy procedure so APC will be working to determine what adjustments to make so this can be an easier process. The UW system does not have specific criteria or process UWP has to follow.

3. Update on HLC accreditation process (S. Klavins)
The accreditation process has changed with new timelines; we will have two separate comprehensive reviews during a 10-year cycle, and called Open Pathways. Two main aspects of Open Pathways is the quality assurance; verifies we meet threshold standards and quality initiative; shows a new process to demonstrate continuous improvement. Two comprehensive reviews will take place during a 10-year cycle; one in Year 4 and one in Year 10. The Year 4 review occurs through the Commission’s online Assurance System and without a visit. The Year 10 review also is conducted with the Assurance System but includes a visit to the campus. Since we are in the middle of the 10-year cycle, the first comprehensive review will take place March 2014 with an on-site review in fall 2016. We will be accumulating evidence annually of how we provide a high quality education and continue to improve this replaces the self-studies and resource room. Between Years 5 and 9 of the ten-year Open Pathway cycle, the institution proposes and completes a Quality Initiative; which has to be an institution wide project. We have filed our quality initiative report for this cycle. The accreditation process is plays an important role in receiving federal funding, title four funding is dependent on the accreditation. Please visit the website located at http://www3.uwplatt.edu/hlc for more information.
V. Unfinished Business
   1. Bylaw Changes (B. Reed)

   No quorum, discussion about bylaw changes will take place at the next general faculty meeting for approval. Please direct any questions you may have to the current chair Scott White or BJ Reed.

VI. Administrative Services
   1. Financial Services Update (R. Cramer)

   As of June 30, 2013 all funds closing balance was $28,812.382.00. Final 2013-2014 UW-Platteville budgets is 135.9 million, excluding federal aid, which means we have 21% state support. Tuition fees are becoming more important to our overall budget. Tri-state enrollment is down by 100 students but up a little on the Wisconsin students; the actual numbers for enrollments were 7,244; forecasted amount was 7,390 for the fall semester. Enrollment projections for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 are 450 new freshman and new transfers. The regent thresholds has a draft regent policy which will look at tuition, auxiliary accounts, general operations and we will need to be within 10-15% balance of the years expenditures. If trends and projections continue the 2018-2019 Financial Services forecast model shows a negative balance. Compensation funding programs will continue. We will need a $3M on-going reduction due to budget cuts. There were some concerns that the numbers were incorrect but with further review, all numbers are correct. This power point will be available on the budget website http://www3.uwplatt.edu/budget/presentations.

VII. Other
   1. Other items discussed during the faculty senate meetings (M. Gormley)

   There is sub-committee to discuss the overload policy and an ad-hoc committee to discuss the library issues. Faculty senate recommended a compensation plan and human resources are working on distributing in the February 1 payroll. Please share your issues by either sending an email to Melissa Gormley or the senators.

VIII. Next General Faculty Meeting, August 27, 2014 – regular faculty senate meeting is January 28

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the General Faculty, Chair Gormley adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.