I. Call to Order
Vice Chair Cornett called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call (sign-up sheet)
Faculty had a moment of silence in memory of Stephen Swope.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2014
Burns moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Compton. Minutes approved.

IV. Approval of the Agenda
Compton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Sandberg. Agenda approved.

V. Announcements and Reports

1. Ad-Hoc Library Committee Update (T. Burns)
The hired consultant met with the ad-hoc committee, librarians, students, and library committee. Library committee and ad hoc committee are working together to create a joint resolution and will present to faculty senate at a future date.

2. Budget Update (C. Riedl-Farrey)
Cathy Riedl-Farrey gave a presentation on the proposed 2014-15 University Budget. The following topics were highlighted: Current budget status, recommendation of 15% limit, with only 10% for unplanned expenses and 5% for precured expenses, Status of GPR Base Reductions, planning for TSI $1 M reduction, prioritized plans for 2014-15, proposed revision to Budget Management Principles, and proposed auxiliary rates. Budget power point presentation is located on the budget website.

Riedl-Farrey would like feedback by April 1 on the following:
- Should we continue to offer TSI grants?
- Should we offer a one-time pay increase using available balances and if so how much?
- Lab Mods – do we want to reestablish a central pool and if so where will the funds come from? Discussion ensued about having some kind of structure in place to address issues.
- Do you approve, disapprove, or have suggestions for the 80/20 carryover.

Faculty senate charged UABC to reviewing the structure and report to faculty senate
with their recommendations. You can send your personal comments to Cathy Riedl-Farrey.

VI. Unfinished Business
3. **UWP Faculty Senate Faculty Governance and Committee Self-Assessment Form** (C. Cornett)
The issues relate to committee structure and reexamining the current committees. Discussion ensued about accountability of the committees and the responsibility of faculty senate. Vice Chair Cornett recommended everyone to review chapter 36.09.4 from the board of regent’s policies.
- What are academic matters and which ones do we have.
- What is a right and what is a privilege.
- Who decides the structures of the committees?
- Standing committees should be in the bylaws.
- Have committees that want to dissolve visit a faculty senate meeting.

University Academic Budget Commission (UABC) chair Mike Compton reported UABC is reviewing their charge and will be requesting to change the name to University Budget Commission.

Academic Standard Committee (ASC) needs to have ASC charge reviewed or dissolve the committee as well as Academic Information Technology Commission (AITC).

**MOTION:** Burns moved to create a special committee to review committee structure and report to the faculty senate by the first meeting in April and make a recommendation for committees to report to faculty senate in person in the future, seconded by Broussard. Motion approved.

VII. New Business
4. **Social Sciences Department Division** (J. Rawling)
Social Science department would like to split into three units, there will be no budgetary impact, and Academic Planning Council (APC) and UABC have reviewed and approved the division. The three departments would be Geology, History, and Social Science (economics, sociology)

**MOTION:** Karsten moved to approve the proposal from Elmo, seconded by Burns. Motion approved.

5. **Student Bill of Rights** (A. Paulson)
Paulson brought forth a proposal related to timely faculty response to student email. The proposal included a three-day grace period for faculty response.

Paulson offered the examples of professors and instructors that work part time may not be getting back to students in a timely fashion given the one or two day period on campus and went on to explain that students may not have time to follow up in person before or after a class because professors may not have time to talk after class. There is also a potential issue of a student needed to email a rapid communication in the case of a sudden absence from an exam for a legitimate reason.

Discussion points included:
- Communication is already covered in the Student Bill of Rights, is this necessary?
- What are the student responsibilities?
- Have students tried more than one means of contacting a professor?
- How would this be enforced and would this violate other rights?
- How big of a problem is this and contact the dean if there is an ongoing issue.
Who is in charge of the student bill of rights? Provost Nimocks Den Herder will discuss with Chief of Student Affairs Officer Laura Bayless and report to faculty senate via email.

**MOTION:** Compton moved that the faculty senate feels that the document presented is redundant with the current language which already addresses timely response on the part of the faculty and that there are already mechanisms in place to handle problems that may arise related to this issue, seconded by Wills. Motion approved.

VIII. Next meeting date Tuesday, March 25, 2014

IX. Adjournment

Vice Chair Cornett adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

**A special meeting called for the first Tuesday in April to discuss the budget issues**

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Pauly, Secretary

Lisa Kress, Recording Secretary