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SUMMARY MINUTES

Summary of main points

1. Courtesy Announcements

No press were present.

Provost Gibson’s introductory comments were stricken from the written record and moved to the executive session, due to a misunderstanding.

Faculty Chair Jurgenson was absent.

Vice-Chair Breitbach had no initial comments to offer.

Chair Funderburk noted that he and Secretary Peters met with President Allen and Provost Gibson after last Monday’s meeting. Today’s agenda is a result of that meeting and also that President Allen may meet with the Faculty Senate twice yet this semester. Extra meeting times will need to be discussed.

**Motion to meet every Monday for the rest of the semester (Terlip/Gallagher). Passed by a show of hands.**

Chair Funderburk called the Senators’ attention to Calendar Item 1123, noting that later all will be asked to consider docketing this item at the head of the docket for today, moving into executive session, and allowing a few guests [associate provosts, deans, and the CIO] to remain a part of that otherwise closed session.

2. Summary Minutes/Full Transcript were approved for both February 13, 2012, and February 20, 2012—the first by acclamation when no additions
or corrections were offered and the second by voice vote, as only a few days were given for review.

3. Docketed from the Calendar

1117 1015 Emeritus Status Request, Carol Colburn, Theatre, effective June 30, 2012
**Motion to docket in regular order (Smith/Terlip). Passed.

1118 1016 Consultative session regarding activities of the HLC Assessment Academy
**Motion to docket in regular order (Peters/Neuhaus). Passed.

1119 1017 Report and Recommendations of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee regarding committee structure
**Motion to docket in regular order (Smith/Brues). Passed.

1120 1018 Motion to discharge the faculty Strategic Planning Committee
**Motion to docket in regular order (Peters/East). Passed.

1121 1019 Motion to change the charge and membership of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee
**Motion to docket in regular order (Brues/Neuhaus). Passed.

1122 1020 Consultation Regarding Auxiliary Enterprise Operations
**Motion to docket in regular order (Smith/Kirmani). Passed.

1123 1021 Consultative Session with Provost Gibson (request top of order and executive session)
**Motion to docket out of regular order at the head of the docket today (Smith/Terlip). Passed. Vote to allow extra guests to remain passed.
**Motion to move into executive session (Edginton/Kirmani). Passed.
**Motion to have the Provost’s opening remarks be considered part of the executive session and not be placed in the Minutes.
4. Consideration of Docketed Items

No time for such today.

5. New Business/Old Business

**Motion to meet March 5, 2012, in executive session with the Provost and her counsel (Terlip/Gallagher). Passed.

6. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. (Breitbach/Kirmani).

Next special meeting:

March 5, 2011, Executive Session
University Room, Maucker Union
3:30 p.m.
PRESENT: Karen Breitbach, Gregory Bruess, Betty DeBerg, Forrest Dolgener, Philip East, Chris Edginton, Jeffrey Funderburk, Deborah Gallagher, Gloria Gibson, Syed Kirmani, Michael Licari, Chris Neuhaus, Scott Peters, Michael Roth, Marilyn Shaw, Jerry Smith, Jesse Swan, Laura Terlip, Katherine Van Wormer, Susan Wurtz

Absent: James Jurgenson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Funderburk (3:22 p.m.): Can we call the meeting to order? We have a quorum, and we’re still having people coming in. Apologies on the crowdedness. I called over this morning and was assured there would be additional chairs moved into the room for our meeting, but that obviously didn’t happen. (voices indicating extra plastic chairs) No, thank our students and our staff for actually taking care of that. So we do appreciate that.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR PRESS IDENTIFICATION

Funderburk: The first item--call for press identification. They are not here, because I already told them not to come.
COMMENTS FROM PROVOST GLORIA GIBSON

Funderburk: The Provost will be here any moment. (After arriving a bit late, due to the length of an earlier meeting, and misunderstanding where in this meeting the Senators were, her introductory comments were meant to be confidential and were voted to be stricken from the written record and moved to become a part of the executive session later in the meeting.)

COMMENTS FROM FACULTY CHAIR JAMES JURGENSON

Funderburk: Chair Jurgenson is not here.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION FROM VICE-CHAIR BREITBACH

Funderburk: Do you have any, Vice-Chair Breitbach, comments today?

Breitbach: No, I do not. Not that are appropriate. (laughter around and comments) Not exactly speechless, but I--I won’t make any comments at this time.

COMMENTS FROM FACULTY SENATE CHAIR JEFFREY FUNDERBURK

Chair Funderburk: Following our meeting on last Monday, we—Scott Peters, our Secretary, and I—met with the President and the Provost on Tuesday afternoon, part of which is the agenda for today and the other part was at the request of the Senate last week to discuss the possibility of President Allen coming here to visit. The details are pending, but we left it as talking in terms of him coming probably twice more this semester, and they would not be on regular Senate dates in all probability because at the moment we have 4 meetings—regular meetings—left this year, counting today. And with what’s going on, I seriously doubt we can do the things we are going to have to do, so watch the ONLYSenators [listserve]. I’ll be sending notes about some additional meetings. If we have time at the end of today, which I also doubt, we may want to talk about exactly when we
want to schedule additional meetings, unless somebody wants to do that right now during the Chair remarks. There’s only one other meeting before Spring Break—one easy potential meeting time before Spring Break, and that would be Monday, the 5th [March 5, 2012]. Otherwise, we’d be talking about extra meetings after Spring Break, which is somewhat after the cows have left the barn. Senator Terlip.

Terlip: I would like to move that we meet at least weekly, if not more often, based on your call, until this crisis is resolved.

Funderburk: Other comments or feelings about that from Senators? [pause] No reaction whatsoever? [several voices concurring, seconding, questioning]

Gallagher: I’ll second that.

Funderburk: Well, it’s just what you think. I mean, if--obviously, if none of us can be in the room except at the times we’ve agreed to, there’s no point in calling a meeting. I don’t think there’s anybody going to disagree that we have things that we need to be doing. Are we comfortable with changing our pattern of meetings at this point officially to being weekly, Monday each week beginning next week? Show of hands? [many hands up] Ok. Opposed? [? any hands raised?] Ok. Then I will put that out officially later, but we will assume that going forward we will be meeting weekly on Monday’s during this time. Sherry [Nuss, Administrative Assistant] and I will need to coordinate on our location, because the reason we are here [CBB 319], of course, now is because the Union is busy with some other things for the next few weeks. Hopefully, we’ll figure out something, I’m sure.

So, the only other part of my comments were what I had sent out to you today as well. Before moving to the Business section, I hope everybody had a chance to see that e-mail of how I would like to proceed today when we get to that point, of Item 1123—that we will break these, since there are multiple reasons somebody may have objections to what we’re doing, so we can have a chance to go on the regular part. So 1123, if someone will
make a motion to do this consultative session, which is using the word *consultation* in the loosest form of the word, would happen at the head of the docket today. Second would be to include additional guests for the meeting, which also requires an authorized—authorization from the Senate. And then last is a two-thirds vote to actually have executive session. So when we get that far.....[Provost **Gibson** arrives, apologizing, delayed by a previous meeting that ran late]. Welcome, Provost **Gibson**. Did you have any comments, or would you rather wait until later? I’ll let you catch your breath. [However, she begins, and those comments, meant to be confidential, are stricken from the written record.]

**BUSINESS**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

**Funderburk**: If we can do quickly the Minutes approval. Were there any amendments to February 13\textsuperscript{th}? [**Nuss** indicated none.] Unless there are amendments to the February 13 coming from the floor, we’ll assume those are approved by acclamation. February 20\textsuperscript{th} was the one that just happened. That’s a rushed set of items, so particularly on that one I’d like to actually do a vote that we’re approving that, since it is less time than we normally do for turn-around on Minutes. Are there any—were there any amendments or corrections? [**Nuss** indicated none.] Any amendments or corrections coming from the floor? (none heard) All those in favor of approving the Minutes of the special meeting on February 20\textsuperscript{th}, please say “aye.” (ayes heard all around) All those opposed? (none heard) Abstentions? (one heard) Thank you very much. Those are approved.
CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

Consideration of Calendar Item 1117, Emeritus Status Request, Carol Colburn, Theatre, effective June 30, 2012.

Funderburk: Our docket items for today. 1117, Emeritus Status Request for Carol Colburn, Theatre. Do I have a motion?

Smith: Move to docket in regular order.

Funderburk: Thank you, Senator Smith.

Terlip: Second.


Consideration of Calendar Item 1118, Consultative session regarding activities of the HLC Assessment Academy.

Funderburk: 118, Consultative session regarding activities of the HLC Assessment Academy.

Peters: Move to docket in regular order.

Funderburk: Motion from Peters to docket in regular order.

Neuhaus: Second.

Consideration of Calendar Item 1119, Report and Recommendations of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee regarding committee structure

**Funderburk**: 119, Report and Recommendations of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee regarding committee structure. Motion? Senator **Smith**.

**Smith**: Move to docket in regular order.

**Funderburk**: Docket in regular order. Second from Senator **Bruess** [who indicated]. Discussion? All those in favor? (ayes heard all around) All those opposed? None (ONE??), so docketed.

Consideration of Calendar Item 1120, Motion to discharge the faculty Strategic Planning Committee.

**Funderburk**: 1120, Motion to discharge the faculty Strategic Planning Committee, coming from one of our committees. Senator **Peters**.

**Peters**: Yes, docket in regular order.

**Funderburk**: Regular order. Second from Senator **East** [who indicated]. All those in favor? (ayes heard all around) Opposed? (none heard)

Consideration of Calendar Item 1121, Motion to change the charge and membership of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee

**Funderburk**: 1121, Motion to change the charge and membership of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee. Senator **Bruess**.

**Bruess**: Docket in regular order.

**Funderburk**: Regular order. Second Senator **Neuhaus** [who indicated]. All those in favor? (ayes heard all around) Opposed? (one heard?)
Consideration of Calendar Item 1122, Consultation Regarding Auxiliary Enterprise Operations.

Funderburk: 1122, Consultation Regarding Auxiliary Enterprise Operations. That’s a request with Provost Gib—oh, no, sorry. That will be a request with probably President Allen at that time. Senator Smith.

Smith: Move to docket in regular order.


Consideration of Calendar Item 1123, Consultative Session with Provost Gibson (request top of order and executive session).

Funderburk: Ok, 1123, this is where my instructions to you come up. This is, we would--the Chair would entertain a motion to docket the consultative session out of regular order at the head of the docket today. Is there a motion? Senator Smith. [who indicated]

Terlip: So move.

Funderburk: Second Senator Terlip. Discussion? All those in favor, “aye.” (ayes heard all around) All those opposed? Ok, so the session is docketed. Being that it’s at the hel—head of the order, now would be the appropriate time to vote on the inclusion of the 2 associate provosts, academic deans, and the CIO, for this executive session—proposed executive session. All those in favor of including the extra guests, please say “aye.” (ayes heard all around) Opposed? (none heard) Abstentions? (one heard) And last, do we have a motion to move into executive session? Senator Edginton [who indicated]. Second, Senator Kirmani. [who indicated] Discussion?

Terlip: I have a question.
**Funderburk:** Senator Terlip.

**Terlip:** Did the Provost intend for her remarks to be confidential, so that they can be part of the

**Gibson:** Well, I’m sorry. I just rushed in, and I thought you were already in executive session, so I apologize. (voices attempting to clarify the confidentiality) It’s fine. They were—they were meant to be, but I—I didn’t know where you were. I assumed you were in executive session, so that—that was my mistake.

**Funderburk:** Other discussion? A reminder that the executive session takes a two-thirds vote. See if they are opposed members. (?) All those in favor of moving to executive session, say “aye.” (ayes heard all around) Opposed? (none heard) Abstentions? One abstention, so we’re moving into executive session, so that will mean that all of our guests will need to leave the room at this point, please.

THE FACULTY SENATE MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. [3:44 p.m.]

THE FACULTY SENATE AROSE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION. [5:20 p.m.]

**Funderburk:** So we have the recording running? Excellent. All right, now we’re under a quorum (?), do we have a motion for a special meeting for next week in executive session?

**Terlip:** So move.

**Funderburk:** Ok, so that, for the record, is a motion for a special session next Monday, March 5th, in executive session with the Provost and her counsel.

**Terlip:** That sounds like lawyers. (laughter all around)

**Funderburk:** Senator Terlip made the motion. Well, she has one. Senator Gallagher [who indicated] is second. Is there any discussion of that? All
those in favor, please say “aye.” (ayes heard all around) All those opposed? (none heard) Abstentions? (none heard) Ok, motion carries. You going to make the second one? Ok, Senator Terlip.

Terlip: I would like to move that the Provost’s opening remarks be considered part of the executive session and not placed in the Minutes.

Swan: Second.


ADJOURNMENT

Funderburk: And lastly,

Breitbach: I’ll move that we adjourn.

Funderburk: Senator Breitbach. Senator Kirmani [who indicated a second]. All those in favor? (ayes heard all around) All those opposed? (none heard) Thank you very much. [5:22 p.m.]

Submitted by,

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