Ex Officio: A. Flinn, C. Ormsby for R. Fuller, M. Voves, D. Millet, B. Stirling

The meeting was called to order by S. Ligon at 3:01 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2012. Hearing no objection the minutes of May 7, 2012 were approved.

2. Additions/Changes to Agenda. a. S. Ligon reported that M. Westfall is unable to attend the 10/8/12 Senate meeting to report on the Gateway Project Proposal so that item will be removed from the agenda.

3. Chair’s Report. S. Ligon reported: a. The Faculty Organization will be working on policy revisions all year and he would like to have significant faculty input regarding the proposed policy changes. He stated he has been meeting with T. Lutey and L. Connelly to discuss the proposed changes to Academic Policy 301-21 Faculty Organization and the Academic Senate and they will be prepared to bring the first six chapters to the next Rules meeting for discussion. He stated he hopes to have the revisions to the policy approved by Rules at the 10/15/12 meeting so it can be sent to the Academic Senate for their 10/22/12 meeting. After the first six chapters are approved by the Academic Senate the remaining chapters will be divided between GAC, UAC and the Library for their review and revision. b. P. Chantrill will lead a review of the Faculty Organization’s constitution and bylaws. He stated it was discovered during the last academic year that any changes to the constitution would require bylaw changes as well. S. Ligon asked T. Denton of FPAC if they would like to be involved in the review process and he stated FPAC would be interested because they are interested in getting their charge and membership changed. c. There is a salary study being conducted between the provost’s office and the Faculty Organization. d. Human Resources and M. Voves’ office are looking into the issue of annualized pay and how it affects faculty members. He stated this is a Faculty Organization as well as a UFE issue and they would like to act on it as soon as possible.

4. Administrative Report. a. C. Ormsby reported the Library Commons has opened on the first floor of JFK Library where they repurposed 6,800 square feet for the Multi-Media Lab, the Writer’s Center and the PLUS program. In addition the ALEKS Math Lab will open in Monroe 305 where four new Math faculty will be available to tutor students in developmental mathematics. He stated they are trying this as a new approach in hopes that students will move out of developmental Math quicker and be more successful. The ALEKS program is a self-paced computerized program for individual students and small groups to work together. b. They are finalizing the search for a Transfer Center Director, they are in the middle of a search for a permanent Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and they are finalizing the reorganization of Undergraduate Affairs by bringing General Undergraduate Advising back to Undergraduate Affairs from Student Affairs along with the TRIO Program. In addition they have flattened the organizational structure and reallocated
some funds to be able to hire three people to do Student Services by eliminating an administrative position.

5. ASEWU Report.  a. K. Chapman reported they started off the year with a training week and a retreat where they discussed and planned their major goals. Some of their goals are to increase the effectiveness of on-campus advertising, outreach towards students through open forums, upgraded technology and campus mall events.  b. She stated that in her position she is excited to support and continue to work on the Learning Commons and the extended Library hours. She will be attending the Library Commons group meetings that will begin on October 8th.  c. The next council meeting will be on October 10th in the PUB Fireside Lounge and it is open to all students.

6. Information Item.  a. Q2S Report.  M. Voves reported she is here to give an update to the Q2S discussion after the completion of cost estimates for a possible conversion from Quarters to Semesters.  She stated the elephant in the room right now is the workload issue that will have to be addressed but the bulk of costs will be in OIT to program and do conversions & within the faculty for course conversion and course redesign.  She stated there is roughly $7 million dollars in Academic Affairs to address faculty needs for the conversion.  The plan would be to begin with a planning year and the conversion would be done over a course of three years.  She stated the provost’s plan would be to buy summers from faculty in order to do the conversion over the summers.  The majority of costs associated with a conversion would be one-time money that would be covered by reserve funds.  This information will be shared at the October 8th Senate meeting.  b. Veteran’s Resource Center.  D. Millet reported the Veteran’s Resource Center opened in July and he has been trying to get information to the colleges by attending chair’s meetings. He stated the center is available to student veterans as well as to faculty to be able to get information that will help their students. They would like to educate the campus community in different ways and they are calling the initiative, “Get Your Six”.  He stated they have received some funding through Empire Health Foundation and around Veteran’s Day they will hold a two hour workshop in the JFK Auditorium on November 1st from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. entitled, “Guiding Faculty on their Journey towards Veteran Cultural Competency”. They have two guest speakers from the VA in Olympia that will talk about what we can do to help our student veterans and what they can do to help us do on this campus.

7. Brief Reports.  FPAC.  a. T. Denton reported FPAC’s main goal will be to look at the Faculty Organization’s constitution & bylaws and changes to FPAC’s charge & membership.

8. Council Elections/Selections/Confirmations.  a. T. Flinn reported he will be serving in Olympia as the UFE representative and will need someone to take over his final year as Legislative Liaison. J. Smith will send an email to all faculty tomorrow to ask for nominations to fill this very important position.


10. New Business.  a. Student Success and Retention Update.  S. Ligon reported he met several members of the current committee, R. Fuller and C. Ormsby to discuss where this committee is going, where they want them to go with Student Success and what initiatives they wanted to pursue.
He stated they are interested in expanding this committee and move it toward a hybrid committee once the bylaws and constitution are changed. Because of the current restrictions in the Faculty Organization constitution this committee will be able to function as a hybrid on a temporary basis similar to the ASAC. He will be taking this to Senate next week and hopefully will be able to get it approved by the end of October.

b. **FPAC Charge and Membership Revisited.** T. Denton stated FPAC would like to change their charge and membership as soon as the bylaws and constitution are changed.

11. **Agenda Items for October 8, 2012 Senate Meeting.** Q2S Budget Report (10a), Veteran’s Resource Center (10b) will be listed under information items; and Student Success and Retention (12a) will be listed under New Business.

12. **Good of the Order.** a. S. Anderson stated there will be an Oktoberfest fund raiser held on October 27th and all are invited. She stated it will be a Twilight Masquerade and costumes can be worn if desired.

13. **Adjournment at 3:56 p.m.** The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 15, 2012.