Members Present: Bratsch-Prince, D. (Associate Provost); Butler, A. (Secretary); Cunnally, J. (Governance); Dark, V. (President); Freeman, S. (RPA); Hendrich, S. (Past President); Holger, D. (Associate Provost); Martin, R. (CALS); Owen, M. (J & A); Russell, D. (Human Sciences); Schalinske, K. (President-Elect); Smiley-Oyen, A. (FDAR); Wallace, R. (Academic Affairs); Wickert, J. (Senior Vice President and Provost); Zarecor, K. (Design)

Absent: Componation, P. (Engineering); Hermann, P. (Business); Minion, C. (Veterinary Medicine); Rippke, S. (Parliamentarian); Sturm, J. (LAS)

Guest: Tanaka, P.

I. Call to Order
President Dark called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

II. Consent Agenda
A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting October 1, 2013
B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting September 3, 2013
Senator Butler pointed out that the minutes incorrectly reported Senator Owen as absent. President Dark also pointed out that missing was the creation of the Student Affairs committee. Senator Freeman moved and Senator Wallace seconded. The consent agenda passed unanimously.

III. Announcements and Remarks
A. President
President Dark announced a failure to make changes to the Faculty Handbook. FH has been updated.

President Dark received a request for members for the President’s Committee on Enhancing Institutional Excellence and the Student Experience Enhancement Council (SEEC).

The LEARN survey for faculty will be coming out soon. It’s important that it be sent out before the COACHE survey.

B. President-Elect
President-Elect Schalinske reported that the Committee on Committees met and is working to fill empty committee seats. They also discussed the theme for the spring retreat. So far “online education” (including distance education and components in teaching that are online) is the leading proposal. Senators discussed whether the conflict
with the student success summit might make it a good idea to cancel this year’s spring retreat. It was pointed out that the conferences have different aims.

C. Provost
Associate Provost Holger reported that the VPRED search committee met. It will be an internal search, open to tenured faculty at the rank of professor. There have been 25 nominations, but no applications yet. The hope is to identify finalists and conduct interviews in the week before Thanksgiving, so that the new VPR will be in place by January 1.

The President’s Strategic Hiring Initiative is moving ahead. There were 42 proposals from all of the colleges.

Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince reported that Matthew Finkin’s lecture on academic freedom case law was a success.

The NTE faculty reception was enthusiastically received. There will be workshops in the fall and spring for NTE faculty on policies, student affairs, FH, professional development and advancement opportunities.

The task force on Scholarship of Engagement and Research has been finalized. Dennis Chamberlin and Nancy Franz are co-chairs.

D. Council Chair Reports
Provost Wickert will present the report on the percentage of teaching performed by NTE faculty at the next FS meeting. Handouts were distributed to EB.

EB also discussed the PTR report. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince said that the raise accompanying superior reviews was $2750, which was half of the salary increase for promotion to professor.

Senator Owen said that J&A completed two appeals over the summer. Another appeal has come forward. J&A will look at the language in FH 7. In response to the last appeal, Senator Owen will propose adding language to FH 9 about the need for diversity in the formation of ad hoc investigative committees.

Senator Wallace reported that Academic Affairs is looking into handling cases of students enrolling in courses where they have not satisfied prerequisites. This blocks other students from occupying those seats. They are working with the Registrar’s Office to develop an automated way to identify these cases.

Senator Freeman said that RPA is moving forward.

V. Special Order—Chapter 7 of the Faculty Handbook (guest: Paul Tanaka)
Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince said that the topic concerned recommended changes to FH. The policy was initially developed in 2002–2003. Procedures were developed for
implementing it, but those procedures were not always explicitly stated in FH. These revisions aim to codify those practices, correct some inconsistencies in terminology, and introduce subsections to provide guidance on investigative reports and minor sanctions. After talking to Paul Tanaka, Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince also discovered the need to bring the policy in line with Title IX, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Campus Violence Recrimination Act.

Paul Tanaka said that these latter policies are federal legislation. The Department of Education and the federal government think that there should be universal procedures not driven by due process consideration. Fortunately, Tanaka observed, FH is in good shape.

The third item concerns consulting with victims of misconduct. The law requires equal notice in outcomes of proceedings; so victims as well as chairs need to be notified of outcomes.

The second item concerns research misconduct. There used to be a uniform definitions of “academic misconduct” and “research misconduct,” including fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism. The procedural changes also need to be stated, so that people can know where to file.

The first item is that our definition of “abandonment” is narrow: not just not doing one’s job, but being nonresponsive to communication. It needs to be defined in a way that substantially not doing one’s job constitutes abandonment, so that the salary can be cut off.

The fifth item puts a limit on rounds of appeals.

President Dark would like to have these recommendations come before FS by the end of the calendar year, but it depends on J&A’s discussions. Perhaps more uncontroversial elements can come forward first.

E. Caucus Chair Reports
Senator Russell said that Human Sciences will meet with the dean before the next FS meeting. Senator Martin said that CALS will meet with the dean in about a week. Senator Wallace said that LAS met with the dean and will meet again in January. Senator Zarecor said that Design will meet tomorrow with the dean.

IV. Unfinished Business
A. The PRS taskforce
President Dark and Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince continue to discuss how to frame the charge of this task force.

VI. New Business
A. Creation of Student Affairs Committee - Cunnally
Senator Cunnally said that this standing committee would help monitor and establish communicating involving student life and student success. It would act as conduit of communication between faculty and the VP for Student Affairs. The proposed charge is:

Charge: Represents faculty interests in issues involving the academic learning environment both inside and outside the classroom. Provides a faculty perspective for programs designed to facilitate student-faculty interactions in nonacademic settings. Serves as the faculty advisory committee to the VP of Student Affairs.

Membership would be staggered, and would include representatives from each college, plus whichever nonvoting ex officio members are recommended. President Dark recommended soliciting input from VP Tom Hill before sending forward to FS.

Senator Freeman moved to approve the concept of the committee and authorize President Dark to bring the proposal before VP Hill. Senator Owen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of the October 8, 2013 Faculty Senate Agenda
President Dark pointed out that the meeting will be in the Sun Room. Senator Freeman recommended moving Robinette Kelly’s remarks to after the Consent Agenda so that she would not need to sit through FS business.

Senator Smiley-Oyen asked that the NTE handout be sent to senators in advance of Provost Wickert’s remarks. It was also recommended that the Provost’s Office provide a report on the Faculty Conduct Policy.

President Dark said that in the Good of the Order there may be a statement by a faculty member who serves as adviser to a student group. She also noted that she added a report from GSB in the announcements. Senators recommended extending that courtesy to GPSS and P&S.

Senator Zarecor asked for a future guest to discuss the institutional excellence committees. Senator Smiley-Oyen expressed concern about Thursday night football games, at which some students work late. Also student athletes have to be at practice at 3 p.m., so they are unable to take classes at 2 p.m. President Dark replied that these concerns have been brought to the attention of faculty representatives and will be raised at the next Athletic Council meeting.

Senator Owen moved to accept the agenda. Senator Butler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn
Senator Owen moved. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013