1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chair Miller.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting**
The minutes were unanimously approved. Chair Miller introduced Associate Dean Marlene Miner, and thanked UC Blue Ash for having the Faculty Senate on campus.

3. **Greetings and Remarks from Marlene Miner, Associate Dean of UCBA**
Associate Dean Miner welcomed the senate to campus. She also gave Dean Cady Short-Thompson’s regrets that she could not be here. She talked briefly about the collaboration that the regionals had with main campus during semester conversion. She said that it was important that we maintain that collaboration and form new collaborations. She commented on how the faculty senate has a large role to play in making those collaborations possible.

4. **Report of the Faculty Chair**
Chair Miller discussed the Presidential search committee. Marla Hall and Peter Stambrook have been added to the search committee. The process is moving forward. At the next senate meeting we will have to take nominations to fill Ana Vamadeva’s vacant position as an At-Large Senator. We will also take nominations at the All University Faculty meeting. The All University Faculty meeting has been moved to December 6th. The Chair’s report can be read in its entirety at the Faculty Senate website.

5. **Committee Reports**
The only report submitted was from the Planning Committee, and that report was given to everyone in their meeting packet. There were no other committee reports.

6. **Report of the President of the AAUP, Gregory Loving, Ph.D.**
The AAUP is still collecting responses to the survey that went out to faculty. They have collected 400 responses so far and usually get about 500. The survey will be closed on October 26, 2012. He encouraged us to tell other faculty to fill it out. Greg indicated that the feedback from the survey was extremely important in assessing merit pay. He
also discussed the timetable for bargaining. The AAUP should be sitting at the bargaining table by late January – early February.

7. **Report of the President of the Graduate Student Governance Association, Sarah Hutchings:**
Graduate students are involved in examining the graduate student community. They feel fractured. They have planned some events a Halloween Party and an Interdisciplinary Soccer Tournament. The Graduate Student Government Association wants to reach out to graduate student families. They asked faculty to participate in trick or treat for graduate student families – so they can bring their children to a safe place for trick or treating. Chair Miller said that the senate would look into doing that. Sarah Hutchings asked if faculty would like to partner with graduate students in volunteer opportunities such as Habitat for Humanity. The GSGA continues to examine graduate housing especially for international students. They would like letters of support from senate for when they meet with President Ono regarding this issue.

8. **Report of the President of the Student Government Association, Lane Hart**
Lane Hart could not be here, so Chair Miller gave the report. Undergraduate student Government is holding a smoking policy forum October 24th from 4-6 pm. They are not taking a stand on this issue but they have been asked by constituents on both sides to keep an eye on the issue. They have reached out to Faculty Senate and GSGA to entertain the notion of a common survey instrument to find out how constituents feel about this issue. They are also working with faculty on distance learning issues as well as with UCIT to develop programs.

9. **Old Business:**
   a. **ACOPS Election**
   Chair of the Committee on Committees, Marla Hall, discussed the electronic vote for ACOPS. We did not have a majority in this electronic vote. According to the by-laws, we need majority not plurality in elections. Vice Chair Tracy Hermann motioned that we use a plurality vote for this election. The motion was seconded by At-Large Senator Jason Heikenfeld. The motion carried unanimously. This was a run-off election. The senators voted by paper ballot. Larry Bennett was elected to ACOPS.

10. **New Business:**
   a. **Resolution on Membership for the Ohio Faculty Council**
   Vice Chair Tracy Hermann introduced the resolution. The senate needs a formal way to provide representation to the council. We resolve that the
representative from the University of Cincinnati be the Chair of the University Faculty and a member of cabinet approved by the Senate at the first meeting of the academic year. These shall be two year terms staggered, and the alternate shall be a member of the cabinet approved by senate. There was discussion of the resolution. Board of Trustee Representative Marla Hall questioned the by-laws regarding nominating past chairs and chair elects. Chair Miller said that given their by-laws, we really cannot elect a chair-elect. Marla Hall nominated Adrienne Lane to the Ohio Faculty Council for a one year term. Adrienne nominated Tracy Hermann for the alternate. The votes were unanimous.

11. Information Session with the Interim Provost, Larry Johnson, Ph.D.

Interim Provost Johnson reiterated that we are not abandoning UC 2019. Interim President Ono wants an active executive meeting that did not exist under former President Williams. Dr. Ono’s committee will meet every week. Interim President Ono wanted a different budgeting system than we had in the past. Interim Provost Johnson and Bob Ambach have been working on a new system that they will present to the Interim President on Monday. The new plan is more transparent and robust. It will involve faculty more than in the past. Dr. Johnson says that it is a work in progress. The executive committee will come up with scenarios. These scenarios will not be given to them by Bob Ambach as in the past. Dr. Johnson said that we do not bring in enough money for what we do. Interim President Ono asked Interim Provost Johnson to work on his relationship with the Foundation. Interim President Ono has decided that will be his own focus. Interim Vice President for Research Bill Ball will take a lead on the research. There are three pillars and subcommittees under those pillars that will be made up of faculty and administrators working on various areas. Interim Provost Johnson and Bob Ambach’s pillar will have a five year enrollment committee and two subcommittees - distance learning group – three groups will work to support distance learning. Their focus will be getting more specific about what we do with international. They will be creating an efficiency council that will deal with issues such as how do we process information – should we be outsourcing – how do we do our business? They will be examining the relationship with the regionals – we are doing a better job –he said that if he said earlier the relationship was not good that he did not mean it and he will clarify that when he meets with the regionals – he believes relationships are better. Long term financial planning is also a concern. What is our long term capital plan? They are hoping to get the committee membership structure in place by and approved by the Interim President by next week. These are all issues that Interim Provost Johnson and Bob Ambach are working on in regard to the financial health of the University. Chair
Miller asked about the Gee commission in Columbus. There is talk of a shift away from enrollment based state subsidies to graduate rate based subsidies. Ohio will not be looking at enrollment alone anymore for funding. When the state looks at graduation rates, retention rates for determining subsidy – what kind of subsidy will we get? We think we will get a flat increase – but we may get a 2%. It will be outcome based. The state will be asking which areas do not produce graduates who can get jobs. It will get to a point that the governor will say we have enough English majors so we won’t fund it anymore. What programs get people jobs? The state sees what we do as work force development, and we need to continue to help them understand that we are more than work force development. Regionals are going towards technical jobs and aligning with local businesses. This year we had to be able to say that 10% of our students will grad in 3 years (we are at 35%). In two years, we will have to say that 60% of our programs will be able to graduate students in 3 years. The idea is for a child’s first year of college to move into their senior year of high school. By the end of January we have to put in place the rule that students with a certain ACT or SAT score cannot be put into remedial classes – no remediation guarantee. Students come unprepared for the placement tests, and end up in classes that they are not challenged in. A high number drop out because of this problem. Senator Darrell Hawkins asked how the university is maximizing relationships with regional campuses. Interim Provost Johnson mentioned the separate budgets. He felt that curriculum differences were ironed out the last time we looked at the regionals. He wants to see the cross campus committees meet again. Are there better relationships? Interim Provost Johnson felt that the university doesn’t get enough of the students that go to the regionals. Remedial education went to the regionals. He asked for our input. Chair Miller thanked Larry Johnson for coming

12. Adjournment:
The motion to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Wanda C. McCarthy, Ph.D., Secretary of the Faculty Senate.