Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting held August 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2013.

1. Called to order @ 3.34 pm (RM, chair). Request to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed: AL. Amendments requested by DP on wording of some governance items. Amendments made, agreed by consensus. Seconded: TH. Minutes will be posted in this emended form on the website.

2. Stadium: Faculty has approved expenditure of $85M for refurbishment of Nippert stadium. Needs new restrooms and concession areas to cope with increased capacity. The Stadium project is controversial among the faculty, and the following caveats were expressed;

   (i) We expect that the AD will cover the entire cost of the project (c.f. Lindner Center, which the AD only partly paid for).

   (ii) UC should not offer a bridge loan to cover costs; historically, this has not been paid back.

   (iii) Nippert should be expected to start generating revenue, which should be applied to their subsidy ($17 p.a.).

RM pointed out that the AD does not actually make money, they just didn’t use their entire subsidy last FY.

4. RM called for volunteers to act as Faculty Marshals at the upcoming commencement. Students reported that the presence of faculty was very much appreciated. There has been reduced faculty attendance because of semester conversion and difficulty in hiring regalia in the summer. Some discussion of the different practices in various colleges followed.

5. Chairs report on the (DR. MILLER: what meeting was this that you were reporting back from?)

   (i) Nomination and confirmation of the members of senate cabinet and senate committee chairs. RM reported the need for a larger and more diverse pool of electees.

   (ii) Prior learning assessment is a problem, and the committee will meet separately about that. There are some colleges that have no PLA method. We will need a complete college graduation and retention rate analysis.

   (iii) A risk assessment officer should be hired. Their job would be to monitor compliance (financial, regulatory, safety and research) in order to prevent loss of reputation and hefty financial fines. They would also be in charge making sure that compliance training is provided to all faculty.

6. RM requested approval for placing all open committee positions on one ballot. Already have some volunteers for the R&S committee, and AL has stepped in for Budget and Priorities committee.

All in favor: All present. Nays: none. Abstain: none. The vote was unanimous in favor.
7. Resolution presented to the senate regarding “Reinvigorating the Liberal Arts”. CG Invited to floor by RM.

A presentation of the importance of the liberal arts to the future of the university and the student we educate was then given by the A&S senator (Christopher Gauker, Philosophy). The resolution had been provided prior to the meeting by email. CG yielded the floor to RM, who explained the STEM disciplines, and the parallel initiative introduced by SO which included seed money to encourage ideas and programs aimed at stressing the importance of Liberal Arts.

If the resolution is approved today, RM will send a letter of support to SO on behalf of the faculty, by way of a formal response and read our approval into the minutes on the following Tuesday’s board meeting. Several attendees including representatives from CEAS, COM and A & S indicated support and approval of these actions.

All in favor: All present. Nays: none. Abstain: none. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Housing issues: Graduate student government.

Ms. Ayca Mazman (Ph.D. candidate, Philosophy) was handed the floor, and gave a presentation on the housing concerns of the UC graduate student body. There is a great deal of concern about crimes against the person in the UC area. The amount of housing for graduate students, especially married student with families, is very small. Most GS live off campus in housing that may not comply with fire safety regulations. Sally Moomaw: There used to be GS housing in Morgens Hall, but since it was refurbished, the cost has become prohibitive ($750 PER BED).