CALL TO ORDER- Chair Kegley called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

- **Paul Newberry- Professional Development Requirements for the New GE Program** - P. Newberry summarized the requirements for professional development and reported that they were not imposed by GECCo; they are from the original Senate documents. Comments and recommendations include: 1) it would be helpful to have written materials available; 2) the training is an opportunity for faculty to gain correlation of knowledge in regard to GE courses; 3) try to move away from the language “training”; 4) create a vibrant Gen Ed newsletter; and 5) a positive experience in first year seminar courses is very important.

- **Exception for Emeritus Nominations** - Chair Kegley reported that all members of the EC approved two appeals for exception for the late Emeritus nominations through email and requested feedback on how to proceed. There was concern that the Faculty Honors and Awards Committee (FHAC) hasn’t met. Chair Kegley will send a memo to the FAC requesting that the committee graciously consider late applications. During the Senate meeting scheduled for April 21, 2016 a resolution will be presented from the floor requesting that the FHAC review all nominations for Emeritus status without regard to date of actual retirement or to the date of ceremonies where Emeritus Faculty Members might be publicly acknowledged.

   Provost Zorn added that the Emeritus Retired Faculty recently met; it is a group of good people who really want to reconnect with the University. On behalf of the BPC, J. Fiedler requested that Provost Zorn propose dates for presenting Emeritus awards so the committee can set the calendar for 2016-2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 29, 2016

J. Fielder moved to approve the minutes, B. Hartsell seconded the motion. The minutes of March 29, 2016 are approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda is approved.

CONTINUED ITEMS

- **Update Log** - The logs are up to date.

- **Update on Searches** - Provost Zorn reported that a search firm will be used for all four dean searches. She would like to get the search committees formed by spring then launch the searches for SSE and BPA in August 2016.

   - **Dean SSE** - Provost Zorn reported that the SSE faculty representatives have been elected. S. Bacon will be appointed as Interim Dean though fall 2016. It is intended that the new hire will begin in January 2017.
Dean BPA - Provost Zorn reported that the BPA faculty representatives have been elected. Following brief discussion, A. Cottrell was appointed as staff representative. J. Stark will be appointed as Interim Dean through fall 2016. It is intended that the new hire will begin in January 2017.

Dean AVC - Provost Zorn reported that R. Schultz will be reappointed as Interim Dean. Hopefully, the search will begin in October, 2016. It is intended that the new hire will begin in Fall, 2017.

Dean NSME - Provost Zorn reported that an Interim Dean will be appointed. Hopefully, the search will begin in October, 2016. It is intended that the new hire will begin in Fall, 2017.

Provost Zorn added that each of the schools will have an associate dean. B. Hartsell expressed concern about the rate of turnover. He recommended that we develop a culture in which we hire people who we believe have the potential to move up here and then treat them in a way which helps them move up here.

- Meetings with President
  Next Meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016 @ 11:30-12:30
  Agenda Items:
  - Academic Discourse and Interpersonal Relations

6. **PENDING ITEMS** - None

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   - University Day Schedule - Chair Kegley announced that Wednesday, August 17, 2016 has been reserved for faculty; the Senate is in charge of putting together the program. President Mitchell is willing to come for Q&A; an all faculty meeting will be scheduled. Friday, August 19, 2016 will be devoted to school and department meetings.

   - Posting of University/Senate Committees to Website
   - Campus Climate
   - Handbook Language-Definition of Faculty
   - Handbook/Constitution Update Process

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 21, 2016 SENATE MEETING** (Time Certain 11:15 A.M.)
   - Announcements
   - Consent
   - Old Business
     Robert’s Rules of Order, RES 151610 (Floor) (Second Reading)
   - New Business
     Reconsideration of Ed.D. Educational Leadership Proposal - Chair Kegley requested feedback on how to move forward with the proposal. J. Fielder reported that the BPC reapproved the proposal. On behalf of the AAC, H. McCown reported that the committee approved the proposal and will submit a list of suggestions to improve the operation. J. Millar reported that the AS&SS reapproved the proposal. B. Hartsell reported that approval by the FAC is contingent that major issues be addressed prior to the proposal being brought before the Senate. Provost Zorn stated that she will take the AAC and FAC concerns to the proposers and make it clear that the issues must be addressed in time for the FAC to review them prior to the Academic Senate meeting scheduled for April 21, 2016.
9. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Parking Issues**- J. Fiedler reported that the BPC has declined to recommend faculty/staff parking; they recommend to President Mitchell that a mobility transport service be established for disabled parking and disability students. Chair Kegley requested that a report on behalf of the BPC be submitted to the Senate office.

**Kegley Institute Director**- Provost Zorn announced that C. Meyers will be retiring in fall 2016. Following brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed upon that the Provost is authorized to appoint a search committee for the University-wide position of director of the Kegley Institute.

**Elevation of MA Concentrations in Education**- H. McCown reported that J. Dirkse has requested that the resolution on Elevation of MA Concentrations in Education which has been approved by the President; specific course descriptions were not included. Chair Kegley requested that the information be discussed by the EC via email.