Present: D. Boschini (Chair), S. Frye, B. Hartsell, A. Hedge, J. Kegley, J. Millar, C. Murphy, M. Slaughter, D. Whetton, J. Zorn

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Boschini called the meeting to order.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION**
The President has received a copy of today’s Agenda and is expected at 11:30, as scheduled.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   - December 6, 2016
   - February 21, 2017

   **Motioned/Second/Approved:** Senators Hartsell and Frye moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from December 6, 2016 and February 21, 2017 are approved.

   February 7, 2017 (deferred, and then emailed post. To be viewed for approval next meeting.)

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   - Budget Forum moved to the beginning of Agenda.
   - In the interest of time, B. Hartsell moved to defer Log Updates.

   **Motion/Second/Approved:** B. Hartsell and A. Hedge moved to approve agenda. The agenda is approved as amended.

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**
   - **Update on Searches**
     - TLC Director Search – Provost stated that TLC Advisory Board to be used as search entity, internal to campus.
     - School Associate Dean Searches – Four searches, one for each School, are needed. The search for SSE has begun; others will begin in July, 2017. Dean Bacon’s reported the results of the school election and provided his recommendations for additional members. Discussion ensued regarding the need for diversity on search committees.

   **Motioned/Second/Approved:** Senators Whetton and Slaughter moved and seconded to approve the Dean’s recommendation to add Amanda Thrasher, staff, Credential Analyst and Assessment Coordinator of Teacher Education and Advanced Educational Studies and Brian Street, Assistant Professor in Kinesiology to the search committee. Approval was unanimous.

   - **Topics for the meeting with the president were confirmed, as follows:**
     - Budget
     - Workload
     - Tenure density
     - Problems with grad checks, transcript evaluations, etc.
     - Impact on students of recent changes in political landscape
- The Referral Log was briefly updated, as follows:
  - Lactation Policy discussion AS+SS, BPC, FAC
  - Disruption in Classroom AS+SS, AAC. There is policy statement in the University Catalogue. Who is the author of policy, and does Executive Committee have the authority to update? Currently, the language only goes to most egregious offensive. Needs to include how to address if student shouts in email, on-line classes, students don't contribute in groups, etc. Additionally, from students’ point-of-view, what can students do if student or teacher is disruptive to their learning?
  - Evaluation of School Associate Dean RES 161708 to President 2/27/17
  - Establishing a Faculty Hall of Fame RES 161710 to President 2/27/17
  - Academic Master Plan RES 161712 to President 2/27/17
  - Grad Check Concerns – Provost take up issue with DCLC
  - Parking Options BPC
  - Position of Ombudsman BPC – Tabled

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Budget**
  Members discussed at length that the budget forum does not meet faculty need for comprehensive and coherent data, but the available data show that Academic Affairs is receiving less money while enrollments are increasing. Members agreed that additional action is needed, with the nature of that action to be determined later.

- **Workload** - There are inconsistencies supposedly between Schools, and within departments. Some schools have a three-four teaching load, and some schools have four-four. Is four-four realistic? We want something that looks fair. First, we need to understand what exists. Workload is of great concern, and we are bringing it to the President’s attention. He can expect to hear more about it. FAC is working on it. The goal is equity and transparency.

- **Tenure density** - We need to increase the ratio of tenure-line faculty members to all faculty member. One approach is a process by which long-term lecturers may be moved to tenure positions or at least tenured lines. We need to find out what the president will support.

- **Discussion of problems with grad checks**, transcript evaluations, etc. - Provost is working on it, including enrollment management, and has the Executive Committee’s support.

- **All Faculty Meeting** - Date: April 21, 2017. Time: Noon. Beth to reserve room. B. Hartsell will take the lead on developing a survey to assess perspectives on semester conversion, workload, and budget as a way of focusing the meeting: Survey results can be shared at the meeting.

- **Article 20.37** – A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the proposed process and invitation to apply for assigned time under Article 20.37.

- **Semester debriefing** - There is an assumption that the President wants a debriefing in the Fall, but members want it sooner so adjustments can be made before fall begins.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR March 16, 2017 SENATE MEETING (Time Certain 11:15 A.M.)**

- **Announcements**
- **Consent**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
  - Handbook revision process

8. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**
   The President is unavailable to attend after Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting on the 25th. Rescheduled date TBD.