The opening spring business meeting of the University Faculty and University Academic Staff meeting was called to order by University Senate Chair Harrison at 3:09 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, in the Schofield Hall auditorium

1) Welcome
- On November 22, 2011, the University Senate Faculty and Academic Staff approved TWO proposed Constitutional amendments – one to Article Four: College Faculties and one to Article Three: University Senate
- Proposed constitutional amendments previously sent to all University Faculty and University Academic Staff along with the announcement of this meeting
- Proposed Amendment #1 – that Section E, Article Four: College Faculties, Part II of the Constitution on page 10 of the FASRaP, be amended by striking the last sentence, which reads “The College shall report its action on curriculum matters to the Senate Academic Policies Committee.”
  o We are trying to clean up the to match what we are actually practicing
- Proposed Amendment #2 – that changes be made to Part II: Constitution of the University Faculty and University Academic Staff, Article Three: University Senate and to the related section in the Bylaws.
  o Trying to streamline the constitution and have been working on this for the last couple of years
  o Trying to put things in the bylaws so we can be more flexible and more responsive
  o The constitution usually contains things that one would never want changed and bylaws are what can be more flexible
  o Are also matching up some terms of the senate officers
  o A summary of changes was provided in the attachment of the mailing
- According to Article Six: Amendments and Bylaws in the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures, proposed amendments to the Constitution are to be presented at a meeting of the Faculty and Academic Staff. At that meeting, the Faculty and Academic Staff shall decide whether the ratification vote on the constitutional amendment is to be at a future meeting of the University Faculty and Academic Staff or in a referendum

University Faculty MOVED and seconded a motion to allow the vote on ratification to be done by electronic referendum. PASSED without dissention.

University Academic Staff MOVED and seconded a motion to allow the vote on ratification to be done by electronic referendum. PASSED without dissention.

- The ratification referendum shall be held not less than one week or more than three weeks after the meeting. Ratification requires a two-thirds vote of those voting in the referendum, provided no fewer than thirty-four percent participates in the voting

Without objection, business meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

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