Meeting Called to order at 12:15pm by Chair Werth


**Single Meeting Proxy:** Todd Robinson for Andrew Bell; Erin Rinto for Cory Lampert; John Filler for Scott Loe; Fred Krauss for Kara Wada; George Pales for Dan Young.

**Absent:** Carryn Bellomo **Excused:** Abbie Kirkendall **Long term Proxy:** Abbie Kirkendall for Cecilia Maldonado

**Approval of minutes:** January minutes held for meeting March 25, 2014

**Business: Guest Speakers**

*Regents Mark Doubrava and James Dean Leavitt, and Vice Provost Reiber* spoke regarding issues surrounding the UNLV Medical School. Organizational structure and state-wide steering committee has been organized with Trip Umbach (consultant). They emphasized that the medical school will be a UNLV medical school and not just an extension of the UNR school. The capacity of the UNR School of Medicine will be expanded, and increase in GME. Candidates are being brought to campus for the position of the Planning Dean. This individual will oversee the academic unit granting a degree.

*Interim Dean Kate Korgan and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Kendall Hartley Report of the Graduate College.* Explained that the Graduate College is an independent College under the Executive Vice President and Provost effective July 1st, 2013. The Graduate College provides strong leadership to cultivate outstanding graduate programs, extend life changing educational opportunities to graduate students, ensure the consistent and fair application of policies, promote rigor, and provide support for graduate faculty and programs by fostering an environment in which the highest quality graduate scholarship and research can thrive. Many changes have occurred and the ongoing projects were reviewed with the Senate.

*Mary-Ann Winkelmes Instructional Development.* Reported update on what has been completed regarding instructional development. As the Coordinator of Instructional Development and
Research Phase 1 has been gathering information on the strengths of what exists. Has been visiting colleges and schools, developed a working group to help, reviewed national benchmarks, reviewed the programs that were taught by the Teaching and Learning Center. Next week will send out a survey. Encourage all faculty to complete.

**Chris Cochran, Report on PEBP.** About 2 yrs ago PEBP plan changed significantly to remove PPO but include high deductibles; out-of-pockets went up to $1900 for individual and $3800 for the family. It was felt that this would make the program more consumer-driven. Dissatisfaction dropped by 5pts which was seen as only a small drop. The motion came up for a low-deductible plan and failed to pass by larger margin than the previous time. The plans were revisited in July 2014 – and the deductibles were lowered to $1500 and to $3000 per family. Keep the same amount of HSA-eligible plan. The Board examined a corporate exchange whereby PEBP could participate in the hopes to offer more choices, however, decided to stick with existing plans. Also, the board is looking down the road potentially defined contribution plans. The board has received a great deal of criticism of Wellness programs and because of this the legislature wanted to get rid of them. But the board decided to continue them because they see some benefits in helping in areas such as chronic diseases (Diabetes and Obesity). Participation in the plans would mean you would not have to pay those premiums. My term ends June 30th, was appointed to complete an unexpired term. Don’t know yet if will be re-appointed.

**Raquel O’Neill, Interim Director Disability Resource Center.** Since being named Interim Director, the center has shifted views on disabilities. View in more of a social justice model. Encourage you as faculty members to come to meetings with students with disabilities. Wanted to introduce myself and hope to get back and speak to you more in the future.

**Lori Temple, Vice Provost for Information Technology.** UNLV is moving away from Lotus Notes. It hasn’t been good collaboration tool. UNLV is moving towards google apps, including Google Mail. UNLV mail on campus – the rebel mail will be kept as well. UNLV is going to make the transition in the month of October. Need faculty representation on the committee regarding policies regarding mail issues. I am asking for a couple names of those who could assist on this committee.

**Chair’s report**
- Provost’s Leadership Development Academy program is on 4 March (2-5 p.m., SU 219). The focus is on the roles of presidents & other top university officials — three external guests
- Fitness Day, 19 February (12-5 PM, SWRC Lawn, Pool & Lobby) – jenniger.gray@unlv.edu
- Five nominees to Presidential Search Committee accepted by Chair Kevin Page (full committee to be announced soon)
- Looking ahead: Does Senate wish to articulate any principles on the future of merit (i.e., after this cycle)?

No Public Comment.

**Meeting adjourned by Chair Werth at 2:20pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Ditmyer, Secretary
Faculty Senate Executive Committee