President Anne Gregory called the Faculty Senate meeting to order at 3:05p.m.

1) **Roll Call:** Present, President Anne Gregory; Vice President Stephen Crowley, Senators – Jim Stockton, Nader Rafla, Laura Petranek, Rose Barlow, Seth Ashley, Faye, Carlson, Joie Burns, Troy Rohn, Rose Barlow, Matt Genuchi, Bruce Ballenger, Murali Medidi, Tom Gattiker, Mark Hanes, Jennifer Snow, Ryan Mandell, Zeynep Hansen, Kevin Ferris


**Agenda Items:**

2) **Approval of Past Minutes:** October 9th minutes.
   
   Senator Ruppel moved to accept the minutes. Senator Ballenger seconded. Motion carries.

3) **Old Business**

   a. **Policy Flow Chart** – President Gregory stated that she felt everyone should have a copy this chart and that it will be included in the binders for next year’s new senators. Senator Ruppel stated it was her understanding that the Promotion and Tenure Policy update had to go through the Professional Standards Committee. President Gregory stated if the Senate as a whole votes on a policy and it is approved, it does not need to go to one of our Standing Committees. Vice President Crowley will take on the task of updating the chart to include the Standing Committees and other options in the process.

4) **New Business**

   a. **Update on Foundations Studies** – Vicki Stieha gave an overview on where we are currently with the Foundational Studies Program. Currently we have implemented UF 100 Intellectual Foundations and UF 300 Transitional Foundations. We have added 808 sections of DL, CID and FF courses. UF 200 Civic and Ethical Foundations will be taught this spring. Students changing catalogs has raised some issues and concerns in regards to enrollment planning. We have added all the course design tables into the catalog database. As we make changes to the curriculum so we can now track the changes are they will be very transparent. We are also putting all the data into an online tool so that we can gather feedback. One of the charter projects of the strategic plan is weaving the learning outcomes into what we do as an institution. We are also collaborating with Faculty Senate and are meeting with different standing committees to think about diversity and our diversity outcomes. Vicki is a member of the University Curriculum Committee and is working through process of streamlining additional curriculum. Senator Burns asked about the combination of the core curriculum and university curriculum committee. Vicki stated that she reviews content for the learning outcomes in regards to the Foundations Studies program courses and gives feedback to the
committee. Our learning outcomes were written by faculty committee based on the work of AAC&U Liberal Education for Americas Promise. We received an award from the Albertson Foundation and I have extended an invitation to the curriculum committee to attend their annual meeting. I think it is important for everyone to understand the larger vision from which our learning outcomes are drawn. Vice President Crowley asked about the change of core structure and how can we help students be better prepared. Vicki stated that the modes and expectation for learning are different for UF courses.

b. eCampus – Mark Wheeler stated that this is the new name for distance learning. We assembled a university wide group to form a strategic plan eCampus. We’re working on implementing this plan by hiring additional staff to specifically help with instructional design work and more staff to assist faculty in developing online courses. We have had tremendous growth with online courses but we have not kept up with other institutions in regards to online degrees. Senator Rohn who severed on the committee stated that we wanted to make sure we weren’t being out competed by existing programs in the valley. We need to stay relevant. He asked Mark Wheeler about MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses). Mark stated that they are open to anybody and they are free. The question is how to assign credit to MOOC’s. How can BSU leverage MOOC’s? Colorado State and San Jose are both leveraging pieces of MOOC. President Gregory asked what incentives are there for faculty members to take a current course and turn them into an online class. Mark stated that these incentives vary by department. Senator Stockton asked do our online courses have to follow quality matters standards. Mark stated we use the national guideline rubrics for evaluating online course work. However it is faculty driven peer assessment process. We have trained faculty on campus who would evaluate and provide feedback to the faculty member and then the department chair makes the final decision. Senator Stockton stated his concern that has been brought up is that you had to have OIT approval as well as a quality matters approval for online courses to be taught. Mark stated that it did not sound right and he would look into it. Mark stated he would like to see more tenure track faculty teaching on line. President Gregory asked if there was some type of form asking departments to put together a technology plan and how they may infuse technology in their courses. Mark stated that in Extended Studies they are focusing on fully online courses and programs. He noted that there are many things you can do online in your classroom. The data indicates that students take online courses due to convenience. We do know that from any given semester, 1 out of 4 students are taking an online course. 10% of our credit hours at any given time are online and this demographic is growing. Mark stated that the intellectual property policy is being revised and legal council is working on it.

c. Sabbatical Policy #4000 – Vice Provost James Munger gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Sabbatical Policy. Senator Rohn asked if the process has been streamlined. James Munger stated the proposed policy is reducing the maximum number of pages to six. Senator Burns stated that the policy is not more than 10 pages, which means you can do less. Senator Rohn asked about requiring letters to accompany the package. Senator Burns stated that the Committee and the Provost both voiced support for this. Senator Burns stated that the Sabbatical Committee was also working on revisions to this policy and was not aware the Provost Office was doing the same. The Sabbatical Committee has received their changes and will combine the two drafts of this policy. Senator Ballenger questioned the one about while on sabbatical leave a faculty member may accept part time employment, how is that perceived
by the external community. James Munger stated that in the policy it states that it may not interfere with their sabbatical purpose that has been approved. Senator Hansen asked about the proposed change where the Dean no longer has to write a letter in regards to a letter by the Department Chair. James Munger stated he would bring that up to the Provost. Senator Crowley wanted to clarify that if passed today; it would combine the changes from the Sabbatical Committee and then be brought back to the Senate for final approval. James stated that was correct. Senator Hansen questioned when these changes are to take effect due to the upcoming deadline. The Senate as a whole was very concerned about the effective date and possibly it should be effective for next years’ sabbatical leave cycle. Senator Burns stated the impression she got from the Provost was that it is an HR issue. Senator Snow questioned if in the acceptance letters they could identify the changes. James Munger stated that is possible, but only the applications are due in December which is just the start of the process. Senator Rohn feels we need to involve legal possibly. Senator Crowley asked if we sign off on this November 27th would that be enough time, so the Provost Schimpf would be able to address our reservations. Senator Hansen is very concerned in regards to the timing. Senator Burns confirmed that the Sabbatical Committee is fine with the changes from the Provost Office. Senator Rohn motioned to approve the Sabbatical Policy and that it is effective beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year. Senator Snow seconded. President Gregory called for the discussion. James Munger questioned if there was any issue with number 11. Senator Hansen questioned the need and the Senate not being fully informed on the issues. A friendly amendment to table the consideration of motion until November 27th meeting.

d. Emeritus Status – President Gregory stated that the Professional Standards Committee has approved Emeritus states for both Nancy McGown and Peter Wolheim.

e. Possible Constitutional Change – President Gregory stated that some Senators would like to have the agenda 5 days prior to our meetings. This would require a constitution change which has to be approved by the SBOE. Vice President Crowley asked if we couldn’t do our best to accommodate this time frame. Everyone agreed this was acceptable.

f. Meeting Dates – There will be a meeting on November 27th in Hatch B. Please note that the meeting starts at 3:15pm due to room availability. Also the January 8th has been canceled.

g. Senate Webpage – President announced that she now has editing rights to the web page. The plan is to have a landing page with current information in regards to meetings and other items the Senate is working on and upcoming issues.

5) Adjournment

a. Senator Stockton moved to adjourn at 4:50pm. Senator Snow seconded. Motion carries.