Date: September 17, 2013

Location: Solms 202

9 Members: Judith Garrison, Cathy MacGowan, Jane Wong, Lynn Roberts, Catherine Gilbert, Debra Behringer, Randall Reese, Beth Childress, Erik Nordenhaug

6 Ex Officio Members: Yassaman Saadatmand, Laura Barrett, Carey Adams, David Carson, Bill Kelso, Georj Lewis

Present: Laura Barrett, Randall Reese, Debra Behringer, Jane Wong, Cathy MacGowan, Catherin Gilbert, Erik Nordenhaug, Beth Childress, Cary Adams, Georj Lewis, Judith Garrison, Lynn Roberts, Yassaman Saadatmand

Absent: David Carson, Bill Kelso

Meeting was called to order by Erik Nordenhaug at 2:03pm

Agenda item 1: Introduction of New Members

Agenda item 2: Approval of August 7, 2013 PBF minutes

Action: The voting members approved unanimously the August minutes.

Agenda item 3: Remanded Every 3rd Year Salary Study Bill

Discussion: Nordenhaug explained the addition of several clauses to address the president’s reasons for remanding (which were also read). There was some discussion of other internal salary compression and adjustment issues.

Action: The Revised Bill was approved unanimously and will be forwarded to the senate.

Agenda item 4: Faculty-Driven Planning Proposal

Discussion: Nordenhaug shared summaries of a few planning proposals that have already come in and emphasized that the committee members remind their respective faculty department members of the opportunity to participate in this first faculty-driven transparent planning process. Judith Garrison affirmed the importance of having such a transparent open planning process as part of our shared governance. V.P. Adams indicated that he thinks having such a planning proposal report from the senate will be very helpful to him. Adams also suggested that such a senate approved report should at some point be presented to the Administrative Budget Committee. Another part of
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the discussion was regarding the next stages in this process after the initial collection of individual proposals from faculty.

Action: The committee decided that a University Faculty-Driven Planning Forum called by the Senate and a Planning Survey probably in January (TBA) would be the next steps. The forum would allow a more collective discussion of various proposals and be an opportunity for consensus to form regarding priorities. A survey would be helpful for assigning some priorities to the proposals.

Agenda item 4: October’s PBF Budget focused meeting

Discussion: Nordenhaug indicated that David Carson would be giving the committee a budget report at the next meeting and that committee members should take a look at the 2014 budget on file in the library and be prepared to ask questions. Some questions about the building priority list were discussed. It was indicated that in last April’s senate meeting minutes, a brief summary of the immediate building priorities are listed there. In preparation for budget questions, Nordenhaug asked about current enrollment data and V.P. Adams indicated that enrollment was down by about 4% (though last flex term enrollments have not been figured in yet). Nordenhaug also indicated that if there were any specific items the committee wanted David Carson to address or include in next meetings report to let him know since he would be meeting with Carson prior to the next PBF meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15pm.

Submitted by,
Erik Nordenhaug
PBF Chair