I. Senate President Desnoyers-Colas called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. (see Appendix A).

II. Senate Action

A. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting
   1. APPROVED without corrections.

B. Remarks from Dr. Linda Bleicken, President
   1. She and Dr. Ward, interim Provost/VPAA, met with Senate Leadership at a pre-Senate luncheon meeting on Friday, September 12.
   2. Thanks to Chris Hendricks for his lecture on September 4 at The Telfair Museum as part of “A Moveable Feast.” Continued attendance is encouraged at such events, which provide positive community engagement and public relations media for Armstrong.
   3. The Liberty Center groundbreaking in Hinesville also garnered much media attention. This is the first new building Armstrong has built since the Science Center and is important in part because of Hinesville’s population growth.
   4. The in-process project this year is a proposed structure for the College of Health Professions.
      i. Armstrong is the number one provider/producer of undergraduate health professions majors in Georgia. It has been her job, along with members of the Cabinet, to remind the Legislature and the Regents of the need for a new CHP structure.
      ii. This year, $1.6 million has been placed in the Regents’ budget for funding the design of a new Health Professions structure. This next goes to the Governor, who must decide if he will put this in his budget; however, if it moves forward, the Legislature also must vote for it.
      iii. Approval of funding at this stage only includes the design of a structure. Campaigning will then be needed for construction funding.
      iv. The probable site for the building will be in the area of the current Ashmore Hall.
      v. Discussion:
         a. Concern was raised about the removal of trees in the area of Ashmore Hall. Response: The impact a structure would have on this area of campus will be taken into consideration as part of the design.
         b. A question of clarification was asked regarding to total estimated cost of the structure, which is $29.1 million, and whether this includes the $1.6 million for design. Response: No, the $1.6 million is in addition to the estimated $29.1 million, which raises the total estimate for the proposed structure to $30.7 million.