CHAIR JAMES R. AUGUSTINE – Before calling the meeting to order, I’d like to take a moment to talk about these surveys that have been handed out to you. These are from some of our students who are part of the USC Bateman team. It is a very highly competitive national team competition that addresses public relations issues at a professional level. Their campaign this year focuses on Education and Ethics. They have three audiences: students, student athletes, and faculty. Their goal for the faculty audience is to increase our support of ethical policy regarding students and athletes. Part of their research includes surveying the Senate on current attitudes and implementation of the Carolinian Creed. We appreciate your help in filling out these surveys for our students.

With that said, I will remind those of you who are senators to sit in the center two sections and those who are visitors in the outer two sections.

1. Call to Order.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – I call to order the meeting of February 2, 2005 of the Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina.

2. Corrections to and Approval of Minutes.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – You have before you the minutes of the December 1, 2004 meeting. They have been posted on the web and should have been sent to you by mail. Are there any corrections to the minutes or additions? Seeing none, all those in favor of the minutes as written please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The minutes stand as written.

3. Reports of Committees.

a. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Laura Kane, Secretary:

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Professor Wise is no longer with the University. Secretary Kane was duly elected to be the Secretary of the Faculty and we are grateful that she has been willing to jump in mid-stream to join and help us.

PROFESSOR KANE (School of Medicine Library) – Thank you, Dr. Augustine. The Steering Committee met on January 26 to set a slate of nominees for vacancies on committees for 2005-2006. There were 31 vacancies and nominees were selected for all of those slots. The nominees have been contacted and all have agreed to serve if elected. The Faculty Senate will vote on the slate of nominees at the next meeting which will be on March 2. Nominations will be taken from the floor at that time. If you plan to make a nomination, we ask that you contact the person to get his or her approval before the
March 2nd meeting. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on committees for 2005-2006. Any questions? Thank you.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Laura.

b. Committee on Admissions, Professor Don Stowe, Chair:

PROFESSOR STOWE (Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management) – Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Committee on Admissions and the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions jointly present the proposal to you that is on pages 26-27 of your minutes – Attachment 2.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – This motion (on pages 26-27, Attachment 2) comes from a committee and does not need a second. Is there any discussion of the report from the Committee on Admissions and the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions? It is a resubmission of changes in curriculum for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Seeing none, all those in favor of this motion please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes. Anything else, Professor Stowe?

PROFESSOR STOWE – No.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you.

c. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Victor Giurgiuetu, Chair:

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU (Mechanical Engineering) – We have six items on the agenda. We are going to go through each of them. There are six colleges proposing changes. I would like to refer you to pages 14 through the top of 16 for item one. I want to mention there are a couple of typos on this. On page 14 under “proposed change,” instead of “CLIS” it should read “SLIS” because there has been a change in designator. This typo appears twice on page 14.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – This motion comes from a committee and does not need a second. We are on pages 14 through the top of 16 of Attachment 1. In the College of Education, Department of Instruction and Teacher Education we have changes in curriculum throughout, some deletions, some changes in title, designator, description, and prerequisite. Are there any questions or comments about these proposed changes in the College of Education? Seeing none, all those in favor of number one on page 14 through the top of 16 please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you. Item 2 is on page 16: College of Engineering and Information Technology, the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. There is one change.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Again, this motion comes from a committee and does not need a second. From the College of Engineering and Information Technology in Attachment 1
on page 16 in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering we have a change in title, number, prerequisite, and description. Is there any discussion of this change? Seeing none, all those in favor please say “aye.” All those opposed say “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you. For item 3, College of Liberal Arts, there are four deletions on page 16.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – I don’t think I’ve ever seen a group of deletions before; that is something new for this group. The motion does not need a second as it comes from a committee. It is on page 16, item 3 from the College of Liberal Arts the Department of Theatre and Dance. We have several deletions. Any questions or discussion? If not, all those in favor of item 3 on page 16 please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you. Item 4 is more extensive. It covers the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies and starts on page 16 and goes through to page 18. They are changes in curriculum.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – We are in Attachment 1 on pages 16 through most of 18. Item 4 in the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. We have a change in curriculum covering pages 16 through 18. The motion comes from a committee and does not need a second. Is there any discussion or comment? Seeing none, all those in favor of the motion for Item 4, please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you. We have two more items. Item 5, School of Music, has changes in curriculum on pages 18 to the top of 23. On pages 18-24 there are some new courses, changes in credit hours, change in title, credit hours, prerequisites, descriptions, and a deletion.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Again, the motion comes from a committee and does not need a second. We are on pages 18 through 24 of Attachment 1 and this is all under Item 5: the School of Music. There are changes in curriculum, and then on page 23 we have some new courses and then a change in credit hours; change in title, credit hours, prerequisites, descriptions, and a deletion. Are there any comments or discussion of this motion on pages 18 through 24, item 5. Seeing none, all those in favor please say “aye.” Those opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you. The last item is from the College of Science and Mathematics on pages 24 through 25. There is a new course, then there are changes in curriculum, and another new course.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The last motion from the committee in Attachment 1 is on pages 24-25 under item 6: the College of Science and Mathematics, Department of Biological Science and also the Department of Physics and Astronomy. We have a new course, a
change in curriculum, and another new course. Is there any discussion of item 6? Seeing none, all those in favor of item 6 please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Victor.

d. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Carl Evans, Chair:

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – I assume, Professor Evans, we have already taken care of your task?

PROFESSOR EVANS (Religious Studies) – Yes, it has been handled.

e. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Timir Datta, Chair:

PROFESSOR DATTA (Physics & Astronomy) – Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Senate. The Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) met several times during the last semester. We did not meet in January this year. Our first meeting will be later this month. We considered essentially three topics:

1. The change in the make-up of the University Athletics Advisory Committee (UAAC). Recommendations were approved and I think the documents will be considered later in this semester – I will give the date later.

2. The wording of the Faculty Manual regarding the Dean of Libraries. We don’t have that position listed correctly, so the Faculty Manual needed to be amended for that. The FAC approved that change.

3. The recommendation of the Intellectual Property Committee (IP) regarding the patents and copyright policy. FAC, after deliberation, approved the changes.

As required, notification regarding these three changes was made to the President. I think at the April 26 meeting of this year items will be considered by the General Faculty. Mr. Chairman, I am done with my report.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any questions for Professor Datta? Those three items approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee will go to the General Faculty for their approval on April 26.

f. Faculty Budget Committee, Professor Davis Baird, Chair:

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Professor Baird, Chair of Faculty Budget Committee, is not with us today. The Provost will address some matters related to that committee. Professor Baird has a faculty candidate that he is very interested in and is unable to be with us at this time.
g. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Linda Allman, Chair:

PROFESSOR ALLMAN (Continuing Education) – Charles Bierbauer, Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies, met with us at our January 24th meeting. He is the Chair of the Council of Academic Deans and came to discuss the summer compensation policy. To go back to the policy we talked about several meetings ago and we’ve talked about every meeting since. He mentioned that Section D of HR 1.81 gives the academic deans full discretion in determining remuneration when faculty supervise an “unusually large” number of students with theses and dissertations. His college manages their graduate advising during the summer by employing a Director of Graduate Programs, who is not a 9-month employee. He said maybe some of the others would do that, too. He said he will talk to the Council of Deans about the possibility of individual colleges establishing guidelines for remunerating summer employment so that there might be some basic standards. Then he will report back to our committee once he has talked to them.

Regarding the Wellness Center, we unanimously adopted a limited hour membership proposal received from Jerry Brewer, Director of Student Life in response to our request. So the proposal that we adopted that was sent to us by Jerry is that University faculty and staff members will have the option of limited hour membership to the Wellness Center. That would allow access from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekdays and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for a fee of $20 a month to begin July 1, 2005. The Wellness Center staff are developing a marketing program to inform the campus community. They will visit with our committee in March or April to get some feedback on their marketing campaign. So that was good news.

Finally, we have been gathering information on the Family Leave policies that include parental leave for SEC and non-SEC institutions but we ran out of time at our meeting and will take that up at our February 21st meeting. Any questions?

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Linda.

h. University Athletics Advisory Committee, Professor William Bearden, Chair:

PROFESSOR BEARDEN (Moore School of Business) – Jim asked that we report what we have done in the last several months. At our last meeting, Mark Berson, the head coach for the men’s soccer team, came and spent 20 minutes with our group and it was a good discussion. He said there are a lot of USC athletes who play sports and enjoy the sports for the competition and the goodness of doing the sport and that many of those people go on to have great careers in business, health care, and education.

Harold White, who is the Associate Athletics Director for Academic Support (their facility is outside the left field) began a report on how our facilities and support for athletes stack up against others in the SEC and Clemson. We will finish that next time.
Mike McGee was out of town so Valerie Shealy, the Senior Associate Athletics Director, met with us and went through the response regarding the Clemson incident. A number of issues were discussed. Actually, Mike McGee called and reported in on the day he was going to New York for a Hall of Fame event. A number of things have come out of that and I will get to that in just a second.

On an interpersonal realm, they also called our group (which is 6 faculty, 4 students, and several ad hoc people in the Athletics Office) and asked us to help with the interview for the Head Volleyball Coach. So Matt and one other person met this week as part of the interview process which I thought was very great. It was a very good thing to do.

President Sorensen’s office and Mike McGee’s office called me, as representing our group, with a time change in the first football game. We got to everybody and did that very quickly. They wanted some input in making sure it was acceptable.

They also sent to us early the grade report that was in the newspaper recently. They got that to us well before it actually came out and we appreciated that.

I went to Nashville in early January to Vanderbilt University for the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics Conference. They are putting together a document that is entitled the “Academic Integrity in Intercollegiate Athletics: Principles, Rules, and Best Practices.” There is a nice summary newspaper article in *The Chronicle* and the document itself is right on the top of the Faculty Senate website. What we will do, maybe at our next meeting but certainly in March, is start looking at that document to see if there are things in there that we can take out to maybe strengthen what we do with the athletes here. It is a Faculty Senate project and there are a good number of schools involved (40 to 50 schools). One objective might be that we get the Faculty Senate to approve the document in spirit as a whole, not everything in it because certainly there are some things that most all of us could find reasons to question. But it is a realistic objective and I would encourage you to look at it.

Coach Tanner is coming to our next meeting. He will take up the first part of it. I am sure we will follow up with a discussion of the Clemson issue.

Last time we discussed ways we might improve the interface (between USC and Clemson) besides a blood drive for students and taking a football up and down the road. Dennis Pruitt is working on some issues on the student level. The Provost has an idea in the research area. I’ve talked with my counterpart at Clemson and he was actually very supportive and we thought we might invite them down (the game is here in the fall, of course) as an effort to start.

Also set for discussion, if not February then in March, is that we are going to go through the drug testing procedures for all the athletes. Russ Pate, who is the Faculty Athletics Representative of the University, will go over the special admissions for the prospective students for athletes only. Ralph White is to complete his report on how we
stack up with support - for the athletes. Hopefully we are going to do something in reaction to things that happened last month. Any questions? If not, thank you very much.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Bill. And we do appreciate Mr. President being given the opportunity to weigh in on the change in the date of the football game ahead of time.

4. Reports of Officers.

PRESIDENT ANDREW SORENSEN – Thank you very much, Professor Augustine. The tragic train wreck in Graniteville and the resultant chlorine gas spill wreaked havoc throughout that region of the State. It caught the attention not only of all of us South Carolinians but of people all around the world. I want to commend the USC Aiken faculty, staff and students for their heroic involvement in opening up facilities on that campus to people who were displaced by it, helping out and condoling the families who lost family members as a result of the crash and/or the spill, and volunteering in a huge number of ways. I’ve expressed that gratitude on behalf of the entire University of South Carolina faculty, staff and students to the faculty, staff and students at USC-Aiken. So if you happen to have friends or colleagues there, please convey to them our collective gratitude for the heroic way in which they responded to these tragic events.

Whenever I get an opportunity to brag about the accomplishments of our debate team I do so. Professor Berube gives me regular reports of their accomplishments and they recently secured a number one position in a debate tournament. Professor Berube, please convey to the members of the debate team my incredible pride in the goodwill that they generate, and the glory they bring to all of us.

We have a number of searches underway. One for which I am responsible is the Athletics Director search. I have really been gratified by the number of people who are highly qualified, who are paragons of integrity, and who are highly experienced in the field of intercollegiate athletics who have expressed interest in the job. Many of them have stipulated that they are interested because there is no headhunter firm that is involved and because there is not a search committee. They believe it is imperative that they not be perceived by their respective presidents as being interested in moving. But I do covet your advice and suggestions, so if you would like to speak to me afterward or send me an e-mail or telephone me with the name of somebody that you would like to recommend, please feel free to do so.

There are searches underway for the deans of Nursing, Public Health, and Social Work. I will ask Dr. Pastides to report on. The Provost will report on the searches for the deans of the School of Music and the Honors College.

Professor Bearden reported about football. I received a request from ESPN to move the date of the first football game which had been scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd to Thursday night, September 1st. Because of the sensitivity of Professor
Lewis and others to that issue, I immediately called Professor Augustine and asked him to refer the matter to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. When they approved the request, I then sent a message to ESPN that we would be happy to do that. I’m obviously hopeful that the behavior of our players will reflect well on the University.

I hosted a breakfast this morning for the leaders and many members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, Speaker David Wilkins; Chairman of the Committee, Bobby Harrell. Ronnie Townsend, Chair of the House of Representatives Education Committee, Representative Chip Limehouse who is the Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Education Committee, and other committee chairs, other members of the House of Representatives and their staff were in attendance. It was a very congenial meeting. I talked to them about my concerns and my goals and various problems that we are facing during the coming year. Then later in the morning I presented our budget to the Higher Education Subcommittee chaired by Chip Limehouse.

My first and foremost concern is the importance of increasing faculty and staff compensation. Faculty and staff, on average, are woefully underpaid. That has been since the day I came and remains my number one priority. There is nothing more important on my legislative agenda than that. There has been a proposal of a 2.5% cut in our budget. For us to try to give a pay raise when we have a cut in our budget is extremely difficult. I am working fervently not to have the 2.5% cut levied. I am receiving some very positive support from the leadership of the House and the Senate. Many of these conversations are one-on-one. On two occasions this morning I was able to speak to a group of people from the House of Representatives and I will do the same thing with the Senate. I will host a luncheon meeting for the leaders of the Senate and all members of the Senate in another month. I learned a long time ago not to try to predict what an elected legislative body will do ultimately, but I can assure you that I will work feverishly to try to impress upon them the importance of the work that all of you do, and that you deserve adequate compensation for that work.

A bond issue to fund capital projects is unlikely for this year. There is some talk of having a very substantial bond issue next year. 95% of our current freshman students are on some form of lottery support - Life, Hope, or Palmetto Scholarships. This indicates the extent to which a huge number of our students require financial support to enable them to attend the University of South Carolina. Unbeknownst to me, several legislators got up and pleaded our case to their conference in the legislature. It was both surprising and immensely pleasing to have several legislators talk about the good work the University of South Carolina is doing and how important the work is.

One very moving presentation was by a powerful legislator who said that he was pleading on behalf of the 2-year schools. In response to the proposal we eliminate the USC-Salkehatchie institution, and also eliminate the USC Union institution. This legislator said, “I started at USC Aiken when it was a 2-year school. I couldn’t afford to drive to Columbia and if I could have afforded it I couldn’t have gotten into USC Columbia. I went to USC Aiken and I got my 2-year degree and I eventually got my 4-year degree.” He was in his 30’s by the time that happened. In all the years I have been
lobbying legislative bodies on behalf of appropriations for universities, that is the first
time I’ve had that kind of unsolicited support from a group of legislators saying, “Can I
share the podium in order to make a case for USC?” That is most encouraging.

I concluded by pleading with the Committee to continue supporting the Endowed
Chairs Program. A proposal has been made to reduce that budget by a third. With our
faculty hiring programs that will bring in 100 faculty per year for six consecutive years, it
is imperative that we sustain funding for the Centers of Excellence and for this faculty
program. Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report. I would be happy to answer any
questions or comments about anything that I said or did not say. Thank you very much.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The lesson I learned, Mr. President, from your remarks is that
perhaps we should consider establishing a School of Architecture.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I’m sure that Clemson would be interested in that proposal.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Actually, Harris, I was going to call on the Provost but please
(go right ahead).

VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS PASTIDES (Office of Research and Health Sciences) –
Thank you, Jim. Thank you, Mr. President. First of all let me assure my faculty
colleagues that is not the first time the President has told me to “cool it.” So I am quite
used to that. I am happy to provide a bit of progress on the three dean searches in the
Division of Health Sciences.

First, with respect to the Arnold School of Public Health dean search, I hope to be
able to make an announcement within two weeks about the dean designee for the Arnold
School of Public Health. That committee was chaired by Dean Larry Faulkner.

The search for the dean of the College of Social Work is being headed by Dean
Pat Moody. They have some very, very good candidates. They are moving into a
telephone interview phase of the search and we hope to have three finalists on campus
within the next month.

The search for the dean of the College of Nursing is being headed by Dean Paul
Willis and they are in a screening phase right now with some good applicants and
nominees as well. In both of those cases we hope to have a dean on board in order to
have an orderly transition from the retirements of Dean Ginsberg and Dean Parsons to the
new deans. So they are moving along very well. I am happy to answer any questions
that you may have. Thank you.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Harris, for that report. The mention of Dean Willis
makes me think back to a comment that Professor Datta made about changing the Faculty
Manual. We do have a Dean of Libraries – that is Dean Willis. In the Faculty Manual
the title for the Dean of Libraries used to be “Vice Provost and Dean of Libraries and
Informational Services.” All of that has been cut back to Paul’s current title which is Dean of Libraries.

PROVOST MARK BECKER – Thank you, Mr. Chair. First an update on searches as the President said I would do. For the Honors College the search committee is chaired by Dean Coull. The position has been advertised, applications are arriving in very good numbers, and review will begin of the applications on February 15 (less than two weeks’ time from yesterday).

The search for the Dean of Music is co-chaired by Dean Powell of the Law School and Professor Pruzin in the School of Music. That position also has been advertised and applications are coming in good numbers. They are using a continuous review process so they are reviewing applications as they come in and will be moving at an appropriate time.

There are three other items on the horizon that I would like to mention for the good of order and that will be coming up in various subcommittees of this body. First, as Professor Augustine said, Professor Baird is not here. But an item that both he and I share, is that we are looking at reorganizing how we do the Faculty Budget Committee because at this time we actually have two groups where the Faculty Senate is represented in matters of budget. One is the Faculty Budget Committee within this group and other is presently named VCM Committee of the University where both the Chair of this body (Professor Augustine at this time) and the Chair of the Faculty Budget Committee (Professor Baird) are represented. So we actually have some duplication of effort for this body. We are working on a proposal that would, of course, need to go through the Faculty Advisory Committee and ultimately through the faculty for an amendment to the Faculty Manual to consolidate down to a single committee that would take care of these matters and provide faculty input on these important matters.

Secondly, the Faculty Advisory Committee will soon discuss the creation of an ombudsperson capacity within this university. I want to thank your Chair, Professor Augustine, for being an incredible help to me in pulling together some information on how our peer institutions do this and how it works through faculty governance, etc. This arises simply out of the fact that in my first semester as your Provost there were a number of situations where matters came to me because nobody knew where else to go. They weren’t technically matters that should come to the Provost, but there was not a person to whom the individual who had the issue felt that they could go to get an unbiased view other than perhaps mine. This is a role that an ombudsperson would fill and it is something that I think we should have and so we will be working through the various models that Professor Augustine has discovered and very concisely pulled together for me. We will work with the Faculty Advisory Committee on looking at this and looking at a way that would best serve the University of South Carolina.

Thirdly, and lastly, we are in the midst of the tenure and promotion season. I just want to say at the end of the process, once everything is said and done I will request to meet with them and hopefully they will agree, to discuss some revisions to the Faculty
Manual. Again that would go through the Faculty Advisory Committee and to the full faculty. These are revisions largely around documentation and process. We are finding some heterogeneity in the processes and the consistency with rules of the University and we feel that by appropriately tightening up the language in the Faculty Manual we would remove these heterogeneities and inconsistencies that plague some of the files at this time. With that, I am happy to take questions or comments. Thank you very much.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Mr. Provost. One of the challenges of being Chair of the Faculty Senate is that often issues related to grievances and academic responsibility that are not resolved to the satisfaction of the individual involved end up on my desk. I have spent a great deal of time dealing with some of these. So I suggested to the Provost and the President, and we’ve had some discussions about this, that we really need to do something formal in the way of providing an opportunity for all of us to have a fair and impartial person that we can go to who can listen to some of these matters and try to bring some closure to them. Hopefully we will be able to do that.

5. Report of Secretary.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Professor Kane, do you want to remind us about what you told us earlier about the minutes because there are some people who came in a little late that might want to know that.

PROFESSOR KANE – I just wanted to mention that in a effort to cut down on printing costs and to save a few trees, the Steering Committee voted earlier to discontinue sending out the printed minutes and handouts to all the faculty Senators as we have done in the past before each meeting. Instead, we will be sending out one-page agendas which will include instructions on accessing this information on the Faculty Senate website. Are there any objections or discussion about this?

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – We did have a hand up back there, Laura, hold on. Yes, stand up.

PROFESSOR DAN SABIA (Political Science) – I think that we should talk about that. It seems to me to be problematic. Are we all going to download this? If so, we won’t save the trees. And, if not, it seems to me that as a Senator, and I have been a Senator two or three times over many years, I need this in front of me. We have votes to make and other judgments to make. So I would question this policy.

PROFESSOR KANE – The minutes and the handouts have always been posted on the Faculty Senate website. Anyone is free to go online and print them out before the meeting. I know that I myself don’t often keep these and I put them in my recycle bin. I think I would just print them when I needed them. I guess it is a personal preference.

PROFESSOR MARCO VALTORTA (Computer Science & Engineering) - I guess the only way we could save trees would be if we brought laptops or PCs to the meetings,
which I think is quite unlikely to happen soon. So I would argue that we shouldn’t do this. We should keep sending the hard copies to the Senators.

PROFESSOR KANE – One idea is to possibly get access to the School of Law’s wireless network. I know that the School of Law does have a wireless network but there are security issues. I was going to contact Bill Hogue to possibly open up discussion on that issue. If we do get access we could bring our laptops and access the minutes that way. Do we need to take a vote on this issue?

PARLIAMENTARIAN WANZER DRANE (Public Health) – You did not bring it as a motion. You brought it as something that the Steering Committee had passed. If it comes here as a motion from the Steering Committee then we need to take a vote on it.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Would you like to make a motion on behalf of the Steering Committee?

PROFESSOR KANE – On behalf of the Steering Committee I would like to move that we no longer send out the printed minutes and handouts to all the faculty Senators and instead send one-page agendas.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – It comes from a committee and does not need a second. Any discussion?

PROFESSOR LAURA FOX (Pharmacy) – Is there any way we could get just the items that we will discuss? We may not need the minutes from the previous meeting but do need the curriculum and the things we are going to discuss in the meeting. Is there anyway we could get that printed and not have the minutes printed?

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – We could save some short trees.

PROFESSOR KANE – We could save some twigs. That is certainly a possibility. Do we want to discuss what we mentioned in the Steering Committee? In the past, we have been printing the word-by-word transcript for this body in the minutes that are distributed. We are going to start summarizing the minutes instead of typing them up verbatim. We will still have that record in the audio and video file but we are going to try summarizing them because at this point there is really no need to have everything verbatim. If somebody needs that information, we will be able to get it to him or her. So the minutes will be shortened. So maybe that way we could save some trees.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Are there any other comments pro or con with regard to the motion on the floor.

PROFESSOR JAMES BUGGY (Medicine) – In addition to the cost of the paper, which as someone pointed out we will all have to print out anyway so we may not really save much on paper, there is the issue of everybody’s time. It would take time for us to download and print and presumably we have better things to do. So I think for us to
execute our responsibilities as Senators, we need access to these documents and to provide them to us in an easy-to-get fashion would be the greater good.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – You won the vote for the greater good. Do we have any other comments? Yes.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL DICKSON (Pharmacy) – I note that there is a rather large stack of papers up there. Perhaps we could save a lot of trees simply by not bringing that stack to this meeting but send them to us like you do now.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you. Yes, sir.

PROFESSOR ANDREW GOLD (Moore School of Business) – I would actually propose that we would kill more trees by having us print them out because we would print them out single-sided instead of double-sided.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Very good, very good. This is the liveliest discussion we’ve had in a long time. Thank you. Other comments? Are you prepared to vote? All those in favor of discontinuing the sending out of the minutes to all of the Senators please say “aye.” All of those opposed, say “no.” Okay. The motion fails.

PROFESSOR KANE – I think we need a lesson on single-sided versus double-sided printing.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – For those of you that don’t know, Laura Kane is new. This is her first day as Secretary and it may be her last day. Professor Wise is no longer with the University and Laura was duly elected as the Secretary of the Senate and was the Secretary-Elect but we’ve had to call her into service. We appreciate her efforts. Thank you, Laura, very much.


CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Is there any unfinished business to come before this body?


CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Is there any new business?

8. Announcements.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any announcements?


CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 3:00 pm in this room. The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn. All
those in favor please say “aye.” Opposed “no.” The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.