Called to order at 8:17 AM.

Present: Wannemuehler, Baum, Bosselman, Ching, Constant, Cutrona, Jenks, King, Mickelson, Rao, Schalinske, Bratsch-Prince, Wickert, Jones-Johnson.

Guests: Ellen Rasmussen, Mike Owen

Minutes approved.

Kevin Schalinske – FS report. New Faculty HB is now on line

There will be new language related to care of foster children.

PRS task force nearing completion of their efforts – will discuss best practices

Class room utilization – does ISU use classrooms efficiently.

Comment: It was stated that the College of Engineering is discussing the need to utilize evening class time to meet the classroom demands.

FMDA – is now posted on the SVPP website.

Board of Reagents requested faculty activity report. Rational for this activity – to provide a quick executive survey of what a faculty member does. This is meant to be an hour by hour survey not minute by minute.

Committee Report – RMM student services committee – reviewed a lengthy list of expenditures, many increases in the funding requests for counseling services should increase. dean students, financial aid, Judicial services was rated low. Wanting to make temporary funding permanent (e.g., a graduate assistant). Covered by allocated expense pool of funds. Students – recruit more heavily from CA, buy more lists, but the students feel that the Univ. is already crowded.

Library Committee - A survey will be conducted regarding faculty attitude towards research, other resources, student research skills, etc. All faculty will be taking this survey.

Comment – With all the surveys being sent to faculty, how do we market all these various surveys to the faculty with respect to what difference completing these surveys make against the time spent completing them.
Library Dean search. Finalists will be on campus late February or early March.

76 P&T cases in the Provost's Office.

Update - Classroom improvement implementation. Major components of the report included a summary of classroom utilization and policy describing use as well as the a discussion regarding improving the quality of the classroom space to meet evolving teaching needs. A Handout was provided that outlined Phase 1, 2, and 3 projects.

Central Administration will be looking to develop partnerships with Colleges or Departments to fund renovations and updates to classroom space. It is still important for faculty to provide input as to how classrooms should be changed.

Comment: A question was asked as to whether faculty know how to use newer more sophisticated learning spaces. Involve CELT (develop a workshop).

A question was asked about time lines to get classroom and other facilities projects completed with the current FP&M staffing: It was noted that FP&M has added another planner and that this should help with project planning and completion. With respect to the labor force used to complete projects on campus, nearly 80 % of all construction was done by off campus contractors in FY14.

SVPP – the State is a couple weeks into the legislative session. Governor’s budget is out, there was support for the performance based funding, Board of Reagents requested $12M to assist UI with the loss of State funding, however, the Governor’s budget only had $4M.

Student Learning Center was not in the Gov’s budget. Many other items were held flat.

There will be a lot of legislative focus on the performance-based funding, this needs to be seen as a “modernization” of the budgeting process. With respect to the budget of the Reagent's Institutions, there will be a lot of discussion between the House, Senate, and Governor’s Office before the final amount is decided. It is still early in the process.

Tier study – Chaezy Partners, IT, HR, Internet – 3 month contract was awarded to Chaezy as a consultant and this group will support not drive the ISU plans on IT implementation. The same will be true for HR.

Tier report focused on Academic Affairs – A consultant to assist with this process has yet to be chosen. The process will proceed with two members from each University to be part of the interview process of the 3 finalists.
Deans Wintersteen and Nolan are being reviewed in 2015. SVPP has met with these committees.

There was discussion about identifying ISU undergraduate degrees that can be accelerated and completed in less than 4 years. Two examples were mentioned (Ag business, statistics) as majors where many students finish in less than 4 years. It was emphasized that there is no interest in a watered-down degree.

The group discussed the value of the 3 year degree. It was mentioned that this path would reduce the opportunity for many experiences for students seeking a quicker route to a degree. For example, less likely to be involved in club activities, band, little to no research experiences, no internships. There was a question as to whether this would be economically less expensive for students if there are no opportunities to hold jobs or work during summer months.

As another approach to reduce the time-to-degree, the concept of “early credits” earned by HS students was mentioned. To address these types of opportunities, there may need to be increased staffing in some courses for summer sessions.

**Budget development** – SVPP will be submitting the budget for FY16 to President Leath by Feb 6. Top priorities will be salary equity of current employees (e.g., based on gender, also for IT staff).

**Mike Owen** – Discussion regarding a change in the process for faculty appeals. The change would have the majority of appeal move through the departmental administrative level to the Dean rather than directly being submitted to the FS J&A Committee. Approaches as to how the Dean can handle these reviews provides some flexibility and may allow for some decisions to be made at the departmental level. Example, an appeal of an annual review that ends up on the SVVP’s desk; this should be handled within the Colleges initially.