I. No changes to minutes from 8-30-2013 unanimously approved.

II. University Committee updates:
   o CUE (Mickelson and Laczniak) final report has been completed (attached), suggest inviting Ann Marie Vanderzanden and Andrew Gall to upcoming meeting to discuss next steps

III. Provost Update (Wickert):
   o A list of the communications that have been disseminated was provided (attached);
     ▪ Budget and Planning: encouraged to make sure colleagues are aware of the information available on the Provosts website, the RMM review outcome changes, summary of the use of Presidential Excellence Funds, efficiency improvement reports (this has been impressive and impactful), and wrap up of budget FY14 (budget memo #6).
     ▪ Standard operating procedures: resources to assist in making routine procedures more efficient
     ▪ Forthcoming: watch for more information
   o Presidential high impact hires: $1.5 million with cost share from colleges may lead to about 20 new positions; currently have 83 searches ongoing, therefore may have 100 new hires
   o State appropriation request has been approved by Board of Regents includes a 4% increase to general fund, flat tuition for in-state undergrads but some increase for others (less for in state grad, more for out of state grad and higher for Vet Med); Special appropriation of $10 million for Ag Experiment Station and increases for Extension, Small business incubator, Vet Med Diagnostic lab and the Research Park. BioSciences building is top for capital planning - $80 million ($25 private) includes new building as well as renovation of existing space.
   o BOR committees are starting work including: Efficiency study (McKibben chairing); State appropriation formula for the 3 regent institutions (Miles) – this will be a very public discussion likely to start in October, will ultimately require legislative action so no outcome likely until FY16 at the soonest; Transparency meetings to start in October as well.
   o President High Impact Hires – Deans are to submit requests by Sept 30 – good dialogs are occurring. Not sure about the timeline for next year.

IV. Special Presentation: LEARN update (Tweeten and Napolitano):
   The task force started with a plan to review BBL but became evident that a wider assessment about the learning ecosystem was needed. Hired a consultant firm (MindWires) who are carrying out interviews with administrators and Deans, have held workshops and will be doing broader surveys to faculty and staff soon. Expect to have a report from the consultant in February which will highlight priorities. One issue that has already come to light is the state of classrooms – technology as well as physical aspects of classrooms (noise, lighting, temperature, etc). Deans have stressed that while technology is important in learning, all value hands-on aspects of their curricula and technology is used differently. They have heard from faculty that whatever technology is adopted needs to be very well supported – able to get help when needed. There has been discussion about how to incentivize faculty to use and expand teaching technology – may need to be incorporated into PRS and annual review expectations. Task force is looking at trends occurring at other institutions and the evolution of LMS systems (more are coming on line which increases competition and
options – some of which make them too complex). Discussion about how this influences the ‘ISU brand’ – technology is core to ISU. Request to make sure faculty know about this task force and encourage them participate in focus groups (Oct 1-2) can sign up at http://learn.provost.iastate.edu/volunteer and to fill out the surveys when they arrive. Attached handout has additional links.

V. Special presentation – Deferred Maintenance (Miller):

There are about $252 million in project needs which is about 8.4% of total assets – this is fairly normal for operations the size of ISU. FP&M do an annual needs assessment of all buildings. In past years there has been about $1.5 million available for deferred maintenance projects, but last year had some catch-up funds for about $4.5 million – hope to have $6 million next year so that a more comprehensive plan to address top problems can be done. Handouts show what has been spent and planned repairs. Note that some deferred maintenance is fixed with capital projects as well. Explained that projects less than $1000 may be addressed directly by FP&M but anything over $5000 must be approved by the review committee. Described the “who pays for what” manual which directs FP&M – however Miller noted that these can be negotiated. Question about using outside contractors versus FP&M to get work done in a timely manner was raised – FP&M will use contractors if asked to do so. FP&M is about to undertake a re-commissioning of select buildings which will be an overhaul of all aspects (finding that piecemeal fixing of buildings can sometimes lead to lack of efficiency in operations). Miller asked that chairs notify FP&M of all problems so that they can maintain their data – even repeated problems (eg roof leaks) should be reported – use website or call 294-5100.

VI. Faculty Senate Update (Dark):

A task force to define guidelines on engagement and outreach activities has been named; the PRS task force will be named soon. A series of online training programs around sexual harassment and Title IX is forthcoming – this will be mandatory for all ISU employees. The three modules have been developed and are in revision. Robin Kelly is leading the effort and the goal is to have campus-wide roll out of these by November to be completed by December.

VII. New Business: (none)

Meeting adjourned 9:40 am