I. Call to Order

   The meeting was called to order by Lynn Whittenberger at 1pm in Raynor Beaumeier Suite

II. Announcements

   A. Cheryl Maranto shared that
      1. She met with Cas Casto, Vice President of Human Resources, and that the plan
to pay the fine, rather than provide health benefits to those working 30 to 37
hours/week had already been implemented for this year. He will address the
UAS today to share predicted costs for the future. Concerns were raised about
this action being contrary to Gaudium et Spes (attached). Mary Jo Wiemiller is
now representing UAS on the Health Care Taskforce.
      2. The President seems willing to consider an anonymous faculty vote to
determine whether a dean search for that college will be open or closed.

B. The March Faculty Council meeting will be March 14, rather than the 28th.

III. Minutes – approved as posted (3 absent for that meeting abstained)

IV. Old Business

   a. Faculty Forum 4.13 3-4:30 AMU Ballroom C/D - Potential questions will be solicited
from faculty soon. Ideas proposed included:
      i. Meaning and experience with shared governance
      ii. Ways to improve transparency
      iii. Meaning of Hiring for Mission
      iv. UAS Statutes provide basis for college shared governance i.e. administrators are
         to meet with faculty committees prior to a decision being announced if they
         plan to act contrary to the committee recommendation.

      Lynn will send out an email for distribution to all faculty announcing the Forum
date/time/location, and soliciting questions from the faculty. Received questions will be
consolidated/clustered thematically & shared with Dr. Lovell in advance of the Forum
(2-3 weeks?). Dawn S. and Lynn will try to meet with Dr. Lovell to discuss the possible
structure/format of the Forum. FC would like to see something a little less formal than
last year’s forum, more a conversation/discussion & being sure to provide time for
questions from the floor. Perhaps after each ‘theme’ question/response, time for open
questions? We’d need a strong moderator if we take that approach.
b. FT NTT Faculty Audit
   i. The working group will ask UAS (again) for more clarification on their charge. Are there current *known* issues for non-tenure-track faculty that the group should address, or does the committee need to survey/identify issues for NTT faculty and identify which issues should be addressed?
      1. Can the group glean any information regarding NTT issues from the Climate Study?
   ii. Working group will consult with UAS exec comm to see if some members from UAS might be willing to work with the group as well
   iii. In discussion, some issues for the group to look at came up: contract and job security issues; standardization of procedures across colleges; lack of documentation about NTT

c. PT Faculty survey recommendation
   i. Group currently consists of K. Gering, D. Smith, E. Ugland. K. Gering will try to find some PT faculty to serve on the working group (members for group will have to be approved by UAS)
   ii. Charge to the group is:
      1. To review survey and develop recommendations for the most serious concerns
      2. provide a suggested model for a Part-time Faculty Forum (A discussion board? A quarterly group meeting? Perhaps an online forum or list serve, given the logistical difficulties for people who are only on campus for brief periods of time.)

d. Dean search protocol discussion
   i. Cheryl M. will send Faculty Council her draft comments regarding the current closed search ‘policy’. FC can then review the comments, discuss & then develop further wording or recommendations as needed.

V. New Business
a. UAS Chair/Vice Chair terms of office recommendation
   i. Noreen Lephardt will send FC her draft of options for UAS Chair/Vice Chair terms of office. FC will review & discuss & then develop further wording or recommendations as needed.

b. Reporting on & monitoring the state of shared governance
   i. Lynn reminded the group that a report on the state of shared governance will be due to UAS at the end of the year. We’ll begin discussing what should be included in the document at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Marilyn Frenn & Lynn Whittenberger