Committee: The Faculty Council (FC), a standing committee of the University Academic Senate (UAS), provides a forum for discussing and vetting matters of academic and professional importance and draws upon the collective experience and knowledge of the faculty as a consultative body for the Senate. Membership is to be composed of 3 faculty Senators, 9 at-large full-time faculty (1/3 may be participating), 1 At-large part-time faculty member. There must be at least 4 schools/colleges represented.

Members: Eugenia Afinoguenova, At large, Foreign Languages and Literature (also Senator); Sharon Chubbuck, At large Education Policy and Leadership; Kim Factor, At large, Math, Statistics & Computer Science; Kristin Haglund, At Large Nursing; Javier Ibanez-Noe, At large, Philosophy; John Jentz, At large Library; Barbara Silver-Thorn, At large Biomedical Engineering; Dawn Smith, Senator; Mary Voelker, At large, Part-time faculty, Business; Lynn Whittenberger, At large Library; 1 At large position and 1 Senator position were vacant throughout the year; Kerry Egdorf, ex-officio.

Chair, Patricia A. Cervenka, Senator, Law.

Charge: UAS Charge was to monitor the progress of shared governance on the campus and to present a report to the University Academic Senate at the March 19 meeting.

Response to Charge: The progress report on shared governance was presented at the March 19 UAS meeting and posted thereafter on the UAS website: www.marquette.edu/academicsenate/documents?ReportonSharedGoveranceMarch192012.pdf

Meetings, committee work and accomplishments:

Aug. 22: Housekeeping meeting to set priorities for the year and meeting schedule; reported shortage of four committee members to Chair of UAS and COCE Chair.

Sept. 7: Located prior FC documents to distill areas of progress or concern on the topic of shared governance as well as other issues raised in previous reports.

Oct. 5: Meeting was cancelled so that all FC members could attend the presentation by Irene Mulvey, (from newly formed Chapter of AAUP of Fairfield University) who was supposed to talk about shared governance but unfortunately she encountered travel difficulties and the event was cancelled.

Nov: Because of multiple advising conflicts, the meeting was divided into two groups so that some members could meet on Nov. 2 and the others could meet on Nov. 9 to discuss the challenges set in the previous two years’ Faculty Council reports on shared governance as well as the progress made or observed on campus in the last few months. Listed examples of instances where shared governance had not progressed: being invited to University Leadership Council and Deans’ Council meetings;
establishing a protocol for dean searches and the role of the senate in the procedure. The protocol for obtaining OIRA information has not been established. On the positive side, there is now a buy-out of time for the UAS Secretary. In addition a list of motions passed by the Senate is now posted on the website.

Dec. 7: Discussed preparation of shared governance report. A concern was raised about course load for full-time, non-tenure track faculty.

Jan. 30: Concern was raised about the new vice presidential position which did not have input from Senate or faculty. Discussion of phased retirement policy. FC continued discussion of progress or non-action on points of shared governance. The Chair and Vice-Chair are now being invited regularly to the University Leadership Council meetings.

Feb. 27: Christine Krueger and Peter Jones attended meeting to discuss the history of changes in Senate and the issues that are still of concern to faculty about shared governance. Each FC member contributed to the writing of the report on shared governance.

March 26: Set regular meeting time for faculty council so future members could know the meeting time before offering their name for election; discussed the Provost’s protocol for dean searches posted on the Provost pages website and compiled notes to be sent to the Provost by the deadline; queried whether annual report on faculty salaries would be published this year; renewed desire for a protocol for requesting information from OIRA.

April 23: Members finalized annual report and listed recommendations for next year’s committee. Issues discussed included: needing a date when the annual faculty salary memo would be promulgated; getting clarification about the distinction for the position of Ombudsman and the new head of the Gender Resource Center. Retiring members are: Kristen Haglund, John Jentz, Mary Voelker and Javier Ibanez-Noe.

Committee recommendations/ unfinished business:

1. Retain communication with Gary Meyer in order to provide input on shared governance for the university’s self study.

2. The date for the Fall 2012 orientation for new Senate members and faculty committee chairs should be set soon after the election

3. The appointment of faculty to the University Budget Committee was a good first step. However, a line of communication back to the Senate about the budget process should be included. In addition, the Faculty Council would like to know the University’s policy and procedure about the allocation of a retiring faculty member’s line and the opportunity for faculty input about those allocations.

4. Create procedures to govern requests for information from OIRA, including whom to contact, how the requests should be made, and timelines for getting the needed information.
5. The University policy of maximum course load for non-tenure-track full time faculty should be addressed.

6. The date for a faculty forum with the President should be set early enough to give everyone adequate planning time so that the maximum number of faculty have the opportunity to attend.

7. One of the campus problems is that very little information is given about job descriptions for new hires and appointments.

8. The previous recommendation was that UAS members attend two Deans’ Council meetings per year. This year’s invitation was extended for only one meeting.