Attending:
Faculty Senate President: Benjie Blair: Biology
Scott Beckett: Learning Skills
Edwin Bellman: Technology
Robbie Boggs: Family and Consumer Sciences
David Dempsey: Math & Computer Science
Heidi Dempsey: Psychology
Windon Edge: Nursing
Douglas Gordon: Music
Larry Gray: English
Francia Guillermo: Math & Computer Science
Jeffery Hedrick: Communication
Gloria Horton: English
Tanveer Islam: Emergency Management
Alexandria Martinez: History and Foreign Language
Linda Mitchell: Secondary Education
Nixon Mwebi: Physical & Earth Science
Greg Pass: Military Science
Ellen Peck: Drama
Manabu Saeki: Political Science
Yingqi Tang: Library: Technical Services
Charlcie P. Vann: Library: Public Services
Melanie Wallace: Educational Resources

Guests: Dr. Ruth Ellen Porter and Mr. Tony Bennett

- Meeting is called to order by Dr. Benjie Blair
- Dr. Ruth Ellen Porter presented on assessment in higher ed.
  - Assessment and strategic planning are the direction of higher education
  - Universities face the following challenges: technology, open education, accountability, globalization
  - There are positive responses for many of the challenges, including:
    - Innovative use of technology,
    - Moving accountability and assessment from a rhetoric heavy issue to one where colleges and departments seriously consider Student Learning Outcomes and ask the question, "What would an ideal student look like when he or she finishes our program?"
    - In an age of globalization, colleges should remember that American style liberal education is still the bedrock of creative thinking and education.
  - SACS will look at two things: 1) Are we gathering data and 2) are we using data to improve programs.
- Mr. Tony Bennett presented on travel forms and reimbursement requirements.
  - JSU spent 1.2 million in travel last year.
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- Travel is handled by the Internal Audit office / webpage is linked to the JSU homepage
- IRS determines mileage reimbursement and says mileage from the shortest point – JSU or home
- For in-state travel: receipts are not required, $75 per diem is for all days including departure and return, no meal per diem when meals are provided.
- For out-of-state travel: Detailed receipts are required for everything (this is JSU policy set by the University Council).
- When currency conversions are involved the Internal Audit department will look back and get the conversion rate from the time of the trip.
- Departments have a credit card that can be used (with approval) to prepay airfare and conference fees.

- Minutes for the November 2012 Faculty Senate meeting and the January 2013 Faculty Senate meeting were approved by the members.
- There was no old business to discuss.
- Dr. Blair indicated that he is emailing reports from meetings he attends in order to allow senators to review these in a timely manner.
- The trustees approved the constructions of a Science and Technology pavilion at Little River Canyon. This will be built using outside funding.
- At the April meeting of the Faculty Senate, Joe Weaver will report on changes to the student health services.
- A request has recently gone out for faculty honors. Everyone is encouraged to get colleagues to apply.
- Dr. Blair has requested that the new trustees visit the Faculty Senate but no meetings have been scheduled to date due to scheduling conflicts.

Meeting is adjourned by Senate President, Benjie Blair.