Attending:
Faculty Senate President Benjie Blair: Biology
Scott Beckett: Learning Skills
Robbie Boggs: Family and Consumer Sciences
Sean Corey: Military Science
David Dempsey: Math & Computer Science
Heidi Dempsey: Psychology
Douglas Gordon: Music
Teresa Gardner: Curriculum and Instruction
Larry Gray: English
Gloria Horton: English
Bryce Lafferty: Art
Nancy Mellen: Criminal Justice
Linda Mitchell: Secondary Education
Kerri Reese: Distance Education
Yingqi Tang: Library: Technical Services
Manabu Saeki: Political Science
Charlcie P. Vann: Library: Public Services
Melanie Wallace: Educational Resources

Guests: Lori Owens, American Democracy Project, Jean Pugliese, Graduate School

- Lori Owens gave a presentation to the Faculty Senate about the American Democracy Project and how departments across the university can participate.
- Jean Pugliese discussed the Graduate Bulletin, graduate requirements, updates to the Graduate School, the issues of level of competition based on possible changes in tuition, and the possibility of getting more graduate research/assistant positions.
  - Discussed the role of the Graduate School in helping prepare students for thesis.
  - If faculty or students find something missing they should talk to Denise in the Graduate School office.
  - Departments are able to set requirements and deadlines that are over and above those set by the Graduate School. These must be approved after submitted.
- Benjie Blair asked everyone to sign up for one of the Faculty Senate committees.
- Minutes from the Faculty Meeting in May 2012 were approved.
- Minutes from the Faculty Meeting in September 2012 were approved with changes.
- IDEA suggestions to be sent to Dr. Turner. Benjie presented a proposal. Discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of using class time or giving points to persuade students to complete the evaluations. Other issues with the evaluation included minimal ability for faculty to control the questions being asked, issues related to online courses, amount of time being used to try to get the students to complete the forms compared to the limited time required for students to complete evaluations in the older form, and the potential issues that could be raised by faculty being bribed to get the evaluation completed and the problems raised by all of the other comments. Senators questions why we are doing an
evaluation that is less effective, that costs more money, and that provides less reliable data than the evaluation form it replaced.
  o Senators voted to send the document from Benjie Blair to Dr. Turner.

Meeting is adjourned by Senate President, Benjie Blair.