Present: Atwood, Herzog, Gross, Israelson (Chair), Martinez, McClellon, Schmall, Vrieze, Kingsbury (Recorder)

ITEM 1 (F&A) November 1 Faculty Layoff/Program Closures – Everyone discussed the reaction of the faculty, students and community at the Program Closure Open Forum. Martinez added he understood, from the Special FSGC meeting, that the affected faculty and advisory boards (Occupational Skills and Equine) were part of the discussions to close the programs; but, based on the reactions at the Forum, that didn’t appear to be correct. Gross responded he believed the communication was shared with the affected faculty; however, it was apparent to him that not enough people were included in the conversations relating to the declining number of graduates, lack of gainful employment, and high costs in the programs. McClellon reiterated her position that program closure discussions need to occur much earlier in the year, promising that the process and timing will change in the future. Israelson stated the faculty have expressed frustrations about not being able to get requested data, stressing if faculty are held to a standard, then they need access to information and data to make informed decisions. McClellon confirmed she has heard about the frustrations with not having access to data. Gross stated that a data gallery was created by a faculty member that will ensure the right information is available to administration, faculty and the members of the advisory boards. McClellon stated she heard the message clear by those in attendance of the Forum, but she has also heard from the community, including those that own stables, that closing the equine program is overdue. She added that closing a program doesn’t mean courses can’t be offered, but rather diplomas, certificates, and degrees won’t be offered. Vrieze stated often people need to review data themselves, and often they come to the same conclusions, but at least they are being heard. McClellon stated she remains open to conversations, and is scheduling meetings with the program advisory boards; however, even if it is decided to do a program suspension, the November 1st Faculty Layoff deadline requires the College to place the faculty on a notice for layoff based on the information available today. ACTION: Administration is scheduling meetings with the program advisory boards for Occupational Skills and Equine.

ITEM 2 (F) Faculty Advisor for Student Senate – Israelson questioned if all student clubs have faculty advisors, why the Student Senate doesn’t have a faculty advisor. McClellon responded 30% of the Director of Student Life’s position is dedicated to advising Student Senate, but she wouldn’t be opposed to adding a faculty advisor component to the structure. Herzog agreed, adding many other college have a faculty advisor in addition to the student life director, but since the position would be funded through Student Life, he would need to discuss this with the Student President and the Director of Student Life. ACTION: Herzog will visit with Student Life about the possibility of adding a faculty advisor to Student Senate.

ITEM 3 (A) Charting the Future – McClellon reported the IFO and MSCF have pulled out of the Charting the Future initiative, but she encourages the faculty to still participate. Israelson confirmed that MSCF has pulled out of the project, but the state and local faculty unions aren’t purview to telling an individual faculty member what they can and cannot participate in as an individual. ACTION: Information Only.

ITEM 4 (A) FY16 Budget Process and ITEM 5 (A) Facilities/Capital Bonding Update – Schmall distributed a handout that provided an update on the FY16 Budgeting plans. Schmall thanked the faculty serving on the Plaza/Memorial Hall Schematic Design for their thoroughness and willingness to understand the full needs of the faculty and the project, and for communicating those needs so effectively. ACTION: Information Only.

ITEM 6 (A) SEMC Update – McClellon reviewed the current Work Group memberships. Martinez requested Administration reconsider his request to have a faculty member serve on the Strategic Enrollment Management Council, noting he believed it was a mistake to not include a faculty member in those discussions. ACTION: McClellon will reconsider the request. (Update: McClellon agreed to have the Faculty Senate President, or a member of the Faculty Shared Governance Council, serve on the SEMC steering council.)

Adjourned at 3:32 pm.