Call to Order

UFS President Andrew Feight called the meeting to order at 4pm.

Roll Call

Secretary Janet Holtman announced that she had recorded attendance (as follows):


Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by acclamation.

UFS Officer Reports

President’s Report: UFS President Andrew Feight briefly summarized and remarked upon commentary made by President David Hopkins of Wright State University during a recent Ohio Faculty Council meeting. President Hopkins had made an observation about the state funding formula and its possible positive ramifications for open enrollment institutions. UFS President Feight indicated that he had discussed this observation with our own President Morris and was given to understand that such potential benefits might be several years from being realized.

President Feight then reported briefly on the activities of the Commencement Regalia Committee, which agreed to a 3.0 GPA requirement for the wearing of honorary stoles and cords. He indicated that as the Senate does not normally meet in December that the next UFS meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2014.
Treasurer's Report: UFS Treasurer Jim Reneau reported on the UFS budget, including a mention of the Quality Matters gifts, and provided a handout detailing amounts. The report was accepted by acclamation.

Administration Reports

Provost Report: University Provost David Todt offered a few summary thoughts on budget cuts for FY’15 and indicated that improved retention and graduation rates could help SSU with the state formula in the future.

Dean of College of Professional Studies Report: Paul Madden mentioned current efforts to rework the Nursing department bylaws and then moved on to discuss cooperative efforts with Student Affairs, budget cuts and their impacts, progress being made on tenure/promotion and program reviews, future implementation of the Academic Planner pilot program, and the significance (for student advising, retention, and budget impacts) of identifying and aiding those students who do not gain access to their first choice major and yet may successfully complete an alternative degree.

Dean of College of Arts and Sciences: Jeff Bauer remarked upon the probability of maintaining SSU’s open-enrollment status while making future efforts to recruit successful students. He also noted the approval of the MS program in mathematics by the Ohio Board of Regents, reported on the progress of the CPS Dean’s search, and offered some reassurances about the budget for FY’15.

Dean of University College: Brenda Haas reported on a small grant for mentoring Portsmouth students, thanked those who had completed the survey on developmental education, and briefly mentioned budget reallocations, changes in the Success Center, computerized GED testing, and bookstore vouchers for students available through Development Foundation funds.

Announcements from the Floor

None.

Committee Reports

Resources Committee: Gene Burns reported that the committee had met and was beginning to go through material for the purpose of prioritization and would meet again on December 3.

Enrollment Management & Student Life Committee: Marc Scott was not in attendance, so committee member Nick Meriwether offered an informal report regarding the committee’s discussions with Chris Shaffer about information available on patterns of course completion and student retention rates.
General Education Advisory Committee: Chair Phil Blau reported on approval of revised language for the Resolution to Support the AQIP Action Team.

Educational Policy & Curriculum Committee: Chair Michael Barnhart offered a clarification about the endorsement of draft language for admissions policies (policies only, not procedures).

Election Committee: President Feight asked for input regarding the availability of voting materials in departments and, after receiving positive reassurances, reported on the vote taking place on November 25 and 26, making mention of uncontested seats and those to be awarded pending ratification of the constitutional amendments. He read into the record the following list of representatives: Linda Hunt (UC at-large), Glenna Heckler-Todt (UC at-large), Adam Miller (Engineering), Virginia Pinson (Business), Nancy Bentley (Health), and Catherine Bailey (Nursing).

New Business

A. EPCC Items – Passed by acclamation as follows:

1. Graduate Council
   a. Minor Course Change – EDIS 6585
2. Engineering Technologies
   a. Minor course changes – ETEC 1302, ETEC 2601
3. Mathematics
   a. Enhancement – BS in Mathematical Sciences (Generalist)
4. Sport Studies
   a. Minor course changes – SSPE 4090, SSSM 3500
5. Fine, Digital, and Performing Arts
   b. Minor course changes – MUSI 1311, 1321, 1331, 1341, 1351, 1361
6. Recommendation on new university admissions policy

B. Resolution on the Revision of the General Education Program – Approved.

Adjourned 5:06 PM.