The meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Faculty Senate Council Secretary Timothy McBride welcomed the new members (recently elected) to the FSC. Meeting minutes from May 10 were approved.

2. **Election of the Chair of the Faculty Senate Council**

Amy Eyler was nominated, and seconded, for the position of Chair of the Faculty Senate Council. After no other nominations were made, the nominations were closed. Amy Eyler was elected Chair of the Faculty Senate Council unanimously.

3. **Review of the Procedures for New Members**

Faculty Senate Council Secretary Tim McBride reviewed the expectations for FSC members (given that new members have been elected to the FSC). The roles include:

   **“Faculty Senate Council Member Roles**

   FSC members are expected to:

   - Attend approximately seven FSC meetings each year and two Faculty Senate meetings
   - Elect the chair of the FSC, and participate in the election of the Secretary of the FSC/Senate
   - Review annually the reappointment of specified officers of academic administration
   - Participate in Council activities as follows:
     1. At its discretion, communicate decisions to the Senate.
     2. Respond to a petition signed by twenty-five members of the Senate by calling a meeting to hear reports that the Senate requires.
     3. At Senate meetings, brief Senate members on priorities of Council.
     4. At its discretion, reappraise present University policies relating to matters of University-wide concern and to academic personnel. Make recommendations to one of the executive vice chancellors or vice chancellors.
     5. Request or respond to reports on matters of University-wide concern presented by one of the executive vice chancellors or vice chancellors, or other representatives. Provide support or statements of written disapproval.
     6. Consider proposals made by any member of the Senate for amendments to the Constitution, the By-laws of the Senate, or the Policy on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure; report its views on those proposals to the Senate.”
4. Chancellor’s Report—Andrew Martin, Chancellor

The Chancellor expressed his congratulations to Amy Eyler for her election to Senate Chair.

The Chancellor described the success of Commencement: 11 Commencement exercises covering both 2021 and 2020 (which had been postponed), over 9,600 students from 2021 and 3,800 from 2020. The east end provided a great backdrop, a festival of sorts. We also set up a new tradition for holding the commencement.

Update on vaccine mandate: students, faculty, staff and trainees will be subject to the mandate. We have a lot of work to do. At this point we are not sure of how many have complied.

Admissions: good news, we have about 2,000 deposits and expect an incoming class of about 1,800 (after a little melt). We also expect an increase in students of color: 49% overall and 16% Pell Grant. On foreign students, we are working with the State Department and AAU. Students with a valid VISA can enter.

Strategic planning: progress is being made on environmental scans, meetings with Deans, working groups.

Appointments: major appointments for Vice Provost for faculty affairs and diversity, Kia Lilly Caldwell, and Vice Provost and Librarian, Mimi Calter.

Questions and Answers:
Q: is the recruitment level of students of color (49%) normal?
A: it is up two percentage points, and we are on a nice trajectory.

Q: travel policies?
A: domestic travel is open, but we ask faculty to be cautious. We are cautious as well on international travel; we don’t have straight out prohibitions, but given uncertainty ask for caution.

Q: what is the situation for international students?
A: students are being screened through their local embassy. Conversations are happening with Deans on students who deferred. Some students are studying remotely.

Q: we are working on process compliance.
A: we are mainly working on policy ramifications and hopefully places where we can release exemptions.

5. External Professional Activities Policy – Timothy McBride

The policy for External Professional Activities was discussed, including how it was communicated to faculty. The dissemination was handled as jointly coming from the administration and faculty to increase effectiveness. The Chancellor said that one goal was to make sure this was not seen as a “top down” mandate.

6. Other business
The campus has engaged with Academic Analytics to inform strategic planning. It was suggested that a presentation be made to the FSC.

On strategic planning, the process continued in the summer even though for some faculty they are not on contract in the summer. Dissemination of findings and conclusions will happen in the fall, with Town Halls happening in October. There will be a draft plan put out in March 2022 and a final plan in May 2022. Over 200 people have been engaged in strategic planning.

A question was raised about the extension that was given to faculty working on tenure during the pandemic, given that there are competing demands from working at home, doing University work, and family obligations (including home schooling). It was suggested that the FSC have another discussion of this policy. The Chancellor reported that the Deans have been discussing this and feel that it is not a good idea to have a universal policy on this. Surveys of how faculty are coping in the pandemic are being conducted.

7. Executive session

An executive session started at 3:35 pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy McBride, Secretary