Minutes for Faculty Council, August 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order in the Deans’ Conference Room at 9:03.

Chris Erickson was reelected chair.

The committee voted to reorder the agenda to discuss Dr. Sankaran’s proposal for administrative reorganization of the college (see attached). The committee voted to table the further discussion until the next meeting.

The committee discussed applicants for the Wells Fargo professorship. A recommendation has been forwarded to Dean Brook.

The committee took up the issue of the Deans’ Search. Based on discussions among faculty, it is the committee’s belief, based on conversations with members of the faculty, that there is consensus among COB faculty to begin the Dean’s Search with the aim of hiring this year. Given the cycle on which these searches proceed, this means the search will need to proceed forthwith. There was a desire for harder numbers about faculty opinion so faculty will be contacted about this issue by their Faculty Council representatives. A letter will then be drafted and sent to the provost expressing the Colleges concerns.

The following motion was moved, seconded, and passed as amended:

A letter to the Provost expressing concern about the delay in the Dean’s Search and urging that the Search be begun as soon as possible with an eye toward hiring this year is to be drafted. The letter shall include pros and cons of an immediate search. The faculty is to be surveyed individually by their department representative concerning the search, with Yes/No votes recorded anonymously.

The junior faculty research award was tabled to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2013.