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Faculty Senate Membership 2004–2005

College of Arts & Sciences (15)

Linda Barrett – 2007
 Stephen Brooks – 2007
 E. Erickson – 2006
 Rudy Fenwick – 2007
 Ali Hajjafar – 2007
 Walter Hixson – 2005
 Robert Jeantet – 2006
 R. Londraville – 2006
 Tim Matney – 2005
 Tim Norfolk – 2007
 Wolfgang Pelz – 2006
 Loren Siebert – 2006
 Richard Steiner – 2006
 Richard Stratton – 2006
 Lance Svehla – 2005

Summit College (5)

(formerly Community & Technical College)

John Boal – 2007
 Russ Davis – 2007
 Paul John – 2007
 Jeffry Schantz – 2007
 LaVerne Yousey – 2005

College of Education (4)

Duane Covrig – 2005
 S. Kushner Benson – 2007
 Tim Lillie – 2007
 Walt Yoder – 2005

College of Engineering (4)

Jack Braun – 2005
 Mike Cheung – 2007
 Jerry Drummond – 2005
 Helen Qammar – 2007

College of

Fine & Applied Arts (8)

Kathleen Clark – 2007
 Pamela Garn-Nunn – 2006
 Robert Huff – 2006
 James Lenavitt – 2006
 Richard Shanklin – 2005
 James Slowiak – 2006
 John Vollmer – 2007
 David Witt – 2005

College of

Business Administration (5)

James Hansen – 2007
 John Hebert – 2005
 Ravindra Krovi – 2005
 B. Vijayaraman – 2007
 Timothy Wilkinson – 2005

University Libraries (2)

Bennie Robinson – 2005
 Diana Chlebek – 2007

Polymer Science/Engineering (1)

Mark Soucek – 2005

Assoc of UA Retirees (2)

Don R. Gerlach – 2005
 Linda Sugarman – 2005

College of Nursing (3)

Maryhelen Kreidler – 2007
 Linda Linc – 2007
 Tracy Riley – 2005

Wayne College (2)

Debra Johanyak – 2005
 Richard Maringer – 2005

Students (3)

Stephen Kushner – 2005
 Jason Pirock – 2005
 (1 TBA)

Contract Professionals (2)

Anne Jorgensen – 2005
 Rose Marie Konet – 2005

Part-Time Faculty (2)

Judith Hanna – 2006
 Lynn Luoma – 2005

SEAC (2)

Sarah Kelly – 2006
 Robert Stachowiak Jr. – 2005

School of Law (2)

Brant T. Lee – 2005
 William Rich – 2006

Note: Term expires in year listed.

Total members: 62

The University of Akron Senate Committees 2004–2005

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rudy Fenwick* – Chair
Elizabeth Erickson* – Vice Chair
Rose Marie Konet* – Secretary
Dr. John Hebert*
Dr. Tim Lillie*
Dr. Jeff Schantz*

Senate Committees

*designates Senator

Boldface indicates Chairperson.

Term expires in year listed.

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Jack Braun – 2005*
Judith Hanna – 2005*
Debra Johanyak – 2005*
Meredith Kalapich – 2007
Devinder Malhotra – 2006
Brenda Marina – 2007

Helen Qammar – 2007*
Peggy Richards – 2007
Richard Shanklin – 2005*
James Slowiak – 2006*
Julia Spiker – 2005

Senior VP and Provost, ex-officio, non-voting member, or Nancy Stokes, designee as Chair

CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Kathleen Clark – 2007*
Ali Hajjafar – 2007*
Thomas Kellar – 2005
Tim Matney – 2005*
Bennie Robinson – 2005*
Don Laconi – 2006
Tim Lillie – 2006*
Craig Menzemer – 2007

Charles Monroe – 2006
Richard Steiner – 2006*
Evangeline Varonis – 2006
Richard Yoder – 2006

Ex-officio member, Dr. Elizabeth Stroble, Senior VP & Provost, or Nancy Stokes, designee as Chair

Ex-officio member, University Registrar

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Francis Broadway – 2005
Jerry Drummond – 2005*
James Frampton – 2005
John Hebert – 2005*
Walter Hixson – 2007*
Anne Jorgensen – 2005*
Alan Kornspan – 2005
Stephen Kushner (ASG) – 2005*

Anthony LaSalvia – 2005
John Sahl – 2006
Dan Sheffer – 2006
Loren Siebert – 2006
Walter Yoder – 2005*

**Ex-officio members, Mr. Dean Carro,
NCAA Faculty Representative**

**Mr. Michael J. Thomas, Athletic Director
or designee**

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Linda Barrett – 2007*
Diana Chlebek – 2006*
Kevin Concannon – 2006
Pamela Garn-Nunn – 2006*
Kristine Gill – 2005
Robert Huff – 2006*
Rose Marie Konet – 2005*
Ravindra Krovi – 2005*
Jeffrey Schantz – 2007*
Eric Sotnak – 2005

Tim Wilkinson – 2005*
Janice Yoder – 2006

**Ex-Officio members, Dean of University
Libraries, or designee**

Mr. Paul Richert, Law Librarian

**Ex-officio, non-voting member, Director
Information Services**

REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Mike Cheung – 2007*
Therese Dowd – 2006
Don Gerlach – 2005*
Paul John – 2007*
Gwen Jones – 2005*
Linda Linc – 2007*
William Rich – 2007*

Mark Soucek – 2005*
John Welch – 2006

Ex-Officio member, Secretary – Faculty Senate

**Ex-officio, non-voting member, Mike
Sermersheim, Deputy General Counsel**

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Carolyn Embree – 2006

Deborah Gwin – 2006

James Hansen – 2007*

Michael Jalbert – 2005

Tucker Jolly – 2005

Sarah Kelly – 2006*

Stephen Kushner (ASG) – 2005*

Lynn Luoma – 2006*

Thomas Price – 2005

Lance Svehla – 2005*

John Vollmer – 2007*

Patricia Wallace – 2005

LaVerne Yousey – 2006*

**Ex-Officio members, Mr. Doug McNutt,
Director – Student Financial Aid**

Dr. Sharon Johnson, VP Student Affairs

**Dr. Karla Mugler, Dean – University
College**

COMPUTING & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

Enoch Damson – 2005

Russ Davis – 2007*

Michelle Hoo Fatt – 2005

James Grover – 2006

Robert Jeantet – 2006*

Stephen Kushner (ASG) – 2005*

James Lenavitt – 2006*

Richard Londrville – 2006*

Peggy McCann – 2007

Tim Norfolk – 2007*

Wolfgang Pelz – 2006*

Tracy Riley – 2005*

Jana Russ – 2005

Larry Shubat – 2006

Robert Stachowiak – 2005*

Richard Steiner – 2006*

Richard Stratton – 2006*

Bruce Taylor – 2005

David Witt – 2005*

**Ex-Officio member, Director - Network
Services or designee**

**Please note that membership lists of the Ad Hoc Committees
for the Faculty Senate may be found in the Appendices (Appendix C).**

**Committee listings, shown in order of the term, may also be found in the Appendices
(Appendix D).**

FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Stephen Aby – 2005	Mohido Ocran – 2006
Carolyn Anderson – 2005	Lisa Park – 2005
Christopher Banks – 2005	David Prochazka – 2005
Sandra Buckland – 2006	Pizhong Qiao – 2006
Mukerrem Cakmak – 2006	Tracy Riley – 2005*
Irina Chernikova – 2005	Sheryl Stevenson – 2005
Duane Covrig – 2005*	Jerry Stinner – 2005
Elizabeth Kinion – 2005	Mark Tausig – 2005
Kevin Kreider – 2006	B. Vijayaraman – 2007*
Peter Leahy – 2006	Pinshan Wang – 2006
Mary Myers – 2006	Ex-Officio member, Associate Provost for Research or designee

FACULTY RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Lloyd Anderson – 2007	Maryhelen Kreidler – 2006*
Ann Bolek – 2007	Ray Sibberson – 2005
Michael D’Amico – 2007	Colleen Teague – 2005
Elizabeth Erickson – 2007*	Hui-Chu Ying – 2005

UNIVERSITY WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Rosemary Cannon – 2005	Ginger Golz – 2006
Joan Carletta – 2007	Al Lieberman – 2006
Paul Daum – 2005	Nola Lowther – 2007*
Russ Davis – 2007*	Richard Maringer – 2005*
Elizabeth Erickson – 2007*	C. Alan Newman – 2006
Lori Fielding – 2006	Linda Sugarman – 2005*
Hal Foster – 2007	Christina Tan – 2006

OHIO FACULTY SENATE

David Witt – Faculty Senate Representative*
Pamela Garn-Nunn – Alternate Senate Representative*

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of September 2, 2004

The first regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held September 2, 2004, in Room 201 of the Buckingham Center for Continuing Education. Acting Chair Elizabeth Erickson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Thirty-eight of the sixty-three Faculty Senators were in attendance. Senators Boal, Cheung, Gerlach, Hebert, John, Kolcaba, Robinson and W. Yoder were absent with notice; Senators Brooks, Hixson, Huff, Kelly, Krovi, Luoma, Maringer, Matney, Pirock, Slowiak, Soucek, Stachowiak, Sugarman, Svehla, Vijayaraman, J. Yoder, and Zachariah were absent without notice.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Chair Erickson called to order the first meeting of the new academic year and welcomed everyone. The Chair stated that she hoped everyone had a good summer and was invigorated for the academic year. The first order of business presented was the approval of the Agenda. Senator Jorgensen moved to approve the agenda; Senator Qammar seconded the motion. The body unanimously approved the agenda.

Senate Resolution

- **Approved resolution thanking Marilyn Quillin for her many years of dedicated service.**

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Chair Erickson called for consideration of the Minutes of the May 6, 2004 meeting. No corrections were made. Chair Erickson called for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made and seconded. The body then unanimously accepted the minutes.

III. REMARKS OF THE CHAIR – Chair Erickson began her remarks with another brief welcome and a summary of summer activities. She reminded everyone that the Executive Committee [EC] represents not just the Executive Committee of the Senate, but the entire Senate body. Chair Erickson continued on by relating that the most important thing to happen over the summer was that our long-time Administrative Assistant, Marilyn Quillin, resigned to move with her husband to Dallas, Texas. She stated that she was pleased to announce that Linda Bussey, previously Administrative Secretary for the Geography Department, would be our new Administrative Assistant starting September 13. Since Linda was present at the meeting, Chair Erickson asked her to stand up to be welcomed by those present. The Chair also thanked Rudy Fenwick and Rose Marie Konet who were responsible for getting the hiring done so expeditiously while she was away in Australia.

Chair Erickson continued her comments about the dedicated service that Marilyn Quillin had provided to the Faculty Senate from its first days in the 1990s. She continued by stating that Marilyn's work had been invaluable to the functioning of the Senate and that perhaps the Executive Committee had not realized just how important her work was until she left, and that it was amazing to discover how many things depended upon her input. The Chair then entertained a resolution from the Senate to thank Marilyn for her long service to the Senate and to express our gratitude for her dedication and hard work on our behalf. Senator Rich made the motion and it was seconded by Senator Pelz. The body unanimously approved the motion. Chair Erickson stated that a resolution of gratitude would be sent to Marilyn (**Appendix A**).

Chair Erickson reported that a major activity of the Executive Committee during the summer was to set up committee memberships and will be reported by Secretary Rose Marie Konet. In the meantime, the Chair did ask that Committee Chairs from last year set up the first meeting of their committees during September and to elect new Chairs, encouraging the committees to be proactive at the start of the year. She called attention to the fact that a reminder from EC had not been forthcoming because that was another of those things that Marilyn did automatically for the Senate.

During the summer, EC, on behalf of the Senate, sent a letter to the President/Board of Trustees asking that the meeting of the Board be held in a location where all interested members of the University and community could be accommodated. A similar request was made by AAUP after the June meeting of the Board for a much wider constituency. A request was made that members of the Senate consider attending the August Board meeting; 60 to 70 members of the University community did attend. It was an important symbolic response to the anniversary of the changes made by the Board in governance structure. The Chair urged the Senate body to make time to attend future Board of Trustees' meetings, not because of what happened a year ago, but in response to the transparency and openness, which are essential to effective democracy. Although the Chair of the Senate does go to the Board of Trustees meetings, she maintained that it is something that all should consider as members of the community and to be aware of what is going on.

Another issue for EC and the Senate has been the Decision-Making Task Force Committee report. The Task Force has been ongoing for the last several years and the Chair was happy to say that the report arrived in her office that same day, just before noon. She remarked on the size of the report, some 3-1/2-inches thick. She did clarify that the report itself is 24 pages, with the appendices and readings associated with it making up the rest of its size. Chair Erickson stated that the report was to have come in early summer, but there was a significant delay because Char Reed, the Chair of that Committee, had accepted a position at Kent State.

The Executive Committee will post this report and the numerous appendices onto the UA website as soon as possible. The EC also expressed their wish to put it on the Agenda of the Senate for the October meeting. She confirmed that the Senate would have access to the report itself, since it is something that can be sent, just without the appendices.

Chair Erickson reminded the body of Senate members that when Department Chairs were taken out of the Senate, under the grandfather clause, those who had been elected before last August were

allowed to continue to the end of their terms and that both Elizabeth Kennedy and Dan Sheffer's terms would have come to an end at the end of this year. She emphasized that a number of Chairs remain on this Senate because of that grandfather clause and that she wanted to make that clear.

Another thing not included in the Chair's opening remarks was a request for a moment of silence for those who had died over the summer. She again cited the office changes and promised to bring that information to the Senate at the next meeting.

The Chair mentioned that over the summer she received a copy of a letter to Dr. Proenza from the AAUP National Office, stating that they would be sending an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate issues of academic governance at the University of Akron and proposing an October date. She reported this because it was sent to her as Senate Chair.

The Chair reported that the Senate will lose Kate Clark, who resigned from the EC—not the Senate—due to a major increase in her department duties. She likewise mentioned Harvey Sterns, who is required to take a year off due to the 6-year rule, and Brant Lee who has completed his term on EC. She again welcomed all new and returning members of the Senate and introduced the newly elected members, asking them to stand:

- Arts and Sciences: Linda Barrett, Rudy Fenwick, Ali Hajjafar and Tim Norfolk;
- Summit College (formerly the C & T College): Russ Davis, Paul John and Jeffry Schantz;
- College of Education: Tim Lillie and Susan Kushner Benson;
- College of Engineering: Mike Cheung and Helen Qammar;
- College of Fine and Applied Arts: Kathleen Clark and John Vollmer;
- College of Business Administration: James Hansen and Bindiganavale Vijayaraman;
- College of Nursing: Maryhelen Kreidler and Linda Linc;
- Associated Student Government: Stephen Kushner

The Chair went on to thank all the Senators, both new and returning, for their service.

Finally, because it was the start of a year and not the end, Chair Erickson wanted to reiterate her final comments from the May meeting concerning the roles of the senators' committees. At that time she mentioned that Devinder Malhotra, when he left the Chair of the Senate, spoke of what he had learned in his time in the Senate: "shared governance matters." Expanding on this, Chair Erickson stressed that the role of those elected by their constituents—faculty, staff and contract professionals—is especially important. Election, rather than appointment, brings an important independence and perspective; it also brings responsibility. She continued by noting that Faculty Senates do not always have the reputation for taking that work seriously, yet remarked that when looking at the past work of this Senate and of committees like PBC, CFPC, Curriculum, Well-Being, Library, she sees people who worked effectively toward corporate transparency, and who were willing to make hard decisions on important issues. She said, "This has continued in our Ad Hoc Committees that we have today." The Committee wants to and should continue to improve its role in the real work of shared governance at The University of Akron. With this, the Chair moved on to the next item on the agenda.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – At this point Chair Erickson asked for any special announcements. None were forthcoming.

V. ELECTIONS

A. Senate Officers

The Chair announced that Senate Officers and the Ohio Faculty Council representative needed to be elected. The positions up for consideration: Chair of the Senate, Vice Chair of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate and three Executive Committee members, one for a 2-year term and two for a one-year term. The voting would be by secret ballot, requiring a majority of the Senate to be elected; in this case 32 votes.

Nominations were opened for Chair of the Senate. Senator Lee nominated Rudy Fenwick. Chair Erickson asked for other nominations for Chair; there were none. Senator Fenwick was unanimously approved as Chair of Faculty Senate. At this point, Chair Erickson turned the proceedings over to newly-elected Chair Fenwick.

Chair Fenwick thanked everyone and stated that it is an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. He went on to say that he would save his introductory remarks for the October meeting. The Chair then opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Senate.

Senator Clark nominated Senator Erickson for the position of Vice Chair; she accepted the nomination. Chair Fenwick then asked for any other nominations; Senator Steiner nominated Senator Norfolk, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no others, the nominations were closed by Chair Fenwick and the election held.

Senator Erickson stated that one more teller would be needed to conduct the election. Senator David Witt volunteered to assist Chair Fenwick and Senator Konet in counting votes. Ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the tellers.

The Chair announced that, according to the By-laws of the Senate, an election to office requires a majority of the membership of the Senate. The membership of the Senate is 62; the majority is 32. There were 36 total votes counted. According to the Parliamentarian, Roberts Rules of Order say that we must proceed to take repeated votes until someone gets 32 votes. According to the Parliamentarian, this is a defective ruling in Roberts Rules of Order. At this point, Senator Norfolk volunteered to simplify the process by withdrawing his name from the ballot. Chair Fenwick asked if this was acceptable to the body. It was accepted.

Chair Fenwick then stated that since Senator Norfolk had withdrawn his name, another ballot was necessary, with one name on the second ballot: Senator Erickson. Before casting the final ballot, the Chair reported the numbers on the first ballot. Senator Erickson received 20 votes; Senator Norfolk received 15 votes and 1 vote was cast for neither. Before distributing the new ballots, Chair Fenwick verified one last time that Senator Norfolk was withdrawing; he agreed and

stated that he would throw his votes to his opponent. New ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the tellers. With the second ballot, Senator Erickson received the necessary majority of the votes.

The Chair indicated that since the Parliamentarian stated that this [repeated voting] rule was very unusual, we should look into this issue as quickly as possible.

Then the Chair opened nominations for Faculty Senate Secretary. Senator Jorgensen nominated Rose Marie Konet and Senator Steiner seconded the motion. The Chair asked for any additional nominations; none were forthcoming, so the nominations were closed. Senator Norfolk moved that a unanimous ballot be cast; it was cast and approved.

Chair Fenwick then opened nominations for the Executive Committee. There were three positions to fill; one of the positions was for two years and two were one-year replacement positions. Nominations were first accepted for the two-year position. Senator Kushner-Benson nominated Tim Lillie. Senator Erickson nominated Robert Huff. Although Senator Huff was not present, Senator Erickson indicated that he had agreed to accept the nomination. The Chair asked if there were any other nominations for the two-year position; none were forthcoming, so he moved on to the secret ballot. At this point, he stated that it was his understanding, confirmed by the Parliamentarian, that this ballot would be different in that it required a majority of votes from those present and voting. The ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the tellers. Chair Fenwick then congratulated Senator Lillie on his election to the Executive Committee for a two-year term.

Nominations were opened for one of the one-year replacement positions on the Executive Committee. Senator Davis nominated Jeff Schantz; Senator Stratton nominated Dick Steiner and Senator Erickson nominated Helen Qammar. Senator Norfolk was also nominated, but declined. Chair Fenwick asked for any other nominations for the position; there were no additional nominations. Senator Davis then asked if the body should vote for one nominee with the top two being elected. The Chair replied that the balloting was for one position only, to be followed by balloting for the second position. He added that, on the advice of the Parliamentarian, the ballots would be cast one at a time in order to keep them separate. At the Chair's request, the three nominees (Schantz, Qammar, and Steiner) stood up to be recognized. Again, ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the tellers. A discussion ensued regarding the process.

Since a clear majority of votes (19) was not received, Chair Fenwick announced that the Parliamentarian suggested continuing to take ballots. In the interim, Senator Qammar opted to decline her nomination. Ballots were recast and counted, with the following results: Senators Schantz and Steiner received 16 votes each, indicating that four senators did not vote. It was determined that several senators had not received ballots and the election needed to be conducted again. Following the third round of balloting, Chair Fenwick announced the results: Senator Schantz received 18 votes; Senator Steiner received 16.

The Chair congratulated Senator Schantz, then opened nominations for the second one-year term. Richard Steiner was nominated, as well as Helen Qammar, who declined. Senator Clark then

nominated Robert Huff. Chair Fenwick asked if there were any other nominations for this position. None were forthcoming, so ballots were distributed, collected and counted by the tellers. The Chair reported the results for the second one-year position to serve on the Executive Committee: Senator Steiner received 19 votes; Senator Huff received 10 votes.

B. Ohio Faculty Council Representative

The Chair announced one more election and opened nominations for Ohio Faculty Council Representative. Senator Erickson nominated David Witt, who accepted the nomination. Senator Witt continued by stating that it would be his honor to “drive all the way down to Columbus once a month to spend a day of my professional life in the service of the University... This is an experience that is very valuable to each and every one of us.”

Chair Fenwick added that he, too, is a representative and asked for any other nominations “for the drive with me to Columbus once a month.” None were forthcoming, so the Chair entertained a motion of “unanimous” and Senator Witt’s appointment as Ohio Faculty Council Representative was approved by the Senate body. The Chair remarked that this closed the elections and thanked the body for its patience.

VI. REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

Secretary Rose Marie Konet reported that the Executive Committee last met on May 21 to certify results of the Faculty Senate elections held in the Spring. The Committee met several more times in June to complete committee assignments. Secretary Konet spoke about Marilyn Quillin’s departure from the University, stating that she left in mid-July and made every effort to notify everyone of their committee assignments before leaving. Secretary Konet stated that this effort left the Committee in good shape, but that if anyone had not received a memo about their committee assignment, to please let her know (by telephone or email) in order to get the matter resolved.

June 15, the Committee met with the President, Provost and Dean of Summit College, Stanley Silverman. Mr. Silverman provided the Committee with an overview of the concept for the College, the new name and indicated that more plans for changes in structure were underway. On behalf of the Senate, the Executive Committee was asked to review and vote on the name change from Community & Technical (C & T) to Summit College, which was accepted.

In early August, the Executive Committee sent a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting that the location of the August 18 meeting be moved to a larger facility in order to allow for greater attendance. The meeting was moved to the Martin Center Ballroom and was well attended. During August the Committee also dedicated time to filling the Administrative Assistant position for the Faculty Senate Office; Linda Bussey was hired and will begin her duties on September 13.

Finally, at the August meeting with the President, the Committee requested and received updates on the status of the Decision-Making Task Force, fall enrollment figures, campus construction and building schedules, as mentioned by Senator Erickson earlier, as well as future plans and priorities for the coming year (**Appendix B**).

As there were no questions about the Executive Committee Report, Chair Fenwick introduced President Proenza and invited his remarks.

B. Remarks of the President

Congratulations Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Secretary and representative to the Assembly. Enjoy the trip to Columbus; I made it earlier this week and what fun it is.

Let me begin, Colleagues, by warmly welcoming you to a new academic year. It is indeed a pleasure to see the activity that is reflected in the campus and I'll come back to some general remarks in a moment. I want to thank Elizabeth Erickson for rising to the occasion and chairing the Senate over the past several months and for her continued service then as Vice Chair. I also want to thank her for recalling Devinder Malhotra's words and for adding her own commentary to the valuable service that all of you provide to the University for the importance of transparency, which, as you know, I've articulated as a principle that I want to continue to work towards. I also want to thank her for encouraging you to attend the Board of Trustees meetings. The Board sincerely appreciated the presence of faculty; they appreciated the conversations that took place on the sidelines, as I did, with some colleagues as well. The next meeting of the Board, by the way, is at our Wayne Campus [September 15] and arrangements are being made for a sufficiently large facility as well as for, in case you want to attend by electronic means, for you to have a chance to do so probably by closed-circuit TV.

But I want to focus my remarks again for just a couple of minutes on the kinds of priorities that we discussed with your Executive Committee and some other observations. I want to begin simply to address some questions that have arisen in light of the very rapid way in which things are coming together and, because everything is finished, some questions do arise. For example, and I am pleased that Harvey Sterns is here, because indeed there is a facility in our new Student Union for faculty, staff and visitor dining. It is there—it's the same one that was identified in the plans. Some people have said that it's not there, and what isn't there yet is the signage for it. That will soon appear; I can't tell you exactly when, but it is forthcoming. And so I do appreciate your concern, but it is the same facility that was identified in the plans, the same size, etc. I trust you were there in the last few days; it has been principally utilized by faculty. It is open to people, but indeed over time usage pattern will find itself and appropriate signage will be found. The thing I find most exciting about being in the new facilities is how very quickly a great deal of excitement has developed and, if you go to the Student Union or the Student Recreation Center, it is just teeming with students and faculty and staff. And I thank you so very much for enjoying those facilities already.

Secondly, questions have come forward about academic classroom space. Let me address that in three ways. The principle question seems to arise from the fact that we are hoping at some future

date to continue to replace some outdated facilities such as Carroll Hall, Memorial Hall and a few other smaller facilities. Both Carroll Hall and Memorial Hall contain instructional facilities as well as office space, so the question is: how would we replace that? Well, the first statement to make is that there is no question but that whatever replaces Carroll and Memorial would be dedicated to academic purposes. Since it hasn't been planned, I can't tell you how many classrooms and other things would be in it, but obviously we'll work together on it, particularly as the Provost and all of us work to develop an academic plan, which should drive our facilities plan as we move forward.

The second thing I can tell you is that the Operations Advisory Committee has been charged by the Provost to do a space-utilization study so we know how we are using all of our space, including our academic classroom space.

Thirdly, we have asked for a specific net gain and/or loss, whichever it may be, status on academic classroom space since the beginning of the New Landscape for Learning, so that we do know factually what we've gained and/or lost or where we are in terms of academic space. I'm sure there may be some other questions and at the end of my brief remarks, I will be happy to entertain them.

I've been wont to in the last several months to use the phrase, "things are coming together." And by that I mean several things, Colleagues, and clearly the most immediately visible one is that indeed the New Landscape for Learning is coming together. You can see it; I don't need to enumerate all of the things that are coming together. But, to me, that has signified from a physical perspective several things: the completion of the initial thrust. It started out to be six buildings; it turned out to be nine buildings. They're principally paid for by students. That is remarkable because they voted to want these facilities and they are using them with great enthusiasm—I am delighted. I also mean that it's coming together in other respects; we added greenspace to make it a more attractive place; we closed two streets and, in a sense, that closing of the two streets has brought the core of our campus together. The quadrants that had been created by the intersection of Carroll and Brown/Union are no longer; in its place is this wonderful avenue, some of which has yet to be finalized, but you can see the emergence of it. Most of it is complete and, as you can see, it is just truly exceptional. You can go down the street and find kids calling their friends and saying how exciting it is, they've got to come see it, and so on and so forth. And people are coming to see it; we're getting visitors and we're getting all sorts of people wanting to use the facilities. The Denver Broncos practiced in our new field house for a day. A major, city-wide conference on attracting young talent—with Rebecca Ryan—was held on Monday afternoon a few weeks ago. It's exciting! That's one of the senses in which I think things are coming together.

But as I've said for awhile now, that is a point of demarcation. It is time, ladies and gentlemen, for us to come together, reasserting the academic primacy of this University. We have had to do, for us to have academic primacy, all of this physical rehabilitation. Many more things are coming down the line. We need more academic space; we need more residence hall space. We need many other kinds of facilities, but it's time that we focus on the academic primacy. So that will be one of the principle themes that we will concentrate on during this year. And beginning at the Convocation, the Provost and I will give you a glimpse of at least what some of our thinking is. A sub-theme of the year, but a very important one, is also going to be the concept of Operational Excellence.

Many of you in this room have heard me agree with your concerns or, in some respects, be even more adamant about what we have not had in place. And we must put that in place. As I think you are aware, the Provost and Vice President Ray, together with many of you and others, worked to develop a budget-planning calendar. The Trustees have approved it; we are moving forward into the first cycle of that, but there are many other items of Operational Excellence that we must attend to and we will. So that is what I mean by the significance of everything coming together.

There's one other element that I don't want to neglect to mention. The Convocation is when we'll first iterate this in other detail, but that same week—the Convocation is October 4—that same week of October 4, in fact October 7th and 8th, will be the time that we will invite all of you and the community in general, to come and see the campus. We'll have those two dates devoted to the dedication of these four new facilities. You will see plenty of press about it. Come and enjoy; come and see. In the meantime, obviously, the buildings are open. Certainly the Student Union and Recreation Center are open. The bulk of the new residence hall is open; the kids have moved in. Many of you have already visited. And people, as we speak, are moving into the Student Services building, what is now known as Simmons Hall. So, make a note for October 7th and 8th, as well as for the Convocation.

The other thing that you will see, and in fact those of you who attended Commencement will have sensed both from the Chairman of our Board of Trustees and from myself, is a sense that we are eager to communicate the appreciation of the Board and myself for our collective roles—the faculty, first and foremost, our staff, and our students, in the process of the University's work.

I would be remiss if I did not also highlight, thanks to my trip to Columbus, some clouds on the horizon. Now at this moment, this is absolutely nothing but caution and speculation. Nobody is saying anything with any absolute certainty, but fundamentally the Legislature will convene and begin to consider the funding for the new biennium of operational funding for the State of Ohio. The Inter-University Council has been praised, and I have the alphabetical pleasure of beginning to Chair it as we speak, and so I'll be probably right behind you or right ahead of you enroute to Columbus, Rudy.

But the leadership of the IUC and I have met with the Director of Budget and Management, Tom Johnson, with the Board of Regents staff and they are saying that we will be “very lucky” if we get steady funding. Very lucky. That we should consider planning, contingency-wise, for a 10 or a 20 percent reduction in state funding. So, don't shoot the messenger; that was Tom Johnson's words. I am simply calling it to your attention, because much as I would like to give you better news, the message continues to be that unless we do it ourselves, the State is not likely to do it for us. Regarding the one-penny sales tax, there's still a danger that it won't go on the ballot, although it appears for the most part that the repeal of the one-penny sales tax is dead. It's not likely to be on the ballot in November. It doesn't appear to have any further momentum at this time, but it is scheduled to expire next summer. The question then becomes one of what replaces it? Is there enough revenue to push us over the top? What other demands are made in the Medicaid area, in other aspects of the State budget that may press upon the total distribution of funds. So we need to be a little bit concerned.

With regards to IUC, I met with my colleagues and we discussed these very challenges. We agreed that—we don't have the final language—but we agreed that we want to advocate for higher education along five principle themes. These themes are directly derived from trends in higher education and, in particular, from the report of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education of the Economy. The five themes are:

- 1) Access and participation. The report, if you recall, called for Ohio to build additional capacity of college-educated people. We've had an educational deficit; we've had a shortage in terms of college participation. We need to move Ohio along in educational attainment.
- 2) Secondly, we were agreed that we want to advance the concept of the fact, as reported in the Commission for Higher Education, that higher education is a good investment for the State. The State just doesn't seem to know it. So the concept of return on investment is theme number two.
- 3) Theme number three is effectiveness and efficiency. Communicating better, to all involved, that we are increasingly doing our business better—effectively, efficiently—and providing the data to be accountable on those things that we are trying to demonstrate. All too often, as I've shared with this body, critics simply come forward with anecdotes, from prejudice or simple anger and make statements that are totally unsubstantiated or they are unwilling to look at the data. We must make the relevant arguments with the appropriate data and be very persistent about it. So, effectiveness and efficiency is theme three.
- 4) Fourth is, of course, research and development, for developing the future economic prosperity of the State. I think that it should come as no surprise; we are a science and engineering-strong University. We have a program in the largest industry relevant to Ohio; we must continue to press on the State to make appropriate investments. I think the Governor has begun with the Third Frontier, but this state is, quite frankly, behind the curve, so we must continue.
- 5) The final theme, you might not like the word, but it's what legislatures understand, and that's workforce enhancement/workforce development. That cuts across the two- and the four-year system. Whether we like it or not, the kids that come to us—at the end of their education—don't just want to be educated; they also want to be able to get a good job of some sort. Hopefully, by our doing our job well, they will have a much better source of information, talent, the depth, the richness and skills on which to draw as they approach their own lives when they leave us. So those will be the themes.

Let me close by advising you that the Board of Trustees, as those of you who were there know, elected Dr. Donald Demkee as their new Chair. Continuing as Vice Chair, Dr. John Fink, who also chairs the Facilities and Planning Committee; newly elected as Vice Chair is Dr. William Demas, a

well-known oncologist here in town. The Board also welcomed, as I did, three very fine individuals: the new student trustee, Elizabeth Kovac, who is an honor student on our campus—remarkable young lady. Two new regular trustees, as you might say, Dr. Chander Mohan, a psychiatrist in town, and Dr. Richard—Dr. Richard...yes, actually, we gave him an honorary degree. Dr. Mr. Esq. Richard Pogue, who many of you will recognize as a community leader in Ohio, and the recent Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and the Economy.

That concludes my report. I’m happy to take any questions you may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At this point, Chair Fenwick asked if there were any questions for President Proenza. Senator Witt was recognized by the Chair and asked a question about the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. Senator Witt prefaced his question by citing that one of the Commission’s recommendations was a 30 percent increase in enrollment over 10 years, with no concomitant funding of any kind, “a pretty stiff order, I think, for most of us.” He went on to comment that if we do not meet that goal, there would likely be consequences for the budget that we do have. His question was: “we have the Commission report and those recommendations; is the Legislature buying into the Commission or not?” He also inquired if the report would “go on the shelf” or if “it has consequences?”

The President responded first with a small correction to Senator Witt’s statement, citing that the Commission’s report does call for a thirty percent increase in enrollment because Ohio is undereducated. It also calls for the appropriate State funding to support that. He went on to invite the Senate body to read his testimony to the Commission—on his website, labeled “Testimony before the Governor’s Commission.” He went on to state that he made it very clear to the Commission that without appropriate funding, it was “going to be a pipedream for Ohio to do this.”

The President continued by saying, broadly speaking, the Governor is committed to the recommendation of the Commission. He was told by Director Johnson that they [the Commission] intend to put appropriate funding in the budget to begin implementation of some of the recommendations, an easy one—but very important—is a business/higher education alliance to be chaired by a prominent business person. He found it ironic, however, sharing with the body “in the spirit of transparency, honesty and all of these good things” that the Governor has not yet found such a person to chair that Commission. He shared that the Governor has found seven prominent people to serve on it, but no one willing to serve as its chair. The President went on to say, “the Commission calls for many things and it recognizes that the State has under-funded higher education. One of the things that it talks about, under effectiveness and efficiency, the IUC will be making clear, that we cannot make some of the kinds of additional efficiency gains that we want to make without the State doing some things in funding but also in regulatory relief. For example, in terms of local control for capital construction, the removal of various kinds of constraints that we have from the Legislature and other agencies, so regulatory relief, to put it broadly, is another aspect that is needed and the Commission recommended.”

Another question was raised by Senator Londraville, who asked the President to comment on enrollment numbers for this Fall semester. The President responded by stating that the “official numbers” will be in on the 14th day of the semester. He suggested that Dr. Stroble might be able to provide better data. He did say, however, that “we were about even in head-count just marginally ahead in credit hours, but let’s wait until the 14th day before we speak with authority on that.”

Senator Lillie asked for clarification about the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. President Proenza responded that the next meeting would be held on the Wayne campus on September 15. Senator Lillie also asked him to respond to rumors that are circulating about plans for building a new stadium on campus. The President said he would be happy to comment and began by stating that, at some point, we will have to replace the Rubber Bowl, yet emphasized that there are many other facilities that likewise need to be replaced, such as residence halls. He noted that, at the next Board meeting, there would be presentation of a proposal for an appropriate bond issue to build a 460-bed residence hall. He went on to reiterate his earlier comment about replacement for Carroll and Memorial Halls, considering what is needed in terms of a successful bid for the Wright Center of Innovation. Additionally, he mentioned a few other projects in the works, including a yet-unfulfilled pledge for an addition to the Business School and Center for Global Business. He emphasized that all of these projects must be driven in terms of academic facilities according to the academic plan.

Senator Witt then asked about some past comments and discussions by Ohio Faculty Council speakers that stated how it would be an important thing for Ohio to use junior colleges and two-year programs around the state for entry level students that had not been to college or didn’t have that history in their family. Senator Witt was concerned about these comments citing that they might seem “theoretically to be a pretty good idea except we think about all of the freshman and sophomore money that we would lose if they don’t come here.” Senator Witt asked the President for a response that would safeguard our own tuition potential against those kinds of ideas. President Proenza replied, “that idea, while it gained some rapid currency, was also dead on arrival.” He further added that he did not see the idea going anywhere at the moment and that there are too many other schools and colleges, both private and public, that caused the two-year people to quickly realize that this “was not something they could sell and the Legislature would not buy.”

With this, Chair Fenwick thanked President Proenza for his remarks and recognized Provost Stroble.

C. Remarks of the Provost

Good afternoon. It’s good to be in the second year of a job rather than a first year and so those of you who were not part of Faculty Senate last year won’t be aware that it will be my habit to have a handout. It’s always here on the table that will outline the topics that I’ll talk about (**Appendix C**). I’ll keep it brief since we’ve been long in process today and just highlight a few of these. But it’s also my habit to do introductions of any new appointees that I have had the privileges of making since the last meeting. We will not have Dean Nelson with us today, I believe, because College of Education deans met in Youngstown today and she and I just couldn’t make the schedule work for

her to be back here. So, we'll postpone her introduction until the next meeting, but I want you to meet two other individuals that we did searches for and have made appointments. Patricia Millhoff, who has just joined us as Director of Women's Studies. Pat, thank you for accepting that and for coming today. Pat is a member of the faculty at Summit College, so this is an administrative appointment in addition to her faculty role. We have had some presence in directing of Women's Studies in the last couple of years by part-time faculty members. As I met with the Women's Coordinating Council—the Women's Studies Coordinating Council—we all agreed that a full-time faculty member with as much administrative appointment as we could possibly support with the budget was the right way to go, and so we've done that this year and we hope to continue to enhance that. Also, Sabrina Andrews, Director of Institutional Research. We're really glad to have Sabrina here from Central Florida. Of course, we talked to Terry Hickey about the work that she's done there; her credentials were impeccable and if you went on Central Florida's Institutional Research website, you instantly became envious. What he had to say was: Sabrina is everything that you believe that she is. I've found that already in the two weeks she's been here, so thanks, Sabrina, for joining us.

Clearly, an important aspect of Academic Primacy and Operational Excellence is having the data you need to guide your decisions when you need it. So, we're growing in that regard and I think that you'll see that all the good work that many of us did last year trying to get an assessment of what are our top needs, and how do we fulfill them and how do we build the framework that helps us move forward, that we've made some great progress there. As the President talks about the Landscape for Learning coming together, I'm hoping that many of the projects that we've been working on, in terms of academic primacy, operational excellence will also come together this year.

So some summer and ongoing activity, just briefly, we did an information session that Faculty Senators were invited to last spring about Balanced Scorecard. It was clear, out of that work session, that what we needed to do was continuing work on institutional indicators and we've had people working on that all summer and hope to have something to share with you soon that's the next version of what we shared last spring.

Today, I am handing out a hard copy, but I'll also make this available electronically to the Faculty Senate Office, the report from the Information Technology Strategic Planning Committee. They began meeting in March, met weekly, and concluded their work last week. This is a report that has recommendations. As it's circulated to you, I hope that, if you have feedback about those recommendations, you will provide them to me. I've given this report to the President and plan to give it to the Board of Trustees at the September 15 meeting and wait to hear their reactions to the recommendations in that report. It benefited from the input of 17 members of a task force and a web-based survey that, in one week's posting, gained 901 responses: 527 students, 166 staff members, 120 faculty, 74 contract professionals and 14 administrators. The task group then followed up with individual interviews and focus groups. This was a rather exhaustive effort to get as broad an input from the campus community as we could about their charge: what is the optimal structure that IT should have that would link it very strongly with the academic mission of the institution? And so this report gives you the data behind their recommendations, their processing of that, and their recommendations.

As you heard the President say, the Operations Advisory Committee developed a planning and budgeting process. Vice President Roy Ray and I are glad to have that and we took it to Board of Trustees; they approved it and we'll be up and running this Fall. So the next piece of business is to figure out what the actual format will be for presentations made by Deans and VPs of their budget requests for this coming year and then what the written part is as well as the presentation. It's my great desire that we will truly see, out of this process, some allocations and reallocations happen to support an academic plan. Otherwise, it will have been pretty much for naught—and I won't feel good about that and neither will you. So, we're going to try to make the money flow where the planning flows.

Summit College you already heard about and will hear more. Faculty have been meeting in retreats and core groups all summer and so I know very soon we'll see the fruits of that and, not only know about a new name. It was really important for us to go ahead and change the name so that marketing and recruiting tools could be in place to meet the appropriate July 1 deadlines—but now we really need the structure underneath that and I think we're close.

Regarding the academic plan you heard the President talk about; I knew that one of the documents that we really needed to update was the Master Academic Plan created in 1998. It was in need of updating, and it was in need of new data, and it was in need of reference to the Commission on Higher Ed and the Economy (CHEE) It needed to reference all of the realities in Ohio and the country right now and the thinking about what the trends are in higher education. We're in the process of going back to those old documents, using current documents in the Colleges, asking Deans and VPs to give us updates, looking at Balanced Scorecard drafts and trying to pull all of that documentation together so that we have one document that we can call the Academic Plan, under which many other planning documents reside: facilities plans, technology plans, governmental relations plans, development plans, so that the Academic Plan is certainly primary as the planning document on campus. So that is a very important activity and, as soon as we have a draft that we think is in good enough shape to share, we will share it broadly.

Then finally in the summer, we sent a team to AAC in News Greater Expectations Conference. We had been a charter member of this organization, but several years back the decision was made for us to not continue to pay our membership. I was asked by a team of people on campus to reconsider that decision. We were also being courted heavily by this organization and I decided that that was a good move to make. So we joined again and they invited us to send a team to a conference they hold in the summer, called Greater Expectations. The team we sent was led by Dr. Janice Taylor of the Office of Multicultural Development; along with her went Dr. Chand Midha, from the Office of the Provost, Dr. Linda Subich, as a Department Chair, Dr. John Queener as a faculty member, and Dean Cynthia Capers. They brought back to me a new framework that we will be in the process of examining, an updated and expanded diversity plan that embraces the new thinking about this as promulgated by a lot of research and also AAC&U, under a term called *Inclusive Excellence*. So, you can anticipate that you're going to hear more about *Inclusive Excellence* and what that means, and how we think that it will energize our efforts around topics of diversity in brand new ways, to help us embrace it in ways that are more positive and actually see some tangible results.

So what's up and coming for Fall and Spring? We will experience some leadership transitions this year. Roger Creel has announced that he will step down from the position as Dean and retire at the end of this academic year, so we will need to conduct a search for that leadership role. University Libraries—we have an interim appointment now—and we plan to do a national search for leadership there. When you read the IT report, you'll see that there is a recommendation there about the ongoing leadership for IT and, depending on the reaction, we'll move forward there. And Institute for Teaching and Learning also has interim leadership, so I know that in those formal roles we will be looking for some individuals to take the roles that will be vacated. Leadership Development, and I would also say Support—I am tasking a group of the deans, but we will also invite some other people to join them, to look at: how could we help people on this campus who would aspire to be in a formal leadership role get the experience and skills that they need to step into those roles successfully? And, how can we help people that are already in leadership roles but who would aspire to another leadership role gain the knowledge, the skills and experience that they need to decide and to actually be successful aspirants to other leadership roles? So that's a topic that I'm really looking forward to us working on this year.

I have obtained 320 copies of the CHEE report, just today—just hauled back from Columbus. I plan to make as many available to Faculty Senate as there are senators and so, Rudy, you and I will need to figure out how to actually get those distributed. I plan to give them out to the deans, the VPs, department chairs. You know 320 will go pretty wide here on this campus, but I do think it's an important document that many of us need to read and have our own hard copy.

Assessment, as you know, is one of the topics we need to get in place before the 2007-2008 NCA Focus visit, so we will do some work on assessment this year, led by Paulette Popovich. Interdisciplinary collaborations with campus and external partners—one of the big topics that's critically important if we're going to, as the President says, do for ourselves rather than wait for the State to do for us. So any ideas that you have about fruitful collaborations across campus or with external partners, are most welcome to me. I uncover a number of them myself just from conversations I have with people in the community and across campus, but the more ideas the better and, in my office, we're glad to support those ideas by networking, by setting up meetings, by helping you figure out how to write good grants. You know, we'll support those kinds of activities because we know it helps us be a vital campus and it helps us attract resources that are really critical.

A number of community events we will continue. We started this summer with some events for key members of the African-American community and the President and I have been cosponsoring those and will continue to do those around various topics. The next one is an update about Summit College planning because we know that the African-American community, among many others, has a key interest in: 'what is Summit College going to be?' and 'what is its role in the University of Akron and in this community?'

Operational Improvements: the list is varied, all the way from issues of equity to how do we enact operations in our various offices, how do we make sure that websites including, frankly, the one in the Provost's Office—and Nancy Stokes has been working on this—how do we make sure that our website actually has the information on it that you would expect to see there and is easily

located. So the operational topics are varied and we won't get them all done this year, but it truly is a focus for the President, and me, and many others, and we look forward—again—to ideas you have about how we can be better operationally. I'm always glad to get your notes or phone calls about that.

Then, finally, *Perspectives from the Provost*. I am going to start a new little email newsletter that, I hope, will go out once a week. It will give you updates about these kinds of topics, written—not by me—but by the people who are leading various initiatives—probably two paragraphs. Bob Kropff, who's in the back, is going to assist me with those. And I think that what I've discovered over the past year is that, while this is a wonderful opportunity for me to communicate formally here, and it gets into the *Chronicle*, and I also do formal communiqués with Board of Trustees, with Council of Deans, with Department Chairs, with VPs, with some staff groups, I have not had a mechanism for communicating broadly to the campus community, all faculty and staff so that the kind of efforts that are ongoing that it's better if people know about rather than are surprised by need to get out there. We're going to try this; the first one should appear in the first week or two. And we'll just keep it going, week by week, as long as we have topics. And once I kind of go through the range of topics that I know are on this list, and some others that are being led by the Provost's Office, then I'll move to giving Colleges turns to highlight some things that they want to talk about in this little email digest. We'll see how it goes and it will have a built-in feature on it where people can give us feedback about the kinds of things that we're talking about in those email notes and give us advice about how to do it better. So, again, one of the operational topics that we know needs to be improved is communications and I hope that we'll all find this a useful device. Thanks.

Chair Fenwick asked if there were any questions for the Provost. There were none indicated. He also welcomed Patricia and Sabrina to the University of Akron campus and urged Sabrina to send his greetings to Terry Hickey.

D. Well-Being Committee

Senator Erickson reported that the Well-Being Committee would be meeting in the next two weeks and would be looking at the issue of Summa and Medical Mutual. She related that early in the summer she had contacted Desnay Lohrum, the Director of Benefits Administration, and that HR is working on this. She stated that they would present a report at the next meeting based on the new information.

E. Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Committee

Chair Fenwick asked if it was acceptable to have ex-Senator Harvey Sterns report for the Committee. No one objected. Ex-senator Sterns commented on the availability of the Faculty/Staff dining room in the new Student Union. He related that, "I think all of us are very pleased to see the outcome of a lot of the past planning that included many faculty, staff and others, which speaks well to the facilities." He went on to share that the classroom survey that he proposed in May is still in process and that the committee is finalizing the questionnaire. After Provost Stroble approves it, the questionnaire will be sent out. Dr. Sterns also related that he had been in contact with the

Scheduling Office and facilities people to make sure the survey asked the right questions. He offered his apologies for the delay and also added that his committee would be meeting in the next few weeks.

F. Ad Hoc Report of the University Planning Committee

Senator Clark explained that this committee grew out of the Planning and Budget Committee and that they are still working to make this a viable committee. She further pointed out that Maryhelen Kreidler is now the only member on it because “people have left, including myself.” She further related that she has been working with Provost Stroble to find a non-bargaining unit person—one who is also a non-faculty member—who could serve as a liaison with the OAC (Operations Advisory Committee). She continued that the mission of this committee is move communication forward and back about concerns related to University planning that are not otherwise addressed in some fashion. She reiterated that the Committee needs membership in order to do this.

G. Ad hoc Committee on University Budgeting

Chair/Senator Fenwick presented this report and related that the Committee was charged last spring by the OAC to look into fee schedules and spending of student fees by various units. The Committee received information on the fee schedules over the summer from the Business Office and thanked Amy Gilliland for providing that. The committee will reassemble later in the month and begin analyzing the information and will give a full report in October. He pointed out that ten to twenty percent cuts in State subsidies were reported in the Board of Trustees meeting by Mr. Ray in August. He added that, at that time, Mr. Ray had also reported that the University had expended \$21 million less than budgeted during the first eight months.

Related to this information, Senator Norfolk directed a question about this to President Proenza to ask: does this mean that we have more than sufficient reserve to cover at least one year? However, Dr. Proenza had already departed. So Senator Norfolk redirected his question to Provost Stroble, who was still present and added that he believed this figure was something on the order of \$80 million. Dr. Stroble responded by stating that she could not comment on such topics without looking at the numbers. At this point, Chair Fenwick again promised to give a full report on this information in October.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chair Fenwick stated that the Senate had been charged with finding out whether or not it was possible for members of the union and administration negotiating teams [bargaining teams] to speak about the process and/or their progress in terms of their collective bargaining. He related that, after a discussion with the President over the summer, he was told that “this was not possible because of legal constraints regarding collective bargaining discussion.” The Chair went on to state that alternatives are being investigated in line with Senator Lyons’ motion asking us to do so. He promised to report back on this in October.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Chair Fenwick asked if there was any new business to discuss. No new business was indicated.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – The Chair asked if there was a report for the Good of the Order; none was indicated.

X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Yousey and seconded by Senator Stratton.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Transcript prepared by Linda Bussey

APPENDICES TO MINUTES
OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2004

APPENDIX A

**Proposed Executive Committee Resolution
for
Marilyn Quillin**

WHEREAS: Marilyn Quillin served as administrative assistant for the Faculty Senate Office from its inception in 1993 until 2004; and

WHEREAS: She provided the necessary organizational skills required for the smooth, ongoing operations of the Senate, spent countless hours transcribing meetings and making the transcripts available in multiple formats to the campus community, and routinely prepared additional communications for and to senators; and

WHEREAS: She provided consistency and history to the office and to the Senate whenever there was a transition in leadership; and

WHEREAS: She took the initiative to create a pleasant, productive environment, yet kept everyone on track and on schedule; and

WHEREAS: She genuinely cared about the Senate, its members and its accomplishments,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Faculty Senate of the University of Akron expresses its most sincere appreciation and gratitude for all the hard work and dedication shown by Marilyn Quillin to the Senate.

To be formally approved at the November 2004 meeting.

APPENDIX B

**Executive Committee Report
Presented September 2, 2004
at the
Faculty Senate Meeting**

The Executive Committee met several times over the course of the summer.

We met on May 21 to certify the Faculty Senate elections held in the spring. We met again several more times in June to complete committee assignments. As everyone is aware at this point, Marilyn Quillen resigned from the university in mid-July. She made every effort to notify all Senators of their assignments prior to her departure and left us in good shape. However, if anyone did not receive a memo indicating the committee on which he or she is participating, please send me an e-mail or call and we will resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

On June 15 the committee met with the President, Provost and Dean of Summit College, Stanley Silverman. Mr. Silverman provided the committee with an overview of the concept for the college, the new name and indicated that more plans for changes in structure were underway. On behalf of the Senate, the executive committee was asked to review and vote on the name change from C & T to Summit College. The name change was accepted.

In early August, the executive committee sent a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting that the location of the August 18 meeting be moved to a larger facility in order to allow for greater attendance. The meeting was moved to the Martin Center Ballroom and was well attended.

During August, the committee also dedicated time to filling the Administrative Assistant position for the Faculty Senate office. The position has been filled with an internal candidate, Linda Bussey, who will begin her new duties on September 13.

At the August meeting with the President, the committee also requested and received updates on the status of the Decision Making Task Force, fall enrollment figures, campus construction and building schedules as well as future plans and priorities for the coming year.

Submitted by Rose Marie Konet, Secretary of the Faculty Senate

APPENDIX C

Report of the Senior Vice President and Provost

**Faculty Senate Meeting
September 2, 2004**

INTRODUCTIONS

Patricia Nelson, Dean, College of Education
Patricia Millhoff, Director, of Women's Studies
Sabrina Andrews, Director, Institutional Research

SUMMER AND ONGOING ACTIVITY

Balanced Score Card: Development of Institutional Indicators
Report of the Information Technology Strategic Planning Committee
Planning and Budgeting Process
Summit College
Academic Plan
AAC&U's Greater Expectations Conference: Inclusive Excellence

PLANNED FALL/SPRING ACTIVITY:

PRIMACY OF ACADEMIC MISSION AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Leadership Transitions (A&S, UL, IT, ITL)
Leadership Development
Assessment
Interdisciplinary Collaborations with Campus and External Partners
Community Events
Operational Improvements
Perspectives from the Provost

APPENDIX D

AD HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE

(replaces PBC)

Ed Conrad
Rudy Fenwick*
Elizabeth Kennedy
Brant Lee*
Richard Maringer*

**AD HOC PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Maryhelen Kreidler
*(only remaining member from initial list
of appointments)*

AD HOC FACILITIES PLANNING

(replaces CFPC)

Russell Davis*
Kenneth Dunning
Elizabeth Erickson*
James Frampton
Sue Rasor-Greenhalgh
Virginia Gunn
Robert Huff*
Robert Jeantet*
Paul John*
Elizabeth Kennedy
John Kline Jr.
Katharine Kolcaba
Rose Marie Konet*
Richard Londraville*
Craig Menzemer
Charles Monroe
Phyllis O'Connor
David Ritchey
Neil Sapienza
Mark Soucek*
Harvey Sterns
Linda Sugarman*
Louis Trenta

APPENDIX E

**The University of Akron – Senate Committees 2004–2005
(listed by term expiration date)**

Executive Committee

Rudy Fenwick
Elizabeth Erickson
Rose Marie Konet
John Hebert
Tim Lillie
Jeff Schantz

Academic Policies Committee

2005:

Jack Braun*
Judith Hanna*
Debra Johanyak*
Richard Shanklin*
Julia Spiker

2006:

Devinder Malhotra
James Slowiak*

2007:

Meredith Kalapich
Brenda Marina
Helen Qammar
Peggy Richards
**Senior VP and Provost, ex-officio,
non-voting member, or Nancy Stokes,
designee as Chair**

Curriculum Review Committee

2005:

Tom Kellar
Tim Matney*
Bennie Robinson*

2006:

Don Laconi
Tim Lillie*
Charles Monroe
Richard Steiner*
Evangeline Varonis
Richard Yoder

2007:

Kathleen Clark
Ali Hajjafar
Craig Menzemer

Athletics Committee

2005:

Francis Broadway
Jerry Drummond
James Frampton
John Hebert *

Anne Jorgensen *

Alan Kornspan
Stephen Kushner*
Anthony LaSalvia
Walt Yoder

2006:

John Sahl
Dan Sheffer
Loren Siebert

2007:

Walter Hixson – 2007*
**Ex-officio members, Mr. Dean
Carro, NCAA Faculty Representative
Mr. Michael J. Thomas, Athletic
Director or designee**

**The University of Akron
Senate Committees 2004–2005
(listed by term expiration date)**

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University Libraries Committee

2005:

Kristine Gill
Rose Marie Konet*
Ravindra Krovi*
Tim Wilkinson*
Eric Sotnak

2006:

Diana Chlebek*
Kevin Concannon
Pamela Garn-Nunn*
Robert Huff*
Janice Yoder

2007:

Linda Barrett*
Jeffry Schantz*

**Ex-Officio members, Dean of
University Libraries, or designee
Mr. Paul Richert, Law Librarian
Ex-officio, non-voting member,
Director Information Services**

Reference Committee

2005:

Don Gerlach*
Gwen Jones
Mark Soucek*

2006:

Therese Dowd
John Welch

2007:

Mike Cheung*
Paul John*
Linda Linc*
William Rich*

**Ex-Officio member, Secretary –
Faculty Senate
Ex-Officio, non-voting member,
Mike Sermersheim,
Deputy General Counsel**

Student Affairs Committee

2005:

Michael Jalbert
Tucker Jolly
Stephen Kushner*
Thomas Price
Lance Svehla*
Patricia Wallace

2006:

Carolyn Embree
Deborah Gwin
Sarah Kelly*
Lynn Luoma*
LaVerne Yousey*

2007:

James Hansen*
John Vollmer*

**Ex-Officio members, Mr. Doug McNutt,
Director – Student Financial Aid
Dr. Sharon Johnson, VP Student Affairs
Dr. Karla Mugler, Dean, University
College**

Computing & Communications

2005:

Enoch Damson
Michelle Hoo Fatt
Stephen Kushner*
Tracy Riley*
Jana Russ
Robert Stachowiak*
Bruce Taylor
David Witt*

2006:

James Grover
Robert Jeantet*
James Lenavitt*
Richard Londraville*
Wolfgang Pelz*
Larry Shubat
Richard Steiner*
Richard Stratton*

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Senate Committees 2004–2005
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Computing & Communications

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2007:

Peggy McCann
Tim Norfolk*
**Ex-Officio member, Director -
Network Services or designee**

Faculty Research Committee

2005:

Stephen Aby
Carolyn Anderson
Christopher Banks
Irina Chernikova
Duane Covrig*
Elizabeth Kinion
Lisa Park
David Prochazka
Tracy Riley*

2006:

Sandra Buckland
Mukerrem Cakmak
Kevin Kreider
Peter Leahy
Mary Myers
Mohido Ocran
Pizhong Qiao
Pinshan Wang

2007:

B. Vijayaraman*
**Ex-Officio member, Associate
Provost for Research or designee**

Faculty Rights & Responsibilities

2005:

Ray Sibberson
Colleen Teague

2006:

Maryhelen Kreidler

2007:

Lloyd Anderson
Ann Bolek
Michael D'Amico
Elizabeth Erickson*

University Well-Being Committee

2005:

Rosemary Cannon
Richard Maringer*
Linda Sugarman*

2006:

Lori Fielding
Ginger Golz
Al Lieberman
C. Alan Newman
Christina Tan

2007:

Joan Carletta
Russ Davis*
Elizabeth Erickson*
Hal Foster
Nola Lowther*

