**Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
10:00 AM – 11:00 A.M.
Friday, October 21, 2016**

**Third World Collection Conference Room, Second Floor of Library**

**Attendance: Queen Brown, Paula Bryant, Chadwick Gugg, Mark Laughlin, Jamie MacLennan, Yang Park, Brian Parkinson, Laurel Robinson, Rebecca Short, Tom Weiland, John Wilson**

**Ex Officio:**

**Guest: Royce Hackett**

1. **Previous senate meeting minutes  (September 23, 2016) approved**
2. **Mark Laughlin spoke about extending IRB term length. Laurel suggested that term limit changes should start in faculty affairs**
3. **Follow up on committee participation. Most committees are not having problems with their faculty members participating. Perhaps a larger problem is that some committees are not being charged with enough responsibility. Laurel suggested that we revisit the charges and role of the faculty. Ask the chairs of each committee for a description of their charge and ask if it is effective and appropriate? How does each committee charge relate to the strategic plan? Approval to have the Faculty Senate send these questions to committee chairs.**
4. **Amended graduation policy approval.**
5. **Faculty pay for teaching graduate courses. What happens when you have a mixed load of undergrad and grad courses? Is the policy uniform? Some departments do offer course releases while others do not. We need an across the board policy.  We have to draft a uniform policy that clarifies the differences in departmental loads.**
6. **State Representative Mike Cheokas doesn't know what the BOR wants to do with us.**