

**Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21 2014 3 – 5 p.m.**  
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Attendees: Barbara Wingo, Pradeep Kumar, Margaret Temple-Smith, Nicole Stedman (via phone), Sue Alvers, Bradley Walters, Marc Heft, Paul Davenport, Joe Glover, Marc Heft, and Jorg Peters

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Pradeep Kumar. Introductions were made and the June minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Pradeep Kumar, Chair**

- Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> will be the State of the University Address/Faculty Senate meeting at 3 p.m. in Emerson Hall.
- We are taking nominations for the Academic Personnel Board (APB)'s Blue Team. Dr. Kumar asked the members to please encourage faculty to nominate themselves. We are also seeking a member for the Infrastructure Council for a one year term.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- Provost Glover gave a short recap of the Preeminence Program.
  - \$15 million was allocated by the Legislature for investment into research areas for the hiring of new faculty. This was augmented by an additional \$3 million by the President and recently the Legislature granted another \$5 million into this program.
  - Creation of Ufonline has captured a great deal of attention. The university is working with Pearson Learning and spending time giving reports to the legislature and Board of Governors.
  - Signature core course initiative is proceeding. Besides the Good Life Course, two courses are in alpha testing this fall: Understanding Climate Change and Understanding Data (How data impacts our daily lives).

**Presidential Search**

**Marc Heft, Past Chair & Member,  
Presidential Search Committee**

- Subcommittees have been formed to review qualifications and criteria, communications and marketing, compensation and campus visits. Chairman Steve Scott will send out an email shortly about questions for faculty forums. Chairman Scott has been canvassing people around the nation and has received interest.

**Graduate School**

**Paul Duncan, Associate Dean, Graduate School**

Paul Duncan presented to program termination requests: [Marriage and Family Counseling](#) and [Mental Health Counseling](#).

**Council Reports**

- No reports from the Councils. They will start meeting the second week of September.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.