Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

**Updates – Paul Chinowsky**

- **Board of Regents Plan**
  - Eliminate faculty input on the hiring of Vice Presidents in the system
    - Does not include the VP of Academic Affairs
  - Faculty Counsel does not agree with this
    - Melinda Piket-May is writing an official letter to the Regents
  - Per University bylaws, faculty governance is required

- **Meeting Minutes**
  - Internal minutes will be put on a password protected site
  - Public notes will only contain action items

- **Faculty Profiles**
  - 25, 5-minute videos to be produced over course of the year
  - Will also include still photos and stories
  - Suggested that they be called faculty profile videos

- **The BFA, Faculty Affairs, Student Government to co-host a series of seminars in the fall:**
  - One public meeting in April that the students are leading about awareness
  - Seminar topics will include:
    - Rights and Responsibilities
    - Academic Freedom
    - Climate
• Excellence Award Awardees – to be announced Thursday at the General Meeting
  o Research, Scholarly, and Creative Work:
    ▪ Bengt Fornberg, Applied Mathematics
    ▪ Bruce Kawin, English and Film Studies
    ▪ Jonathan Van Blerkom, MCDB
    ▪ Jan Whitt, Journalism and Mass Communication
  o Service:
    ▪ Tyler Alpern, Libby Arts RAP
    ▪ Antonia (Holly) Gayley, Religious Studies
    ▪ Rolf Norgaard, Program for Writing and Rhetoric
    ▪ Thomas Riis, Music
  o Teaching and Learning:
    ▪ Valerio Ferme, French & Italian
    ▪ Judity Glyde, Music
    ▪ Michael Klymkowsky, MCDB
    ▪ Lauri Reitzammer, Classics

• BFA Attendance
  o Bylaws talk about attendance at General and Executive Committee meetings
    ▪ Three general BFA General Meeting absences will be considered dropped from the BFA
  o How do we want to govern attendance on regular committee meetings?
    ▪ Should be a major committee chair responsibility to find out why a member is absent and to encourage them to attend
    ▪ Consider the changing of the wording to lack of contribution or participation
      ▪ Accounts for missing because of a calendar conflict
    ▪ Too late to do anything this semester, but after elections we could:
      ▪ Send out a welcome email to all newly elected members stressing the importance of participation
        ▪ You will be notified when you miss two meetings, for example
      ▪ Make their participation clear because nobody reads the bylaws
    ▪ Dropping people makes it easier to get a quorum
    ▪ Does each committee need 8.5 members on average
    ▪ Redefine committee charges

• BFA committee effectiveness
  o Does each committee need 8.5 members (average)
  o Redefine committee charges
  o 50 vacancies this year on committees
  o Should we have a bylaws convention to discuss the organization of the BFA?
    ▪ Are these 20-year-old standing committees still relevant?
    ▪ Should we eliminate some and add new ones, such as:
      ▪ Campus communication
      ▪ Academic rights and responsibilities
      ▪ Student retention
- Do we need more flexibility?
  - Have a fewer number of standing committees and add ad-hoc committees around yearly major issues
    - Should committees expire?
    - Reducing the number of committees will reduce the number of Executive Committee members
- Why are some committees successful and others not?
  - It seems that those doing well have
    - A high level administrator that the committee talks directly to and exchange information with
    - Have a very defined set of working parameters that allow them to give input on relevant items
  - It seems that those that are not doing well have
    - Large committees with too much to do
    - Do not have a senior administrator to work with
    - No defined purpose
  - Nominations deadline is March 12, 2014
    - 50 terms ending
      - Do we postpone electing members to committee seats?
      - Elections do need to be held for
        - Four of the eight at-large seats
      - Vacated department rep seats are appointed by the departments
  - Should a committee chair be a BFA representative?
  - Motion by Peggy Jobe to bring a motion to the floor of the General Meeting to suspend the bylaws. Then make another motion to extend the terms that expire in 2014 one additional year in order to study the question of the composition and membership and terms of BFA committees and bring back any recommended changes to the bylaws that would arise from these discussions. This motion was seconded by Jerry Peterson.
    - In favor: 13
    - Not in favor: 0
    - Abstain: 1

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Submitted by Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant.