Present: Vince Wickwar (Chair), Ronda Callister (Past President), Kimberly Lott (President-Elect), Michele Hillard (Exec. Sec.), Rick Heflebower, Britt Fagerheim, David Brown, Leslie Brott, Jeanette Norton, Chris Winstead

Absent: President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke, Scott Henrie, Mark McLellan, Lisa Gabbert, Juan Villalba, Dennis Garner,

Guests: Francine Johnson, Larry Smith, Susan Barrus for Taya Flores

Vince Wickwar called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Approval of Minutes
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Minutes of the November 21,2016 meeting approved.

University Business - Noelle Cockett, Executive Vice President and Provost
President and Provost not available for meeting due to scheduling conflict.

Reports
Council on Teacher Education Annual Report – Francine Johnson
Submitted both a one-page summary and a more in-depth report. See one-page summary for program and policy changes. Added two new members to the Council on Teacher Education: 1) Public School Teacher and 2) Public School Building Principal. Adopted a new student teaching evaluation form based on Utah’s Teaching Effectiveness Standards. There has been an increase of 10.6% of students admitted into initial Teacher Education programs. The placement rate for teachers graduating from the program is 94%. Enrollment has dropped overall because of the Utah State Board of Education and accreditation requirements. Both agencies require an ACT score of 19 in math and 20 in reading language and the student needs a composite of 21 and a 3.0 GPA. This causes an issue with art and music teachers. The new Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) allows the school districts to hire someone without a teaching degree and to issue a license without meeting any criteria. Currently working with a task force at the state board on how to implement the APT. Hopes are that the state board will look at the policy and make changes. Teacher education institutions meet monthly to discuss issues and concerns. Teacher Education and Leadership is encouraging the State of Utah to restructure the teacher licensing system.

Motion to move this report to Faculty Senate made by Kimberly Lott. Seconded by Ronda Callister. Moving to Faculty Senate.

EPC Report (December) - Larry Smith
Three new R401 proposals brought forward. Two from Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology and one from Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning.

Approved motion to temporarily suspend the depth requirement for Teacher Education majors to accommodate a new state public education and accreditation requirements for licensure that make the Bachelor’s degree credits greater than 120.

Motion to move this report to Faculty Senate made by Britt Fagerheim. Seconded by Ronda Callister. Moving to Faculty Senate.

Scholarship Advisory Board Annual Report – Susan Barrus for Taya Flores
Scholarship report has individual pages for each college. The total number of managed scholarships is on the back. There were 3911 scholarship recipients which adds up to $21M. Other scholarships are administered through admissions (other) 1626 = $6M. USU Eastern numbers are not included in this report. Non-qualified scholarships go through ServiceNow and then go on to I&B. ServiceNow helps take fingers off the money and goes directly onto banner. Only four people on campus will be able to go in and actually touch the scholarship money. Currently working on the website http://scholarships.usu.edu/. Staff will be able to login into the site and get assistance. The third floor of the TSC has counseling opportunities through student success. Transition advisors can track and help the students with scholarships. Undocumented students with scholarships are doing very well.

Motion to move this report to Faculty Senate made by Ronda Callister. Seconded by Chris Winstead. Moving to Faculty Senate.

New Business

Annual Review Procedures – Ronda Callister
Revisiting this issue. The proposal passed by Faculty Senate and sent to the executive committee where it was turned down. Issue came back up in the Faculty Forum with concerns that this had been turned down. It was requested that the faculty talk within their departments to see how the review process was going to work. Discussions should be at the next level since the Faculty Senate has already passed this. The objection, from the Executive Committee, was putting a specific time limit on this. Also a concern that the department heads didn’t have a vote. It was the deans who raised these concerns. This item of business will be taken to the Dean’s Council meeting and Larry Smith will facilitate getting this on the agenda. It is felt that this would help in finding common ground and having a productive discussion. Annual performance review is viewed as a single point of failure and it was noted that individuals need to follow the faculty code. This item will be taken back to Faculty Senate and will let them know that this has been brought forward again and that this will be brought to the Dean’s Council for further discussion and review. Should the Code Compliance Committee be reinstituted to help if tenure reviews are not happening? Create ad hoc committee and then move forward? These questions will be brought up at Faculty Senate.

Motion to move to New Business for discussion and submission to Dean’s Council made by Jeanette Norton. Seconded by Kimberly Lott. Moving to Faculty Senate.

Adjournment 4:20 pm

Minutes Submitted by: Michele Hillard, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-0121