1. Chancellor Harden joined the meeting at the outset and engaged in a discussion related to the granting of honorary doctorates. Harden suggested that we could bring additional focus and notoriety to the University via this process. A significant amount of time was spent reviewing related code and how it might be improved to enhance the ability to grant honorary doctorates. The Chancellor took his leave at 3:40.

2. Minutes from the 5 March 2014 University Committee (UC) meeting were approved as distributed.

3. Chair Vescio provided an update on the Shared Governance Conference to be held 11 April between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm in the Phoenix Rooms.

4. Discussion turned to a review of what had transpired during the 12 March Faculty Senate Meeting. In particular, reactions to the self-authored text proposal were the focus. It was questioned whether the UC should attempt to recast the motion or leave it as is in its tabled form. Signs point to the UC leaving it alone and having the Senate share in the responsibility of its fate.

5. Provost Wallace joined the UC at 4:14. At which time she announced that Davis would begin duties as Associate Provost for Academic Affairs / Director of graduate Studies on 1 June. Wallace then provided an update of the University’s relationship with the Medical College. The update included staffing and operational topics. Finally she noted that progress continues to be made in the development of the Engineering Technology Program.

   Chair Vescio asked the Provost for an update of the status of the ‘four conversations’. Wallace indicated that a related task force may be formed this summer and that there still were possibilities of University wide discussion this semester. Our discussion was completed by 4:34.
6. The next topic chosen by Vescio was that of Minimum Job Requirements. Faculty members/Senate members have contacted UC members with specific concerns over the document. Discussion revolved around the question of: should the UC re-write the document or should it be modified by the Senate? UC members decided to leave it as it was; but not endorsing the current form, and noting that they felt minimum job requirements should exist.

7. As official meeting time was running out, the rest of the agenda was postponed to the next UC meeting – and

8. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Greg Davis, Secretary pro Tempore