Dr. Reese opened the meeting at 8:05 am in Wingo Hall 211.

Members present:
Dr. Nancy Reese, Chair
Dr. Don Bradley, President, Faculty Senate
Mr. Chad Hearne, President, Staff Senate
Ms. Ashley Ross, President, Student Government Association

Members absent:
Dr. Tammy Rogers, Chair-Elect

Business:

1.) Approval of minutes from December 5, 2014 – C. Hearne moved to approve. A. Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor. Minutes will be posted on the website.

2.) RFP for Strategic Planning Consultant
   a. February 23, 2015 – bid date deadline. Cassandra McCuien will need to review the bids to ensure they meet the bid criteria, then the selection committee can begin the review process. The selection committee is made up of SPARC members plus Kelley Erstine, Steve Runge and Jonathan Glenn.
   b. D. Bradley suggested interviewing two consultants – depending on the number of qualifying bids. Hearing a presentation and being able to ask questions can reveal how much the consultant has actually prepared and how well they know UCA.
   c. N. Reese will invite Erstine, Runge and Glenn to the next SPARC meeting on February 20 to develop procedures for the interview process.

3.) Strategic Planning Forums – Spring 2015
   a. C. Hearne suggested informing the campus that because of comments received at last year’s forums, the Strategic Plan (SP) is now being revised (You spoke, We listened). N. Reese mentioned using the Spring forums as an opportunity to introduce the SP consultant and outline the revision process.

4.) Shared Governance Survey
   a. C. Hearne will follow up with the task force to ensure the approved changes have been made to the survey. N. Reese said the survey will need to be distributed in February. It is also needed for the HLC report.

5.) Upcoming SPC and SBAC Meetings
   a. N. Reese said the SPC meeting agenda for February 5 will include discussion on the Spring Forums and the RFP process.
   b. N. Reese said the SBAC meeting agenda for February 12 will include information on scholarships. C. Hearne asked if we will be able to know which scholarships were part of the scaled down disbursement from $22 million to $11 million.
c. A. Ross would like SBAC to consider restructuring the distribution of votes – the students would like a more equal representation among faculty, staff and students. Currently, there is only one student vote on SBAC. A. Ross recommends that SBAC have four student members with at least three of those as voting members. Members expressed concern about increasing the size of an already large committee. N. Reese said the BOT would have to approve this recommendation since they set the SBAC membership. Some members expressed concern about the make-up of SBAC since faculty has the most representation, their priorities get selected. N. Reese said the bulk of the budget is for academics. D. Bradley said SPARC needs to think of a way to allow for more equal student representation on SBAC without expanding the committee size. N. Reese asked that members re-visit this item for discussion at the February 20 SPARC meeting.

d. N. Reese said we should consider combining the SBAC proposals for (1) faculty and staff COLAs and (2) faculty and staff merit and equity pools. These two proposals should each go forward as a single item instead of using up four spots in the ranking.

6.) Other Business

a. N. Reese would like to know the mean and median of class sizes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am