Meeting called to order at 4:38 p.m. on May 6, 2019

MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll – The following senators were absent: Charpentier, Feldman, Fetzer, Herold, Khanlari, Magnusson, Merenda, Plachetzki, Shannon, Sudar. The following senators were excused: Bartow, Bedker, Deen, Druskat, Haines, Hiller, MacFarlane, Pimpare, and Wolper.

II. Election of Agenda Committee members for Faculty Senate Session XXIII – The slate of proposed Agenda Committee members was presented by the outgoing Senate chair, Scott Smith. That slate includes David Bachrach as chair, Erin Sharp as vice-chair, Ann Bartos, Rosemarie Came, and Jim Connell as at-large members of the committee. Scott Smith will be serving, ex officio, as past chair.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The Senate voted unanimously to approve the slate as presented, with no abstentions.

III. Remarks by and questions to the chair – Senate chair David Bachrach welcomed the members of Senate Session XXIII.

David said that he is hoping we can build on the success this year for next year. We have been very successful in representing the interests of the faculty and very successful in working with administrative leadership and we can continue that.

David remarked that the western university began in a period that he studies directly. The term “Universitas” originally meant the sum total of the faculty and students. We love the students, but then they are gone. Administrators definitely come and go. But, faculty are here forever. He said that we really need to think about ways in which we as a faculty can secure the future of this university and, in some ways, by reacquiring some of the tasks and labors that we have given up. We have seen over the past year a number of issues where we were able to affect directly the lives of our students, by improving administrative structures. As faculty we should all go back to our departments and ask our colleagues what are the impediments to succeeding, what are the impediments for our students succeeding and what are the impediments for us succeeding as teachers and researchers. And, then we should always ask why we do things the way that we do them and whether that is necessary. Hopefully, over the course of the next year we will be able to improve the lives of our fellow faculty and also the lives of our students.

IV. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.