Present: Bigelow, T. (Academic Affairs); Bratsch-Prince, D. (Associate Provost); Butler, A. (Secretary); Dark, V. (Past President); Freeman, S. (RPA); Holger, D. (Associate Provost); Martin, R. (CALS); Minion, C. (Veterinary Medicine); Paschke, T. (FDAR); Rippke, S. (Parliamentarian); Russell, D. (Human Sciences); Schalinske, K. (President); Selby, M. (Governance); Sturm, J. (LAS); Wallace, R. (President-Elect); Wickert, J. (Senior Vice President and Provost); Zarecor, K. (Design)

Guests: DeArmond, M.; Tanaka, P

I. Call to Order
President Schalinske called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

II. Consent Agenda
A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting January 13, 2015
B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting December 2, 2014
President-Elect Wallace moved to accept the consent agenda and Senator Sturm seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

III. Special Order: Executive Order 85, Paul Tanaka and Maureen DeArmond
Governor Branstad issued Executive Order 85, which would affect ISU’s settlements with employees. According to the order, every agreement has to be approved by the president of the university and reviewed by the attorney general. No settlement agreements can have confidentiality clause. Additionally, these agreements would be posted on publicly available website.

This order concerns only settlement agreements that end in termination of employment and payment for that severance of employment. Formal processes that stop short of termination of employment would not be affected. This order would not affect PRS negotiations, and would not require a change to the Faculty Handbook.

IV. Announcements and Remarks
A. President
President Schalinske announced that the review of the Office of Business and Finance has been initiated. The full committee exists and is waiting for the self-study from Senior VP Madden’s office.

President Schalinske noted the task force on scholarship on outreach and engagement had issued a report and submitted it to EB. EB forwarded it to the PRS task force, because of overlapping concerns, and to the Governance Council. But nothing has come from the recommendations from the original task force. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince added that the task force expects FS to discuss it seriously, including the recommendations
about language changes to FH, appointment of a faculty fellow in the Provost’s Office, and production of best practices.

Past President Dark said that the PRS task force has two more meeting scheduled and has a working draft of its report. In it, some of the issues raised by the scholarship on outreach and engagement task force are addressed. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince countered that some of the concerns of the scholarship on outreach and engagement task force extend beyond PRSs. She recommended sending it to another council or committee. Senator Paschke agreed to have FDAR look at it.

President Schalinske also asked about the status of discussions about NTE research faculty. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince said that the committee recommended to continue with the appointment type, but recommended changes in FH, and offered advice to the Provost’s office on how better to implement and monitor NTER appointments. Past President Dark asked that the report be sent to EB first.

B. President-Elect
No report

C. Senior Vice President and Provost
1. TIER Progress
Provost Wickert reported that BOR selected consultants for next phase of business. Chazey Partners will advise the universities in implementation of their plans for shared services (finance and HR). Huron Consulting Group will lead on sourcing and procurement business cases. Selection of consultants for academic affairs (with focus on online learning an time-to-degree) will take place in February. The Provost, President Schalinske, and Senator Owen will represent ISU and interview finalists on February 12.

President-Elect Wallace asked whether evaluation of curriculum is no longer a topic for the efficiency study. Provost Wickert replied that he did not know.

2. Governor Branstad’s Condition of the State Address and Budget Proposal
Provost Wickert said that some of ISU’s budget requests were priorities in the governor’s proposal, others were not. The governor expressed support for performance-based funding and committed $4 million to backfill the University of Iowa. The governor supported a 1.8% increase in general funds for all three universities. Specific requests, such new money for the agricultural experiment station and small business development center, were not included. Capital projects, including the Student Innovation Center, were not included. In fact, none of the capital projects from any of the universities were included.

Senator Zarecor asked about the governor’s commitment to another tuition freeze and a $10,000 college degree. Provost Wickert replied that the tuition freeze is certain to happen, provided that the legislature comes through with the 1.8% increase in general funds. The Council of Provosts discussed the proposal for $10,000 degrees. The idea sprang from discussions in Texas. But no R1 universities have implemented such a program, and no such degrees have been offered in STEM fields. Associate Provost Holger asked deans to work with their curriculum committees on identifying potential
areas for $10K degrees and accelerated degrees. Provost Wickert added that even after areas are identified where a student could graduate in 3 years, there needs to be truth in advertising. Such a program would require intense time commitments, including summer courses, and would likely prevent students from taking advantage of study abroad, internship, and extracurricular opportunities. These students would be competing in the job market with students who have the wider experience, and it is not obvious that the 3 year degree would be as competitive.

3. Administrator Reviews
The reviews of Dean Wintersteen (CALS) and Nolan (Vet. Med.) have begun.

4. Faculty Modified Duties Assignment policy
The FMADA has been approved. There is a website and form available. Two requests are underway.

D. Council Chair Reports
Academic Affairs and RPA will have meetings soon.

Governance Council will post FH updates to the website soon. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince recommended that FS notify faculty about the changes.

FDAR had no report, but needs committee members for the Facilities and Education Resources Committee. EB agreed that FDAR should meet with Ms. Rasmussen until the committee is populated.

E. Caucus Chair Reports
None

V. Unfinished Business – 4:00 p.m.
A. Name Change: Certificate in Leadership Studies [S14-13] – Bigelow
No discussion

B. Name Change: Operations Analytics Masters [S14-14] - Bigelow
Senator Freeman raised the concern that the degree program has no students and has ot for a while. Associate Provost Holger pointed out that the last degree was awarded in 1995. Past President Dark said that this concern was raised in the LAS curriculum committee meeting. The reply was that masters students were enrolling in other programs (e.g., statistics), but their needs would be better met under this program. It was also suggested that students would be more marketable with a degree with this title. Provost Wickert noted that the letters of support did not speak to this last claim.

There was consensus among EB that this was not really a name change and should not be approved. Parliamentarian Rippke recommended using the parliamentary maneuver of “postpone indefinitely” to remove the item from future consideration.

Provost Wickert recommended adding “foster care placement of a child.” Senator Butler moved and Senator Paschke seconded. The motion passed without dissension.
VI. New Business
None

VII. Approval of the January 20, 2015 Faculty Senate Agenda
President Schalinske noted that there would not be a COACHE survey report. Past President Dark objected that faculty were urged to participate because they were told that the survey data would be used in decision making. She said that the absence of a report suggests that the results were surprising and now being covered up. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince said that the concerns include unhappiness with chairs, dissatisfaction from associate professors about advancement, mentoring, and support. Provost Wickert added that there is a question about how to present the data. He suggested that the data could be incorporated into other presentations, e.g., reports on professional development for faculty or P&T.

Senator Selby replied that this is a voluntary survey, in which faculty participate in order to effect change. She said she was troubled by the provost’s office’s reluctance to share the data when they are not positive. Associate Provost Holger responded that it’s not a matter of not sharing; rather the question is about the venue. He offered the comparison that the results of student evaluations are not shared in a public venue.

Senator Russell noted that comments about how the data are used would be helpful. EB members continued to voice their concerns that some acknowledgment and report on the data was needed.

Senator Sturm moved to accept the agenda. President-Elect Wallace seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

VIII. Good of the Order
None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Honorary Degree
President-Elect Wallace moved to enter into executive session and Senator Sturm seconded. The motion passed.

X. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.