Grant O’Rielly opened up the Faculty Senate meeting and the first order of business was to call for nominations for Faculty Senate President.

There were three nominations for Faculty Senate President:
- Grant O’Rielly (Physics)
- Doug Roscoe (Political Science)
- Kenneth Saltman (Educational Leadership)

Ballots were passed out to all Faculty Senators and Liz Winiarz and Maureen Hall were asked to collect and count the votes.

**Doug Roscoe had the most votes and was elected as Faculty Senate President.**

Shannon Jenkins nominated Maureen Hall to be secretary of the Faculty Senate. Hall accepted and is now taking notes!

Elections for the Faculty Senate Steering Committee

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• Motion to approve minutes
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• Approved Minutes

Grant O’Rielly mentioned that there are a few proposals that need to be reviewed by the Senate, and he suggested that the Steering Committee should figure out how to assess these proposals.

• Provost’s Update:
  Provost Karim talked about the new hires for 2015-2016. 16 of these new hires are Assistant Professors and 25 of them are FTVLs.
• He talked about the upcoming programs that will be going through accreditation review (ABA, ESE—formerly DESE, and Nursing)
• There will be one dean’s review---for SMAST this year.
• There will be a system outage in MyCourses from Tuesday, December 22- Saturday, December 26, 2015.
• The Provost discussed that there would be a 1 million dollar cut to the budget because there’s a shortfall, mentioning a building in Taunton on which we still owe 10.5 million. He mentioned that some faculty lines would need to be pulled due to this shortfall.
• He talked about the enrollment being down by 2%.
• The Provost has asked the CFO to provide us with 3 sets of numbers that will help to shape the rest of the budget:
  1) FY 15 actual assets
  2) # for the FY 16 projection
  3) FY 16 1st quarter number

There were some questions from the faculty:

Ken Saltman asked a question about why we are not growing more programs with existing faculty.

Provost: We need to work on enrollment. We only build new programs when enrollment is up.

Isabelle: questions about upkeep of facilities, rental of dorms by faculty, visiting scholars

Provost: Problems attracting students who are not poor enough to be eligible for loans, but can’t pay full freight. Our financial packages are not as attractive for these students.
Selection of Center Reviews

- Bovin: Sharon Azadivar, Heather Miller, Tim Walker (Alternate)
- Portuguese: Ray Lalouche, James Lawton, Memory Halloway (Alternate)

Mike Goodman moves approval of the change from the Adult & Child Nursing Department to the Adult Nursing Department. Seconded by ?. Approved by Senate vote.

Motion by Shannon Jenkins to create committee to review election procedures. Seconded by Sue Brady. Approved by Senate vote.

Mike Goodman motion to adjourn. Adam Hausknecht seconded. Approved by Senate vote.