Members Present: Ricardo Alfaro, Aviva Dorfman, Jan Furman, Douglas Knerr, Dan Lair, Greg Laurence (Chair), Marilyn McFarland, and Jie Song

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Greg Laurence.

Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2016 ► A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2016, as written. Motion carried.

Selection of Representative to Faculty Council for 2016-17 ► After some discussion, Jan Furman volunteered to serve as the AAAC Representative to Faculty Council for the 2016-17 academic year.

Provost Report ►

Doug indicated that as a part of his Provost Address at Fall Convocation, he is forming three university committees to engage in discussions in the areas of Advising; Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure; and Governance, followed by a call for volunteers to serve on the committees. Doug stressed that these committees were exploratory committees in nature to engage faculty in important discussions that may impact various areas of the University and specifically our upcoming reaccreditation. They are not targeted at a specific charge. Although reaccreditation is not pressing, we have time for a thoughtful opportunity to review these things. He concluded by indicating that he will be sending members a handout that will explain the purpose, but more importantly, the opportunities. Doug said that the bottom line was to invoke intelligent engagement. Much discussion took place.

Doug said that with Chris Waters’ new duties, her direct reports such as the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching, the Honors Program, University Outreach, and Institutional Analysis has reverted back to the Provost Office, he needs to be thinking about that role in terms of faculty support, duties, the level of support from the Provost Office, etc.
Faculty Council Report ►

Ricardo provided a Faculty Council Report by indicating that a Governing Faculty Meeting is scheduled for next Friday. Included in that meeting will be discussion of the Ad Hoc Report which is going to faculty on Monday in preparation for the meeting. Next steps will be discussed. President Schlissel met with Chris Douglas in July and he is interested in the process and would like to receive the report. After the Governing Faculty Meeting, a copy of the report will be sent to him.

Ricardo indicated that an issue came up where three of our faculty members went to a SACUA Meeting in Ann Arbor and an article in the *Michigan Daily* appeared regarding Status of UM-F Faculty Governance. He explained that there were a lot of inaccuracies and inconsistencies and the SACUA interpreted the meeting as though those faculty represented the governing faculty of UM-Flint which is not the case. Ricardo said that SACUA should have come to Faculty Council to check out the information. He said that it put UM-Faculty in a bad light. Efforts are being made to retract some of the data. Discussion ensued.

Matters Arising ► Sue indicated that Tamin Reza will be AAAC’s student representative for the current academic year and will attend the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.