I. Chair Mike Barth called the meeting to order at 1102 and welcomed the new representative from the Air Force ROTC program, Major Carl McCoy.
II. A motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2013 was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

III. Professor DeFebbo made an announcement regarding an upcoming Tech Festival being sponsored by ITS/Multimedia Services. The festival will occur Nov 11-15.

IV. Professor David Trautman, representing FTPC was in attendance to provide information regarding proposed changes to the FTPC Charter. The proposed amendments to the charter are:

   a. Amendment 1: Eliminate representation on FTPC by anyone appointed to an administrative position

   b. Amendment 2: Eliminate representation during the academic year for any department that does not have any eligible faculty members

   c. Amendment 3: Move the election of the chair up to the end of the academic year, rather than the beginning of the new academic year

After Professor Trautman presented the rationale behind each amendment, the council discussed Amendment 1 at length. The council discussed what constituted an administrative position and raised concerns that some departments may have too many faculty with administrative titles but no supervisory role that would be automatically excluded from service.

Amendment 2 and 3 were briefly discussed, with Secretary DeFebbo seeking clarification that eligible faculty member meant eligible faculty member to serve on FTPC, rather than faculty candidates eligible for tenure and promotion.

Professor Thompson moved that Amendment 2 and 3 be accepted. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Professor Thompson moved that Amendment 1 sent back to FTPC for clarification on the definition of administrator as it relates to administrative titles. The motion was seconded. The vote was 16 yea, 1 nay. Professor Burton explained her dissenting vote for the record by expressing concern that more and more administrative positions are being created and faculty are in a position to “make it work” with regards to committees. She expressed further concern for assessing committee eligibility on a case by case basis and that the delineation between faculty and administration is becoming less and less clear.

The council discussed proposed charges to the Committee on Committees to examine specific areas of concern regarding the effectiveness of individual standing committees and overall committee structure. The council reviewed Chair Barth’s proposal and proposed the following questions and concerns be addressed:

   a. The number of committee assignments relative to the number of faculty available to fill those assignments, especially those committees that are represented by the individual academic departments and the Library. Are we in danger of having too many committee assignments for the number of available faculty? How many committee slots exist that need to be filled?

   b. The Committee on Committees should consider who are unavailable for committee assignments because they are defined as administrators.

   c. The time commitment for the individual committee assignments and the service commitment can differ materially from one committee to the next. Recommend
that the committee service be rated as high, medium, or low time commitment, including time outside of meeting and homework.

d. For future follow-up, we would like to have the committee’s view on any overlap between service opportunities on campus, such as Company Advisor or Faculty Council membership, and its relationship to the current committee structure’s service load.

Professor Bishop moved to send this proposal to the Committee on Committees for consideration. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

V. The council confirmed the election of School of Science and Mathematics representative, Saul Adelman to Committee on Committees.

VI. Faculty Manual Revisions for 2013-2014 will be followed-up with at the November 19\textsuperscript{th} meeting. A subcommittee will need to be established to conduct the review.

VII. Chair Barth proposed that the Faculty Council by-laws be amended to specify that the incoming elected chair of Faculty Council take office on the Monday following graduation in May. Professor Thompson motioned to accept the amendment, seconded by Professor Donnell. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Chair Barth provided an update regarding the Financial Affairs Committee. Due to the new Planning and Budget Review Council, the Financial Affairs Committee will be involved in budget planning a lot more than in previous years. They are the official faculty committee for budget related matters. They will be meeting at the beginning of November to get a handle on understanding individual academic department budgets. If a faculty member has budget concerns regarding their individual department, they need to contact one of the representatives on the Financial Affairs Committee.

IX. The members discussed a Faculty Council resolution adopted in April 2011 that recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to evaluate the concept of moving from the current system of a separate Faculty Council and Academic Board to a Faculty Senate model. A recommendation had been sent to Academic Board requesting that the Provost put together that ad hoc committee but it is unclear whether any further action had ever been taken on that resolution. The members agreed to continue the discussion of the status of the April 2011 resolution at the November 19\textsuperscript{th} Faculty Council meeting.

X. Chair Barth adjourned the meeting at 1211.