Dr. Galardi asked for review/approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2017 School of Professional Studies meeting. Dr. Grotrian moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Nevitt seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Faculty members discussed faculty representation on the budget committee. Mr. Griffin moved that the faculty members of the School of Professional Studies support having a faculty senate member serving on the budget committee. Dr. Coe seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Dr. Goebel-Lundholm nominated Cassie Weitzenkamp as the Professional Studies representative on the budget committee. Dr. Nevitt seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Dr. Galardi discussed with faculty members the nominations that had been made for representation on Faculty Senate committees. Dr. Mahan requested that her name be removed from nomination for representative to the Institutional Review Board. Ballots were distributed to faculty members at a later time in the meeting.

Dr. Hutchison reminded faculty members of the Sesquicentennial School of Professional Studies Student Debate scheduled for February 20, 2018. She indicated that she would like to have a topic in place by the fall semester, so that related work and assignments could be used in classes.

Department members discussed the academic proposals submitted to the Faculty Senate.

A. Dr. Nevitt moved to wait until fall semester to review the Business Administration – Sports Marketing and Communications option for resubmission. Dr. Grotrian-Ryan seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

B. As a new program, the Bachelor of Applied Science – Leadership will be reviewed by the Coordinating Commission which does not meet again until fall. Dr. Grotrian moved to wait until fall to review possible changes to this program and resubmit. Dr. Nevitt seconded the motion.

C. Faculty members discussed Senate comments about the Business Administration – Human Resources and Risk Management. Mr. Hayes moved to resubmit the program option changing the reference “General Studies Requirements” to “Recommended General Studies Classes”. Dr. Goebel-Lundholm seconded the motion.

Committee reports

A. Dr. Hutchison (Strategic Planning Committee): Town Hall meetings are being held in order that people can hear about the goals and strategies and to receive feedback.

B. Ms. Parriott (Education Committee) thanked faculty members for helping with the Rule 24 Matrix update.

C. Dr. Coe (Institutional Review Board) advised that two proposals had been approved.

D. Ms. Schottel reminded department members of the screening of “The Hunting Ground” at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26th in the Live Oak Room. This is a part of the observances of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Based on a faculty report, a brief discussion was held regarding the Disruptive Student Policy and addressing students who were disruptive or showed insensitivity toward others in the classroom, specifically in terms of sexual assault or any other issue. Dr. Galardi advised faculty to closely review the Disruptive Student Policy, address issues in class if they arose, and feel free to contact him or Eulanda Cade in regard to any questions they might have relating to the handling of such situations.

E. Dr. Grotrian reported that the Scholarship Committee was moving forward.

F. Dr. Nevitt (Distinguished Speakers’ Committee) reported that the committee was interested in using speakers with topics related to the State or the College and the Sesquicentennial theme.

G. Mr. Hayes reminded that the “alexisProject” would be presenting in TJM 114 on Tuesday, April 25th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. This program is a part of the observances of Alcohol Awareness Month.

H. Ms. Schottel advised that she would be taking a border immersion trip to Juarez.

I. Mr. Tiner noted that one of the Commissioners of the Heart of American Athletic Conference was also a member of the rock band, Kansas.

J. Dr. Hutchison advised that CMIS 310 or more openings in CMIS 410 were needed by several of her advisees.

K. Dr. Coe advised that his volunteering to help student athletes in improving their grades has brought two students seeking help.

Capstone reports (Business and CMIS, Criminal Justice, Psychology) are due June 1, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.