I. Dr. Galardi requested review of the minutes of the September 7, 2018 School of Professional Studies meeting. Dr. Mahan moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Nevitt seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

II. Committee Reports
   A. Ms. Weitzenkamp (SEM Development Committee) reported that a develop-your-own or tailor-your-own-degree General Studies program was being discussed. Department members discussed how that might move forward with existing requirements. This effort would accommodate students finding that Peru State does not have the degree in which they have interest. Dr. Hutchison asked if there would be an interdisciplinary capstone course available for such degrees. Dr. Galardi mentioned the problem of various courses not being offered frequently – and slowing students’ progress in completing programs.
   B. Dr. Hutchison chairs the SEM Research Committee. The Committee is considering a Research Day in which students can present their work. Submissions, program abstracts, and presentations would be a part of the planning for the day.

   Dr. Mahan would like to schedule a presentation day for poster displays of research completed, and she would be receptive to that being included in the planned Research Day. April 4 and/or April 5th are being considered for Research Day.

   Faculty members discussed the possibility of the department being able to pay for students’ presentation posters. There will also be a review of the cost involved in purchasing a poster machine and in pursuing other sources for monetary support of students’ presentation materials.

   C. Dr. S. Grotrian (SEM Leadership Committee) reported that the committee is reviewing a leadership credential.
   D. Ms. Parriott (Faculty Senate Teacher Education Committee) reported that the committee is working on a survey.
   E. Mr. Gleason (Faculty Senate) reported that the Senate is reviewing contracts.
   F. Dr. Gardner (Honors Committee) reported that the Honors Committee is working to improve the program and its goals. Faculty input can be brought to Dr. Gardner or Dr. Nevitt.
   G. Mr. Kathol (President’s Council) attended the first meeting.

   New trees have replaced damaged and dead trees. The trees have been planted and inventoried. Dr. Borchers and Dr. Dorman put forth men’s volleyball as a viable idea for a new sport.
   H. Dr. Hutchison reminded that the debate (Campus Rumble) would take place November 12, 2018. The proposition: A college degree is essential for a good and productive life.

   Department members discussed the one price offer from Cengage and whether everyone would join to use Cengage publications. Some instructors preferred ancillaries provided by other publishers.

III. Dr. Galardi advised that a search committee had been formed for an economics faculty member. A search committee for a psychology faculty member will be formed during the spring semester.

IV. Dr. Galardi reminded faculty members to complete information for targets and outcomes in each program. Heading those committees: Dr. S. Grotrian, Dr. Amber Mahan, and Dr. James Nevitt. Dr. Galardi asked that this work be completed by December 1, 2018.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.