Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2009

Introduction of Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs, and New Senators

Report of the Executive Committee (Cynthia Paschal, Chair of the Faculty Senate)

Remarks by Chancellor Nick Zeppos

Presentation of committee charges for 2009-2010

Discussion of National Science Foundation’s upcoming requirements for responsible and ethical conduct of research (Vice Provost Dennis Hall)

New business

Good of the Senate

Adjournment to reception (in the Atrium between Frist and Godchaux Halls)

Voting Members absent: Balser (regrets), Blackett, Bradford, Christie (regrets), Collins, Conway-Welch (regrets), Fogo (regrets), Galloway (regrets), Guthrie, Hiebert, LeBlanc, Price (regrets), Reschly (regrets), Smrekar, and Wait.

Ex Officio Members present: Bandas, Dowell, Fife, Fortune, Kovalcheck, McCarty, McNamara, Shepherd, Zeppos, and Wcislo.

Ex Officio Members absent: Barge, Chalkley, Christiansen, Outlaw, Retzlaff (regrets), Sandler, Stalcup, Sweet (regrets), Williams, and Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Cynthia Paschal.

Next Item on the Agenda – Approval of the May 2009 minutes

Chair Paschal asked for a show of hands to approve the May minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Next Item on the Agenda – Introduction of Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs, and New Senators

Chair Paschal introduced all new senators, the new committee chairs, and the Executive Committee members.

Next Item on the Agenda – Report of the Executive Committee

Chair Paschal introduced Professor Kas Kovalcheck as the Senate’s new parliamentarian and welcomed him.

Chair Paschal explained that she is trying out the idea of school/college delegations to see if that will work as a way to further communications between the Senate and the schools/colleges. She asked Mary Yarbrough to explain how this is working in the Medical Center. Chair Paschal said that she will also have delegation leaders give short presentations about their school/college during the Senate meetings this year. She asked all delegation leaders to sign the sheet that was circulating.

Chair Paschal said that she and Vice Chair-elect Bobby Bodenheimer have met with Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Beth Fortune about how to make the MyVU website more effective in getting out Senate information. There will be a redesign of the MyVU website this year, and they are looking for input/feedback. She asked senators to send it to Melanie Moran in Public Affairs.

Chair Paschal said that there were a few Faculty Manual changes over the summer, which she outlined. She also mentioned that the VUMC parental leave policy is not in the
Faculty Manual, and she would like for senators to bring any other omissions that they find to her attention.

She said that the Executive Committee has been working on the issue of smoking on campus. She said that she was happy to note that the university is moving towards a non-smoking campus, and that this will probably be a topic of discussion at the October Senate meeting.

Chair Paschal also mentioned that there are ongoing searches for the Vice Chancellor for Administration, and the Opportunity Development Center Director.

Looking ahead, she noted that at the October meeting, we will hear from Vice Chancellor Jeff Balser and Dean of Libraries Connie Dowell; in November, we will hear from the subcommittee chairs of the Graduate Education Task Force; and in December, we will hear from Board of Trust President Martha Ingram. She then turned the floor over to Chancellor Zeppos.

Next Item on the Agenda – Remarks by Chancellor Nick Zeppos

Chancellor Zeppos said that the Senate is looking at many issues that have to do with the quality of life for our university. Also, the most stunning change is the volume and pace of regulatory actions from the federal government. This affects all faculty members and has to be addressed by the Senate. Open access issues are very important as well, and he said that he is glad that the Senate will be addressing this, as well. He said that he is also very pleased that Graduate Education is getting onto the Senate’s agenda early, and that we need to make significant investments in the quality of our graduate students and their quality of life. He said that we need to invest strategically in graduate education. He then opened the floor for questions.

Senator Paul Yoder: How do I bring forth concerns to the Senate?
Chancellor Zeppos: I will defer to Chair Paschal on issues of procedure.
Chair Paschal: I will talk with you about your concern later, and how best to bring it up to the Senate.

Senator Bridget Rogers: What are the biggest changes that have been brought about in our new budgetary model?
Chancellor Zeppos: I would say that we are still pretty much ETOB. We do not take all the revenue up to the top and distribute out like many public universities.
Senator Bridget Rogers: So what changed then?
Provost Richard McCarty: Four undergrad schools now bring all their tuition centrally. We have a much more effective model now that is driven by academics and not by keeping tuition dollars in your school/college.
Senator Bruce Oppenheimer: What is the benefit of prohibiting us from using university funds to buy alcohol for university events?

Provost McCarty: We gave discretion to school deans about this. There is no one magic solution for all schools/colleges. We had to make some serious choices about budgets last year.

Chancellor Zeppos: We appreciate the sacrifices that were made to make our university work over the past year.

Senator Dave Piston: I’d like to know your rationale for your membership to the Bellemeade Country Club.

Chancellor Zeppos: I believe it’s in Vanderbilt’s best interest for me to be a member, and every other chancellor before me has been a member of this club.

Hearing no further question, Chair Paschal thanked Chancellor Zeppos for his remarks.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Presentation of committee charges for 2009-2010**

Chair Paschal reviewed the committee charges for this year (link: [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/facultysenate/commit.htm](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/facultysenate/commit.htm))

She then introduced Vice Provost Dennis Hall.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Discussion of National Science Foundation’s upcoming requirements for responsible and ethical conduct of research (Vice Provost Dennis Hall)**

Vice Provost Hall said that Elizabeth Rapisarda is the point person in his office for this issue. He said that this new requirement came about in 2007. This act requires training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) for NSF-funded projects. This has already been happening on training grants. The new implementation date is January 4, 2010.

NSF now requires that, for all proposals, Vanderbilt must certify that it has an institutional program in place; that the program must provide training and oversight in RCR to undergrads, graduate students and post docs; that we have to be able to provide the program plan for review upon request (not in the body of the proposal itself); and lastly, Vanderbilt must verify that this training took place.

Vice Provost Hall said that there have been communications to deans, department chairs, and center directors to make them aware of this new requirement. There is a faculty committee that is working on this issue. He said that by January 4, 2010, we will plan to adopt the IRB online RCR program so that we will be compliant by the necessary deadline. He said that we will formulate a broader, deeper plan for the coming years.

Vice Provost Hall then asked for any questions. Hearing none, Chair Paschal thanked him for his presentation.
Next Item on the Agenda – New Business and Good of the Senate

Chair Paschal asked for any new business. Hearing none, she turned to good of the senate.

Chair Paschal asked for any business under good of the senate. She noted that seasonal flu vaccines will be available Monday, Sept. 21. H1N1 vaccines will be available in October.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Roberts,
Vice Chair