Call to order

Approval of the minutes of December 6, 2012

Report of the Executive Committee

Remarks by the Chancellor

New Business
   1. Presentation by Brett Sweet, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Good of the Senate

Adjournment

Voting Members present: Baker, Balser, Barth, Blume, Brady, Calico, Cannon, Clark, Conway-Welch, Does, Dow, Fischer, Gigante, Gokhale, Hudnut-Beumler, Huffman, Hurder, Hyman, Johnson, Johnston, Kirshner, Lim, Lind, March, Morrill, Nanney, Ramanujam, Schoenfield, Skaar, Southard-Smith, Tellinghuisen, Watters, Wayman, Webby, Winder, and Yarbrough.

Voting Members absent: Anderson, Aschner (regrets), Atack (regrets), Benbow, Bond (regrets), Bradford, Braxton (regrets), Dayan, Dever, Enterline, Fauchet (regrets), Fogo (regrets), Fountain, Gervais, Guelcher, Guthrie (regrets), Hall (regrets), Harrington (regrets), Hemingway, Hughes (regrets), Moore, Mulvaney, Niswender (regrets), Powers (regrets), Rohde, Schwartz (regrets), Smrekar, Tansey, Tarpley (regrets), Tsinakis, Turner, Wait (regrets), and Wikswo (regrets).

Ex Officio Members present: Bandas, Fife, McCarty, McNamara, Raiford, Sweet, Weintraub, Wente, and Zeppos.

Ex Officio Members absent: Barz (regrets), Bernard, Fortune, Miller, Stalcup, Wcislo (regrets), and Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Sal March.

Next Item on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2012

Minutes of December 6, 2012 meeting were approved.
Next Item on the Agenda – Report of the Executive Committee

Chair March reported that online education has been a major topic of discussion among the Executive Committee recently. He mentioned that Associate Provost Cynthia Cyrus will be coming to talk at the March Senate meeting about the response to the Honor System recommendations. There will be a public report that will be made available to senators, as well. We will also talk about online education at that meeting with Associate Provost Cyrus. Chair March also reported that the Faculty Life committee has been working on the parental leave policy wording in the Faculty Manual. Associate Vice Chancellor Dave Raiford and Vice Provost Tim McNamara have put together a task force to look at this and Senator Chris Lind (chair of the Faculty Life committee) will be on this task force.

Next Item on the Agenda – Remarks by Chancellor Zeppos

Chair March turned the floor over to Chancellor Zeppos. He said that he wants to talk about the high-level issues regarding the budget. He gave an overview of the external issues regarding the economy and the budget situation at Vanderbilt.

Next Item on the Agenda – Presentation by Brett Sweet, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Chair March turned the floor over to Vice Chancellor Brett Sweet. He gave a presentation on the budget at Vanderbilt as well as an introduction to the new travel system. He said that Vanderbilt will be using the same travel system as other universities called Concur. There was a question about per diem. Vice Chancellor Sweet said that they looked at this issue, but they met with faculty & staff who said that they didn’t want a per diem system. He added that there will be a VU travel credit card where the charges will automatically be uploaded into the system rather than having to keep up with your receipts. Reimbursement will be direct deposited to the same account that your check goes to currently. Chair March thanked Vice Chancellor Sweet for his presentation.

Next Item on the Agenda – Good of the Senate

Chair March asked for any news under good of the Senate. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Next Item on the Agenda – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.