Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2011

Recognition of Third-Year Senators

Report of the Executive Committee
   Chair Brian Christman

Remarks by Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos

Elections for Senate Chair-elect and Vice Chair-elect

Year-end reports from standing committees

New Business
   Motion from PEAF committee (Chair Terri Donaldson)

Presentation from Vice Chancellor Jeff Balser on Technology Transfer

Good of the Senate

Adjourn (reception to follow)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Brian Christman.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2011**

Chair Christman asked for any changes to the minutes of the April Senate meeting. None were put forth. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Recognition of Third-Year Senators**

Third-year senators were recognized by Chancellor Zeppos. Chair Christman also recognized Cynthia Paschal and Jack Roberts’ service with plaques as outgoing past chair and past vice chair.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Report of the Executive Committee**

Chair Christman gave his report stating that the Executive Committee has talked with the administration about coordinating with committee chairs/reviewing potential motions, assisting administration in meetings with students about Middle East initiative, completing work on e-Discovery, and holding a very productive Past Chair-Vice Chair luncheon.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Report of the Chancellor**

Chair Christman then turned the floor over to Chancellor Zeppos.

Chancellor Zeppos thanked everyone on the faculty for their devotion and service to the university. He asked for any questions. Hearing none, Chair Christman thanked Chancellor Zeppos for his involvement in the Senate over the last year.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Elections for Senate Chair-elect and Vice Chair-elect**

Sal March ran unopposed and was elected as chair-elect. Judy Aschner was elected as vice chair-elect.
Next Item on the Agenda – Year-end reports from standing committees
Year-end reports were given from the following committees and task forces: Academic Policies and Services (APS), Faculty Life, Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom (PEAF), Senate Affairs, and the Task Force. All 2010-2011 year-end reports available online (http://www.vanderbilt.edu/facultysenate/commit.htm)

Next Item on the Agenda – New Business--Motion from PEAF committee (Chair Terri Donaldson)

Chair Donaldson gave a history of the motion on changes to the electronic privacy statement in the Faculty Manual, and then presented it to the Senate:

“The Faculty Senate commends Chancellor Zeppos, Provost McCarty, Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs Balser, and the Office of the General Counsel for their serious consideration of the 2009/2010 PEAF Committee’s proposed changes to the Faculty Manual regarding privacy of faculty electronic records. We urge the development of policies and procedures that provide the strongest protections of individual privacy. In cases where legal compulsion or clear violation of University policy necessitate observation of faculty electronic records, said policies and procedures should be constructed so as to carefully limit the scope of investigation and use of results. We look forward to receipt this fall of a response to PEAF’s original proposal and commit to working with VU Administration to finalize relevant revisions to the Faculty Manual and accompanying procedures.”

She opened the floor for discussion, but there was none. Chair Christman then asked for a show of hands to pass the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Item on the Agenda – Presentation from Vice Chancellor Jeff Balser on Technology Transfer

Chair Christman then turned the floor over to Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs Jeff Balser for his presentation on Technology Transfer and the new formula for royalties’ revenue. Vice-Chancellor Balser told the Senate about the search process for the new Office of Technology Transfer and Enterprise Development (OTTED). He recognized Senator Eric Skaar for serving on the search committee for the new director, Alan Bentley. He said that we are committed to doubling the size of the OTTED office as soon as possible. He then shared the proposed formula for royalties’ revenue. The new formula takes out the portion for the OTTED office itself, and gives them a regular, fixed budget. The faculty portion will remain the same. The lab share will go away, and the faculty member can decide to share some of their portion with the lab.

He then opened the floor for questions.
A question was asked about a deadline for when this would be effective. Vice-Chancellor Balser replied that he hopes to have this start on July 1. Any existing license would fall under the existing rule (except for the OTTED office).

A motion was put up for a vote to suspend the rules for voting on this proposal at today’s meeting. The motion to suspend the rules passed unanimously.

A concern was shared about having a widespread conversation with the faculty about how this will affect the labs. Provost McCarty answered that this has all been shared with deans. He said that this new policy would only take effect with new licensing, so no current labs would be affected.

A motion was presented to approve this new royalties’ revenue formula and change the Faculty Manual going forth. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Good of the Senate**

Chair Christman asked for any information for the good of the senate. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn, which was received and seconded.

**Next Item on the Agenda – Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.