Call to order

Approval of the minutes of May 6, 2013

Report of the Executive Committee

Remarks by the Chancellor

Good of the Senate

1. Introduction of new senators
2. Recap of August 26, 2013 special called Senate meeting

Adjournment to reception


Voting Members absent: Anderson, A. (regrets), Bachorowski (regrets), Balser (regrets), Benbow, Clark, Dever (regrets), Enterline, Fauchet, Fogo, Fountain (regrets), Gigante, Guelcher, Hall, Price (regrets), Tsinakis (regrets), and Wright-Rio (regrets).

Ex Officio Members present: Anderson, A., Bandas, Cyrus, Fife, Fortune, Hall, March, McCarty, McNamara, Raiford, Stalcup, Sweet, Wcislo, Zeppos.

Ex Officio Members absent: Bernard, Dowell (regrets), Lutz, Miller, Wente, and Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Donald Brady.
Approval of the minutes of May 6, 2013

Chair Brady asked for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved with one abstention.

Report of the Executive Committee

Chair Brady reported on the weekly Executive Committee meetings. He said that the main work of the committee has been setting the committee charges for the year. He said that they have also met with the Chancellor, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs over the last few weeks, and some topics that they have addressed include campus safety and medical center issues.

Remarks by the Chancellor

Chancellor Zeppos focused on the strategic planning process. He said that he started at the Spring Faculty Assembly to ask for a strong faculty-led process. Four areas: 1) Residential experience for undergrads, 2) Solving healthcare issues, 3) Education technologies—looking critically as well as taking stock of how we use technology, 4) What are the existing areas of distinctive strength at VU and how do we build on them?

He said that they made progress over the summer—the two leaders of the process are Susan Wente and John Geer. They are joined by an Executive Committee that draws from all areas of the university. This will drive our investment and capital campaign that we will be kicking off in the next few years. This is our time as a faculty to define ourselves.

We have 170 faculty engaged in this process at a high level. It has to be transparent, it has to engage the faculty, it must lay out bold and innovative ideas for the future, and it must be faculty-led. He said that we will be returning to the senate regularly with updates. The deans are engaged, too, but they are partners with faculty members.

I think every generation of leaders needs to make the university better. This is how we will be judged. We will have town hall meetings and many forms of engagement for faculty.

Campus safety: Chancellor Zeppos said that Vice Chancellor Jerry Fife does an outstanding job of taking care of “our city.” We need to start with a discussion about our values and what we stand for. We will address problems that arise on the campus. We need to look at what we are doing at every turn to have a safe environment. He also mentioned that we need to make a culture shift to taking care of each other and making sure everyone is safe. In the weeks and months ahead, it’s important for faculty to set this culture. I want to continue this conversation with you in the senate.
He said that we have increased our police force, installed cameras in parking garages, and increased security at 100 Oaks. He talked about the challenges of providing security around the perimeters of campus.

He then opened the floor for questions and comments.

Dean Eric Johnson: Made a positive comment about Vanderbilt Police
Question: What are the crime statistics for Vanderbilt?
Chancellor Zeppos: With the Clery Act, there has been a sea change in crime reporting. The Clery Act changed everything. We have been very proactive and err to the side of report disclosure. We try to put everything out and report it, but we give context. We do try to figure out what is crime between us as community members and what is crime from those outside the university.
Vice Chancellor Fife: There are very different issues among the university, the medical center, and 100 Oaks.
Chancellor Zeppos: I think it changes when you are in a small town vs. a larger city.
Question: Traffic crimes/automobile accidents
Chancellor Zeppos: We have had certain danger zones which we have tried to remedy.
Vice Chancellor Fife: We patrol those streets, but they are under Metro jurisdiction. We work with them to patrol those streets.

Chancellor Zeppos also introduced Anders Hall as our new Vice Chancellor of Investments.

Chair Brady said that Vice Chancellor Fife will present at the November Senate Meeting about safety issues. He thanked Chancellor Zeppos for his time.

**Good of the Senate**

1. **Introduction of new senators**

Chair Brady had the new senators introduce themselves. He also had the deans introduce themselves. He recognized Beth Fortune and Kara Furlong and thanked them for the article on the Senate in MyVU and MyVUMC. He asked the senators to talk to their deans about speaking about the senate at their faculty meetings. He said communicating up and down and across all is important. He introduced the six standing committee chairs and the two task force chairs this year. He also explained the committee structure and how the senate works.

2. **Recap of August 26, 2013 special called Senate meeting**

Chair Brady said that we called a special meeting of the senate, and the reason we called it was that we wanted this group to be proactive on the issues. We wanted to have the meeting to have input on the Strategic Planning process.

Green Dots program: Chair Brady mentioned this program and gave an overview of the program. This program encourages bystander intervention skills. There are ways that we as a senate can get involved in this individual training. We could also invite one of the
leaders to come talk to the senate. We could also have the Faculty Senate listed as a partner in this effort. He wanted to open the floor for other questions.

Question: What does it mean to be a Green Dot Partner?
Chair Brady: It means we are on the list on their website.

Question: What have the partners done with their partnerships?
Provost McCarty: Athletics will have all of their students/staff go through training.
Chancellor Zeppos: It’s essential that we start working together and we are committed to joining in and aspiring to be part of this program.

Comment: Nursing and medical faculty/staff have been doing this. If we are allying ourselves with this program we need to all go through this training.

Comment: This is a way to demonstrate our commitment to this change.

Question: What about the number of trainers/training opportunities?
Provost McCarty: Some people who go through the training commit to be trainers themselves.

Chair Brady: One possible option is to have our name listed as partners. We could have them set up a special session for faculty members.

Chancellor Zeppos: Another avenue would be for faculty engaged in direct interaction to build a transinstitutional foundation for the rest of us. We can learn a lot from Medical Center, School of Nursing and Peabody.

Question: Is there an online version of this training?
Provost McCarty: It has to be a face-to-face training. It also encourages men to be a part of this training and that is a powerful impact. We will all benefit for the engagement of the program.

Comment: I would like to see an action plan or indication for what we plan to do before we decide to be on a list.

Comment: Where can we get more information about the Green Dots program?
Provost McCarty: Green Dots Etc. is the official name. The director spoke on our campus 4 years ago before we adopted this program.

Chancellor Zeppos: There is a short video that the students go through that is 25 min long. VU PETSA is the webpage.

Chair Brady said that we will take this to the Executive Committee and will come back at the next meeting with a proposal.

Chair Brady reminded everyone about Professor Andrew Delbanco’s visit on Oct. 14-15. On Oct. 15 in the morning, we will have a breakfast meeting in the Heard Library Community Room with him.

Chair Brady asked for any other items for the good of the senate. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm. Adjournment to reception