Dean Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:03pm. Approximately 45 faculty were in attendance. The minutes from the **October 4, 2012** meeting were approved. Dean Watkins announced the Executive Committee election results:

I. Jerry Davila, History- won election

II. Dennis Baron, English, continuing member

III. Mariselle Melendez, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese- won election

IV. Alejandro Lugo, Anthropology and Latina/Latino Studies continuing member

V. Cynthia Buckley, Sociology- won election

VI. Mary Schuler, Cell and Developmental Biology, continuing member

VII. Bruce Rhoads, Geography & Geographic Information Science- won election

VIII. Brian Fields, Astronomy, continuing member

Nomination and election of members of Standing Committees was opened. A vote was taken on the slate for the LAS Standing Committees. The slate was approved unanimously.

The slate for next year’s membership on the Committee on Committees was presented. Acceptance of the slate was motioned and seconded and passed.

Dean Watkins began discussion of the proposed Bylaws update. The first item to discuss concerns opening membership on standing committees to 4 non faculty members (undergraduate students, graduate students, Academic Professionals, and Instructional Staff).

**Question-** Can Academic Others vote for the SLATE of committees at faculty meetings.

**Answer-** no.

**Question-** Where do Clinical Assistant Professor fit?

**Answer-** part of the Instructional Staff.

A motion was made to include Clinical Staff to the list of eligible non-faculty members. The motion was seconded and approved.

A question was asked about Research Professors serving on the Standing Committees. Anna-Maria Marshal, Parliamentarian and member of the Bylaws review committee, expressed concern that adding more titles to the list of non-faculty members would make this too exclusive. A vote to amend the bylaws language as just motioned (add Clinical Staff) was made and not approved.

**Question-** could the extra 4 members sway voting on the standing committees?
Answer from a faculty member- Having excellent staff participate on these important committees is a very good thing. They will enhance each committee.

The faculty voted on opening membership on standing committees to 4 non faculty members (undergraduate students, graduate students, Academic Professionals, and Instructional Staff). The addition was approved as presented.

The discussion moved to the Electoral Group revisions. Given the LAS Executive Committee results (Sociology winning a seat in Group V) and the proposed electoral group revisions (Sociology moving to group IV) Dean Watkins presented two options for the update of the Electoral Groups.

1—Propose that Sociology does not leave Group 5 and join Group 4 until August 2015.
2—Propose that a new election be held to identify a new Group 5 representative to the LAS Executive Committee.

A spirited debate followed with faculty discussing and endorsing both options. After the debate concluded a vote was taken to endorse option 1- Propose that Sociology does not leave Group 5 and join Group 4 until August 2015.

Yes votes totaled 33. No votes 5. Option 1 was approved.

Faculty did not have any other questions on proposed bylaw changes. They voted to accept the bylaws as presented with the inclusion of option 1 in the electoral group section.

A faculty member asked about the transition in LAS leadership. Dean Watkins answered that the Provost and Chancellor would be discussing that at the meeting immediately following the Faculty meeting.

A faculty member called for a vote of thanks for Dean Watkins for her leadership of the College. The faculty gave a round of applause.

The meeting adjourned at 3pm.