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**I. Call to Order**

President Finney called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom ahead of the holidays on December 11, 2023.

**II. Attendance**

Members present: Daniel Bishop, Vanessa Canter, Ruthie Canter, William Cate, Trish Caughran, O.J. Early, David Edwards, Kimberly Ferrell, David Finney, Joy Fulkerson, Brook Garland, Cody Greene, Shelly Higgins, Kathi Horne, Suzy Hooven, Cody Henson, Rachel Kellogg, Cody Morelock, Dr. Debbie Roach, Veronica Roberson, Amanda Sawyers, Katie Sellers, Brian Thompson, Cathy Webb.

Members absent: Kari Albarado, Dana Bailey, Joe Bidwell, Joy Hurley, Jennifer Mayberry, Skylar Moore, Stefanie Murphy, Donna Nelson, Ryan Parvin, David Robinson, Amanda Sawyers, Aneida Skeens, Benjamin Smith, Jeremy Watson, Liz Thomas-Joseph.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (delayed until January meeting)**

1. Treasurer's Report Accounts balances – no updates.

**IV. Annual Staff Picnic**

1. Senator Veronica Roberson gave a report on the annual staff event held in May. The committee, she said, likes the title of "Staff Picnic Celebration," as it reflects the history of the event. Potential event dates are May 7 or 8. President Finney asked Senators to email he and Senator Roberson for feedback on the title.

**V. President and Executive Report – David Finney and Joy Fulkerson**

1. President Finney gave reports on committees meeting across the university, including what a new budgeting process might look like for the university. More updates would be coming in early 2024, he said.
2. President Finney asked Senator Joy Fulkerson to speak about the Academic Task Force. Senator Fulkerson noted that the members have met with lots of faculty and staff on campus with considerable engagement. The report is being drafted and the ultimate goal is to submit before the end of 2023, Senator Fulkerson said, with President Noland and Provost McCorkle reviewing after that. Senator Roberson asked accreditation-related questions, and Fulkerson said it is on the radar of committee members.

**VI. Adjournment:** Senator Brian Thompson made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Senator Roberson.