The meeting was called to order by the chair, Murray Brown, at 10:05 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the March 29, 2001 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was the election of a chair. Dr. Brown indicated that he would be willing to continue to serve in that capacity. Dr. Brown was elected chair by acclamation.

A proposal was sent to the committee by John Newman regarding a change in the Senate calendar. He proposed that Senate elections continue to be held in the Spring semester but the term of office for the newly elected Senators should not begin until the Fall. The rationale being that the entire Spring semester can be used to focus on current committee business rather than on transition activities and those committees that meet during the Summer semester can continue to do so without changes in committee membership. The floor was opened for discussion. Several ideas were proposed and discussed. Dr. Crimmins mentioned the importance of the timing of the election of the Executive Committee. Several different scenarios were discussed.

Organizational matters will need to be thought out. An example Dr. Crimmins gave is that during the summer, his office works with the Senate Planning and Development Committee chair to organize the Strategic Planning and CBSAC subcommittees. If the new Senate did not begin its work until Fall semester then his office would not know who the P&D chair would be until possibly late August or early September. This would have ramifications for the Action Plan for the Strategic Plan as the Action Plan drives the budgeting process which takes place during the Spring semester. Discussion continued.

Dr. Crimmins suggested that it would be possible to have two Senate meetings on the same day. The first meeting would be the last meeting of the "old" Senate with any Senate business being voted on at that meeting. The second meeting would be with the "new" Senate and that meeting would strictly be an organizational one: the Executive Committee would be elected and the Nominations Report would be approved. Dr. Crimmins suggested that this idea be brought to the Committee of Chairs for feedback from other Senate committee chairs. Dr. Crimmins volunteered to write up something to present to the Executive Committee. He will forward his draft to Dr. Brown for review.

Dr. Brown called for any further business. Dr. Crimmins stated that the Budget Committee membership should be addressed. He stated that there is a structural misalignment. He would like to see the membership of the Budget Committee resolved the same way that the FACP membership situation was recently resolved.

The committee members introduced themselves. Mary Nell will send an announcement to all members in early August asking for Fall semester schedules. It will then be determined the most convenient time to meet for the majority of members. Since there was no further discussion or business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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