Present: M. Bacon, Boucher, Boyer, Miller, Sollars, Tarry

Excused: Elder, Noble, Paterson

Absent: Gershovich

I. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m.

II. The July 9, 2008, minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Sollars reported

Executive Committee and Administration met on July 16, 2008. There was a reiteration of the 2008-2009 budget deficit of $744,000. Colleges have been notified of their budget reductions and are making plans to account for the changes. The 12-month program is now called the “Capacity Building” initiative and work will continue in the Fall semester to explore possibilities. Returning student registrations are down from last year. Many students are reporting they are “in no hurry” to register, often citing economy and uncertainty of finances as reasons. Athletics is considering charging for all tickets to events for faculty and staff. They plan to meet with Faculty Senate to discuss the matter.

B. Treasurer’s Report: Senator M. Bacon presented the July 2008 budget report.

IV. Old Business

Continued Planning for Retreat (August 20, 2008): The Retreat Schedule, documents to be distributed at the Retreat, and goals for the senate to address were all discussed.

V. New Business

A. A sign up list for ice cream toppings at the Faculty/Staff Picnic, August 18, 2008, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., was passed around.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.