Introductions and Welcome

Approval of Minutes:
- Motion from Steve Smith: To approve minutes. The motion was seconded.
  o Vote: unanimous in favor
  o Motion carried and January 29, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

Administrative Report by Jane Schneider:
- Board of Regents met and removed two “interim” titles:
  o Dr. Brett P. Giroir was named executive vice president and CEO of the Texas A&M Health Science Center
  o Dr. Glen A. Laine was named vice president for research for Texas A&M University
- Budget Phase 1 closes Friday (budget process began early this year). Merit program and salary discussions still to come.
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers administrative review results delayed to late April but will include recommendations for all TAMU System entities in the BCS area
- Dr. Hussey spoke to the Faculty Senate regarding his decision to proceed on many important topics awaiting a presidential decision, such as parking garages, freshmen living, graduations, and research funding distribution. He will not wait for a permanent president to be selected to take action on these issues.
- The Finance and Administration Transition Team had its first meeting on Friday, February 14.
  o Still in the “identifying issues” stage
  o Will meet every Friday
- Reminder that Spring Break is coming soon
- Kyle Field project still on schedule. Includes:
  o New, louder design
  o Enhanced visitor experience
  o Biggest video screen in all of college football
  o Doubling of concessions and women’s restroom facilities
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- Renovation of Houston St. will result in temporary closure
  - Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) is involved with traffic study of the Kyle Field area

Benefits Report by Sarah Tobola:
- Wellness Initiative email went out to 5,876 recipients.
  - Departmental presentations are ongoing
- DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2014
- Spouses should login to their own BlueAccess web account to verify completion and coding of wellness exam.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield will send postcards to those who have not completed the wellness exam.
- Scott & White’s new billing system is experiencing difficulties
  - Charge is that of an outpatient service
  - Outpatient services are not covered under an office co-pay but instead are subject to deductible, and co-insurance
  - Resulting in higher out-of-pocket costs for members
- Article in ‘Benefits Brief’ about Blue Cross Blue Shield and how to compare providers
  - Benefit Value Advisors are available by calling member services or utilizing the online “find provider” service on the web
- 3rd party rules lift in June (in regard to outsourcing)
  - Lifts work restrictions for TRS working retirees
- Affordable Care Act employer mandates delayed 1 year, until the plan year beginning September 2015

University Staff Council Report by Darryl Petersen:
- USC is busy coordinating the Staff Appreciation Week, to be held March 3-7
- All staff are strongly encouraged to attend the President’s Meritorious Service Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from 9:30a until 10:30a in Rudder Theater.
- USC has inducted new members to represent the HSC and School of Law
- Information Technology Advisory Committee will be looking at consolidating use of technology and computer resources, including email servers.
  - Email questions and concerns to ITAC@tamu.edu
- Still awaiting survey results for the staff tuition assistance program
- The staff emergency fund policies and procedures are currently being drafted

Old Business
- Olsen/Kimbrough intersection was part of a traffic study in the Fall 2013
  - Results indicated that a traffic signal was not warranted
- Continued discussion on electronic cigarettes
  - TAMU System rules may be inconsistent with University policy: “smoking” vs. “tobacco use”
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- Residence halls and athletic venues may have lesser restrictions

New Business:

Closing Discussion:
- Motion from Mary Wilson: To adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Bomnskie, carried, and meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15a.