I. Call to Order: 2:03 PM

II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:
   
   Absent: T. Norton-Smith, P. Sato, S. Tobias, L. Hallaman
   
   Guest: D. Warren
   
   Ex-Officio: Dean Walter Wagor, Assistant Dean A. Bathi Kasturiarachi

III. Approval of Agenda:
   Motion: Councilor Birch
   2nd: Councilor Heaphy
   Vote: 14 Y, 0 N

IV. Approval of March 21, 2014 minutes:
   Motion to approve with correction of minor spelling errors: Councilor Heaphy
   2nd: Councilor Birch
   Vote: 14 Y, 0 N

V. Chair’s Report: provided by Acting Chair L. Fox on behalf of Chair T. Norton-Smith
   
   Summary of the April 11, RCFAC meeting
   
   a. RCFAC engaged G. McGimpsey in a discussion of research on the regional campuses. The usual complaints regarding teaching load and research opportunities were discussed as well as the lack of RC faculty on IRB and grant review committees within the university.
   
   b. Chair Ciuba reported on the Provost’s Advisory Committee meeting: short summary—the Provost does not anticipate any changes in regional campus funding despite the new state funding formula. Apparently the RCs are relegated to clucking like chickens whenever we hear the words “bad debt”.
   
   c. There may be a reconsideration of awarding associates degrees to baccalaureate students in light of the governor’s re-re consideration of support for the effort.
   
   d. RCFAC discussed salary disparities between Kent and regional campus faculty (again). The provost will be collecting data points to examine the issue (again—new provost this time)
   
   e. Role/relevance of RCFAC was discussed (again)
   
   f. Chair Cuiba encouraged council chairs to consult their councils about supporting a resolution that would recommend that the University return to RC’s the services fee paid on student bad debt (“cluck”).
VI. Dean's Report:
Dean Wagor--

a. encouraged council to raise the bad debt question as reported by Acting Chair Fox in point Vf. of the Chair's report.

b. reminded council of the impending visit of new president B. Warren on Campus.

c. reminded council that commencement takes place on May 11th @ Umstadtd Hall. Faculty are to arrive @ 2:15 PM for robing.

d. summarized the HLC visit—the reporting and recommendation processes are now taking place. The Provost commented at a Dean's meeting that HLC visitors identified the RCs as a strength of the university. The Provost also mentioned some HLC concerns regarding Kent Campus syllabi and the understanding of assessment in various Kent Campus departments.

e. informed council that the university will be exiting AQUIP as it was not a good fit.

f. related that the spring meetings with various faculty groups (TT, NTT, TT but not yet tenured) are “going well”.

g. informed council that state higher education funding decisions have been made. KSU@Stark requested 2.5 million dollars and was awarded 1.5 million. The money will be used to renovate the Fine Arts building. Discussion ensued regarding departmental needs, requests, and fulfillment. The Dean encouraged departmental requests.

h. revealed that the RC Deans received a request from Sue Averill regarding availability of FAC minutes from 2005-present. Discussion ensued. Stark minutes are available online from 2008-present. The Stark Dean's office has no knowledge of a historical minute archive. It was suggested that S. Averill's office should have all minutes given that, prior to online posting, copies of minutes were sent to her office. Dean Wagor suggested that council keep a FAC archive in the library.

VII. Assistant Dean's Report

a. Email has been sent to summer instructors regarding proportional pay. The e-letter contains information on minimum course enrollment (based upon first day class numbers) and the two week decision period (faculty can accept or decline the assignment at the calculated proportional pay rate).

b. Spring 2015 schedules are due 4-18-2014.

c. Three searches have been completed (Music, HDFS, and Eng.)

d. Faculty are reminded (again and again) to inform the Dean and appropriate offices of their absences. The absence(s) must then be reported accordingly on Banner.

e. Comment: faculty must be willing to teach across the board in their departments. Acting Chair Fox reminded the Deans that it is in their purview as managers to make faculty do just that.

VIII. Committee Reports:

a. PAAC: funded 32 trips this AY. $5594.21 remains in travel funds. Load lifts were recommended; 4 TT Fall 2014, 4 TT Spring 2015 and 2 NTT lifts.

b. Committee II: no report

c. Colloquium Committee: final colloquium was held on April 11 and attended by 9 faculty members.

d. Treasurer/Social Committee: A flyer was sent via email regarding the spring dinner (May 3, 5:00 PM) which will honor our retiree Ken Kramer and other faculty for their accomplishments.

e. Handbook Committee: No report

f. Technology Committee: No report
IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business

a. Theresa Ford requested faculty assistance with two grants.
   i. Announced the need for faculty input regarding a grant having to do with internships (due date of May 9th).
   ii. Announced the need for faculty input regarding a grant to place a wind turbine on campus (due date April 28th).

b. Campus policy on e-cigarettes and other tobacco forms (Finer)
   i. Councilor Finer introduced the need to address E cigarette and smokeless tobacco use on campus in light of library, hallway, and classroom use of these products. Discussion ensued. Dean Wagor mentioned a committee and report formulated last year to address the issue. Councilor Finer will investigate the existence of the report.

XI. Announcements
   Council Heaphy reminded council of the Student Research Conference on April 25th. Council was reminded by Dean Wagor to heed JE. Klco’s warning about the Ransom virus and to be very careful when opening email attachments.

XII. Adjournment: 3:45 PM
Motion to adjourn: Councilor Lloyd
2nd Councilor Hovhannisyan
Vote: 14 Y, 0 N