I. Call to Order
   Speaker Knezetic
   - Time: 5:15pm

II. Roll Call
   Executive Assistant
   Perronne
   - All Officers and Board Members were present except the following:
     1. Secretary Corpora
     2. Senator Gianfrancesco
     3. Senator Huber
     4. Senator Lafferty
     5. Senator Martin

III. Prayer
     Secretary Nunez

IV. Approval of Minutes
    A. October 6, 2014
       - Parliamentarian Vazquez moved to have minutes approved as corrected.
       Seconded, MOTION PASSED

V. President’s Report
    President Tedesco
    - Refer to President’s Report PPT
    - First edition of the USS Newsletter, What’s Up with U.S.S., was sent to SJU community on Friday, October 17, 2014
      o A major goal of the USS was to increase transparency on campus, and it was achieved through the newsletter
    - Attended AD HOC Interim on Wednesday, October 15, 2014
      o Minutes of the meeting will be posted online in the near future
    - Attended the Strategic Planning Meeting on Friday, October 17, 2014
      o Various aspects discussed within the meeting:
        - Academic Excellence
        - Enrollment
        - Support Services
        - Financial Planning
• Planning to contact different SJU student leaders to join informal Senate meetings in order to make better connections and communicate with other organizations on campus

• Reaching out to the “City 6” Student Presidents to share information on new initiatives

VI. Treasurer’s Report

Wutokowski

• No official changes have been made to the USS budget.

VII. New Business

A. GEP Presentation

Eric Patton

2014-2015 Programmic Review

• 2004-2008
  o Comprehensive Curriculum Review Committee work
  o March 2008- Final CCRC report GEP Approval

• Fall 2010
  o Implementation of GEP with class 2014

• Spring 2014
  o Graduation of first class of GEP students

• Fall 2014-2015
  o Programmic Review of the General Education Program as mandated in the March 2008 CCRC report

• Comparing the General Education Components
  o GER vs. GEP
    ▪ 20 Courses vs. 17 to 19 Courses

• Other GEP Innovations
  o Overlay Courses
    ▪ Diversity, Globalization, or Non-Western Studies
    ▪ Ethics Intensive
    ▪ Writing Intensive

• Every St. Joseph’s student should have the opportunity to have 6 free elective courses
• GEP Programmic Review
  o Goal to the Review: To include as many voices as possible to review to GEP in terms of:
    ▪ Its fulfillment of the principles outlined in the CCRC report
    ▪ The identification of operational issues that have arisen with the implementation of the GEP (both successes and changes)
  o Pre-Review Work (Spring-Summer 2014):
    ▪ Programmic Review Green Paper planning Document
    ▪ Initial Survey of Faculty
    ▪ Presentation of review plan to College Councils
    ▪ Solicit data on Review Agenda from Chairs
    ▪ Meeting with members of the 2008 CCRC committee
• Programmic Review Process
  o Based on Faculty Survey, Input from Department Chairs and discussion with CCRC members, the following areas were identified for special attention
    ▪ Integrative Learning Component
    ▪ Signature/Variable core components and assessments of GEP Learning Goals
    ▪ Overlays/Faith-Reason/FYS-Processes and criteria
    ▪ GEP and Adult learners (CPLS and HDC)
• Other Points of Emphasis
  o Student Outcomes related to GEP
  o Academic Impact
    ▪ Faculty resources
    ▪ Courses and programs
  o Cost Analysis of GEP vs. GER
• Reviewed statistics of Student Graduates from years 2010 and 2014
  o Number of students who graduated with double majors
    ▪ 2010= 165 students, 2014= 428 students
  o Number of students who graduated with a major and a minor
- 2010= 723 students, 2014= 958 students
  - Number of students who graduated with a double minor
    - 2010= 96 students, 2014= 160 students

- Timeline for the Review:
  - September-October 2014- Distribute tasks to Committee Members and
  - Begin the Review
  - October 2014- Faculty Open Forum and Student Input
  - January 2015- Sub-committee Progress Reports due
  - April 2015- Sub-committee Reports due
  - June 2015- Final Report Completed and Delivered to Faculty Senate

- The 2014-2015 Programmic Review is not a curriculum revision, however, SJU administration and faculty are reviewing the origins versus the outcomes, based upon the input

- Questions/Concerns
  - Degree Works is in the process of making many changes and improvements, so any issues with the program, academic advisors can assist
  - Imbalance of core overlay classes for students of the Haub School of Business compared to students of the College of Arts and Sciences
    - Lack of ethics and writing intensive courses for business majors
  - Besides the Signature Core classes (English, History, Philosophy, and Theology), SJU students have much flexibility when choosing courses for their academic schedule
  - Signature Core classes, predetermined or chosen by professors?
    - Within courses the learning rules are the same for the University.
    - These required rules entail: an oral portion of the class, and emphasis on critical thinking and ethics.
    - However, lessons are tailored depending on professors
  - Students are looking for more diversity in First Year Seminar courses
  - It is beneficial for Undecided Business students to hold off on taking their GEP courses at the start of their college career in order to
experiment with more business classes to get more exposure to their desired major

- The Excel Competency course is a great tool, but it is not productive for freshman to take it during the first semester because the skills are not implemented into the classroom setting of an introductory business course

VIII. Executive Report

- Secretary Chingas will be scheduling a meeting with the Provost in the near future; please contact with questions/concerns to bring to the meeting
- Vice-President Parascondola- The Strategic Task Force meeting will entail analysis of different aspects within the Haub School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences
- Secretary McCarthy- Continue to encourage the SJU student body to follow USS on social media sites

IX. Good of the Senate

- Secretary Nunez will be meeting with the IT Department and discussing the possibilities of a more advanced system of signing guests into freshman dorms; a quicker/more advanced way of the process, and having the capability for IT to track students on their data system.

X. Adjournment

- Time: 6:11pm