Larry Davis called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Larry summarized previous discussions regarding the proposed change to the Plan of Organization having to do with absentee ballots. The Council requested at its last meeting that a discussion be held among the members of the faculty constituency. This discussion did occur and a large number of faculty members were not supportive of the recommended change. The proposed clause reads as follows:

Absentee ballots shall be permitted in situations in which a case is discussed at one meeting with a vote taken at a second meeting. To vote absentee, an eligible voter must have attended the meeting at which the case was discussed and must be traveling on official University business during the meeting at which the vote is taken (as evidenced by a request-for-travel approved by the Department). The absentee vote must be received by email by the chair of the APT committee before the start of the meeting at which the vote is taken and shall be included in the vote tally.

Given the negative sentiment of the faculty, Larry asked the Council to vote in favor of removing the clause from the set of proposed changes to the Plan of Organization. The vote was 6 in favor of removing the clause and 1 opposed.

The Council was then asked to vote on having all remaining proposed changes to the Plan of Organization grouped as a single vote during the department’s upcoming voting period. The vote was 7 in favor of requesting a single vote on all remaining proposed changes with no opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.