Minutes 11/13/2015

1. Prayer and Devotional Thought - led by Brian Tarpy.
2. Sign-up sheet for Faculty Meetings, Devotions, and Closing Prayer passed around.
3. Committee Reports
   a. Faculty Meeting: Emily Sajdak - no report, because went into exec session right away.
   b. CCP (Academics): get a report from Erin? Nothing from them. Monica or Robert to get a more formal report.
   c. CCC (Community and Culture): Dean Sajdak is intending to provide exec team minutes. Met electronically - two big items: letting everyone know that 7 title IX coordinators all received 2 day training. 2) recommending childbirth accommodation policy - approved.
   d. CCR (Church Relations): Nothing to report.
   e. Mentored Ministries/ Vocational Formation Committee: Nothing to report.
   f. Student Appeals Committee (President and VP) : No appeals.
   g. Distance Learning Committee (Kizzy): We have no meeting scheduled and nothing new to report. The reduced length of intensives went very well, and working on housing, which continues to be a problem. Currently using World Missions condos (cheaper) or Prince Conference Center - Kizzy suggested students hosting some students, is also suggesting workload be somewhat less intense.
      -Kat brought up long-term hotel housing; much cheaper and ride sharing worked out.
      -Air B&B App: Christianne - room in people’s houses for very cheaper.
   h. Assessment Committee (Kat and Jan): They don’t know who is on the committee - they will be in contact with Prof. Feenstra before next meeting.
   i. Community Life Team (Ivan and Dean Sajdak): have yet to meet.
   j. Enrollment Management Task Force (Sam): not contacted yet.
   k. Website Updater with Dean Sajdak (Fabiano): Fabiano has some ideas for improving the website, such as putting emails next to names, no meeting yet. Calendar needs to be improved - great if can be accessed by Senate/added to. Student Life has a calendar - we should contribute to and publicize more broadly.
   l. Hekman Library Team (Michael): haven’t met but have had a conversation - they are interested in surveying students about the value of having both electronic and
print resources. Electronic copies are difficult to access. Will suggest water bottle and bathroom → made it unisex, then took it back.

m. Fellowship Committee (Christanne, Christa, Kizzy, Ivan): Have met twice! Medenblik Stik date has changed - they will send out new date. Planning Christmas Around the World - Dec. 11, student center is reserved. Want to have a photo booth. Requesting that at least 40% of Senate prepare a performance - pretty open, way to get to know each other, song, presentation, whatever students would like to share. Encourage other students to sign up if they have a talent (or don't have a talent). 4 people is enough. Brian encourages fellowship committee to be in touch with seminary spouses - flyers in apartments, also encourages handing out flyers after chapel.

n. Communications Committee (Robert, Fabiano, Jan): Met, discussed Facebook, in the process of creating a Facebook group - another way to sell things or be in touch about issues. Kizzy recommends comments rather than just "likes."

o. Town Hall Committee (President, Christa, Dean Sajdak): A lot are planned. Brian opened up to discussion surrounding town halls: Kat suggested consulting Prof. Cori Willson for suggestions about relevant topics that are a little outside the box and challenging. Jeff Sajdak recommends more suggestions from students - they are considering webinar on fundraising for ministry for the final town hall. Spring semester is mostly open!

p. Student Affairs Committee (President, Kat): Met and discussed some of the current issues going on at the seminary, informed the board of some of the issues/concerns about race/gender. Board interested in forming better relationships with campus - Kat suggests students be proactive in getting to know board members when they visit. Brian suggested mandatory sensitivity training for staff/faculty - because it's a huge need. Student affair report - Emily spoke to some of the issues facing women. Good because they are more aware of the issues the seminary is going through.

q. Hospitality Committee (Fabiano, Christianne, Anthony): Met - discussion on how to better help welcome international committees. Jan: could spouses get involved and help out? Fabiano agreed that this is a real issue - spouses feeling welcomed and a part of the community. Kat - there are fringe people in general: how do we reach them? (distance, part time, those working full time). Fabiano concurs.

4. Committee reports on potential committees: Robert brought report.
a. Committee on Race to be committed. Robert explains why: race issues an outcry last year - students outside of the Senate have been leading conversations. Charge: Race issues to be freely expressed by students, make those voices heard amongst students and staff/faculty, foster a collaborative community surrounding these issues, think/collaborate on creative issues. Make proposals for following year as well. Gatherings. Communicate to student body and senate. Possible ideas: cultural assessment, connections with the college, proposing events, race training, etc. 6 members: 3 senators, 3 non-Senators. Communication with staff/faculty vital.

-Nominate 3 senators: Robert, Nathaniel Gamble, volunteered. Kizzy nominated - worried about being the only voice. Im volunteered and approved.

-Nominate 3 non-Senators: Robert will do this.
b. Committee to explore Women’s issues at the seminary seconded. Reasons for: women’s issues a big enough problem to merit an independent study from the college, students would like to be involved in making positive changes. Similar mandate as the race committee. Approved. Michael Lynch would like the committees to provide examples - not necessarily specifics, but general examples - clear communication, help people understand where things go wrong, how we can do better. Women’s Committee formed and passed.

-Nominate 3 Senators: Monica, Kat, Jan volunteered - passed.

-Nominate 3 Non-Senators: Women’s Committee will contact student nominees.

5. “Social Media Czar” Report

6. Vision Statement: Robert read, edited - tabled until next time, to give us time to give comments/ suggestions.

7. “See Something, Say Something” Campaign: Brian Tarpy presented - had discussed this with dean of students and academic dean - a way to anonymously address such things. Captain: receives the complaint, Enforcer: goes to the person who offended, Ambassador: keeps a log of the various situations - academic dean wants this because they want to know when there are consistent offenders. Still in the brainstorming phase - Brian is presenting this for conversation. Discussion surrounding how such a campaign would work and be constructive / not just an attack campaign. Dean Sajdak suggests more brainstorming so that the channels for varying degrees of issues are clear. To be continued.

8. Dean Sajdak Report: Police department/Bachewana meeting next week: at this point, not very many people signed up - we need to encourage more people to be there. Movie
matinee: 26 turnout for movie matinee - a student suggested a King Tut seminary event: more pricey -- wants to access whether there’s interest.

9. Round table discussion - anyone interested in bringing anything up? Christa reinforced importance of committee hand-offs at the end of the year; something to keep in mind.


11. Treasurer’s Report: receipts go to her.

12. Closing prayer, Meeting Adjourned.

Dates of future meetings:
2015: 12/4
2016: 2/12, 3/11, 4/1, 5/6 (evening meeting 5:30pm)