1. **MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 27, 2015 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Steven D. Brewer. Minutes from the April 10, 2015 Rules Committee meeting submitted by Ernie May. Nancy Cohen is responsible for the minutes of this meeting. (If she cannot attend, A Yemisi Jimoh is responsible.)

2. **FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (For May 7, 2015)**

   B. Presentation from the Joint Task Force on Strategic Oversight (JTFSO) Nancy Cohen, Bryan Harvey and Amilcar Shabazz, Co-Chairs (Questions and Discussion to Follow)
   C. Presentation from the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA) Elizabeth Chilton and Timothy Anderson, Co-Chairs (Questions and Discussion to follow)
   D. Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, Graduate, Program and Budget and Research Councils concerning the Creation of a School of Public Policy, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. with Motion No. *(Report not ready at this time.)*

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

   A. From the Program and Budget Council endorsing the work of JTFRA: "Based on several discussions in budget subcommittee and full council meetings, the Program & Budget Council (PBC) endorses the efforts of the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA) to continue developing the processes for creating and testing a new budget model for the campus. The PBC recognizes that JTFRA comprises many different campus constituencies, including faculty, administration, and students, who have worked collaboratively to produce their report and recommendations on the Strategic Budget Allocation System. Furthermore, in light of all that has been accomplished thus far, the PBC also commends JTFRA for actively engaging the various councils and committees in their work."

   B. Rules Committee/Administration meeting agenda for Monday, April 27:
      1. Status of the Life Sciences Initiative (Peter Reinhart)
      2. Data Science Initiative (Andrew McCallum)
      3. Climate Science Center (Rick Palmer)
      4. Water Center (Dave Reckhow)
      5. Status of FY 2016 Budget (Sheehan, Mangels)

   C. Follow-up on conversation with Provost Katherine Newman