The agenda includes three reports, the usual time for announcements and questions, the start of a by-laws change process, reception of three council reports, and two items of old business on the agenda to permit adoption of amendments to previously-made decisions.

Reports

The JTFSO and JTFRA reports are brief updates, but will afford Senators a chance to ask questions.

The Internationalization Report is a discussion regarding a draft report developed by a committee on internationalization that has been at work since summer 2014. They do have a draft internationalization plan developed in April 2015 but it is not coming before the Faculty Senate for adoption at this time. They want to present its main features and use the meeting as one opportunity among others for getting campus reaction. The report will also be discussed later in JTFSO and by Councils.

Amendments to the Bylaws

Amending the Bylaws is not unusual; in fact the Bylaws themselves charge the Rules Committee with considering each year whether amendments are needed. In accordance with good parliamentary practice, the process extends over more than one meeting to ensure that all members have ample notice of the existence and content of proposed amendments. As noted on the agenda the proposed changes are read at three successive meetings and voted on only at the third. This ensures that the amendments are considered carefully and there are no surprises.

Most amendments concern changes in the composition of Councils and Committees to match organizational changes, wither within the administration or among colleges. This year we have one to Section 5-11-2 (last page of Sen Doc 16-003). This is proposed by the Information and Communication Technology Council, who wish to add two people who are central to important systems on campus and, in the Council’s view, should be at the table. After many years of low activity, the ICTC has become more active and is providing a useful forum for exchanging information and views between faculty and IT administrators.

The Academic Priorities Council is proposing a change to Section 5-3-1 of the Bylaws referring to its mandate, to bring it more into line with what they believe the Council can most usefully do.

In response to some brief pre-meeting confusion about how to proceed last year when the Faculty Senate held an election of a Secretary, the Rules Committee is proposing a short addition to Section 3-1-1. This makes more clear when was already contained in the rules, but somewhat obscured because Section 3-6-1 starts
with nomination processes while Section 3-1-1 specifies a different nomination procedure for the Secretary.

**Annual Reports**

The Faculty Senate will receive reports from the Academic Priorities Council and the Writing Committee. There is no motion attached; the reports are regarded as received after the chair(s) and other members have answered any questions put to them at the meeting.

**Old Business**

The first item of old business involves amending the Centers and Institutes: Comprehensive Policy and Approval. This began with the need to alter the review committee composition and define the annual report process more clearly. It also involves some tightening up, as compared with the original version, regarding use of the word “Institute” in names.

The amended version also includes an “Appendix” listing entities using the word “center” or “institute” that come under the exceptions defined in III.B 1. The Appendix is informational, and is not complete. It will be updated from time to time as additional entities are identified. There is one error in the Appendix as provided with the agenda: the Institute for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development should NOT be on the list. It will be removed.

The other item of old business is an amendment to the report of the Nominating Committee, recommending additional persons for service on Councils or Committee. This involves one recommendation, that Nancy Lamb to the Academic Matters Council (as you can see from the highlighting, which is how the Senate Office identifies additions to earlier versions of motions).