Meeting commenced at 3:33 p.m.

Welcome, Introduction, and Updates – Nina Solenski, Chair
- Dr. Solenski noted that Faculty Senator Martin Davidson, Johnson and Higgins Professor of Business Administration at the Darden Graduate School of Business, will lead a discussion about diversity at this year’s Jeffersonian Dinner, an upcoming event attended and co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Council and the General Faculty Council.

Remarks by President Teresa Sullivan
- The President thanked the members of the Faculty Senate who helped organize an event for first-generation UVA students that was held yesterday evening. The event brought together students with faculty and staff members who were also the first in their families to attend college.
- The President provided the Senate with the following updates:
  - The 2016 General Assembly (GA) adjourned last Friday. The GA introduced nearly 3,300 bills and resolutions during the 59-day session, about half of which passed both the House and the Senate. The Governor has until April 10 to approve, veto, or offer amendments to the more than 800 bills that passed, including the 2016-18 biennial budget. The GA will reconvene on April 20 to consider the Governor’s actions.
    - The General Assembly-approved budget is very favorable to higher education and to UVA. It includes approximately $15.7 million in additional appropriations to fund financial aid, undergraduate enrollment growth, focused ultrasound, programs at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Blandy Experimental Farm, and other institutional priorities. The Budget also includes 3% salary increases for all state employees, including faculty and staff, effective this November. The GA retained the Governor’s proposal to provide $100,000 to study the creation of a regional center for the investigation of incidents of sexual and gender-based violence.
    - The Budget provides $8 million in the first year and $14 million in the second year for the Virginia Research Investment Fund. The purpose is to: promote research and development; foster research, development and commercialization efforts that have potential for economic development and job creation; recruit and retain eminent researchers; and encourage collaboration among institutions and the private sector. In addition, the budget provides $29.0 million the first year for lab renovations and equipment...
associated with incentive packages and translation of research into commercial use. Specific areas of focus include biosciences, personalized medicine, cybersecurity, and data analytics. This funding is not appropriated to specific institutions. An application process will be developed by SCHEV that will include review by an entity with science and technology expertise, and grants from the Fund will be administered by the newly established Virginia Research Investment Committee.

- The GA also passed bond packages that include several UVA-requested projects. The bills authorize construction funding for the renovation of Gilmer Hall and the Chemistry Building. In addition, they authorize planning funding for the renovations of the Physics Building and Alderman Library (Life Safety, Phase I) beginning July 1, 2017.
  - Since last spring, the University has been working on a comprehensive approach to improving diversity, and the administration has identified three “prongs” to guide its efforts: “faculty hiring,” “student diversity,” and “improving our environment and culture.”

- The President noted that she will be traveling to Munich next week to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Max Planck Society regarding the UVA-MAXNET Energy collaboration.
- The President fielded questions from the Senate—including those about how to improve faculty diversity, the UVA student being held in North Korea, and the Virginia Research Investment Fund.

Recognition of Former Faculty Senate Chair Edmund Kitch – Nina Solenski and Gweneth West

- Dr. Solenski and Senator West honored former chair Edmund Kitch for his service with the presentation of a clock. Kitch served as chair from 2008-09. More recently, Kitch has served as chair of the Faculty Senate By-Laws Task Force, which has been working to suggest revisions to the Senate’s Constitution and By-Laws.

Academic Affairs Committee Discussion and Vote – George Cohen, Committee Chair

- The English and Religious Studies Departments in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences proposed separate MA concentrations in “World Religions, World Literatures.”
  - VOTE: Senate unanimously approved the proposals.

Presentation from Ron Hutchins, Vice President for Information Technology

- Mr. Hutchins discussed how IT can support current faculty and staff as well as prepare for planned growth among faculty and research activity at the University.
  - He noted that his two focus areas are “research infrastructure” and the “digital humanities.” He added the University needs “an organizing principle for technology strategy based on data and analytics.”
- Mr. Hutchins provided an overview of various IT plans at the University, including facilitating site licenses of software packages, networking upgrades, enhancing entrepreneurship support, and sensitive data containment.
Mr. Hutchins fielded questions from the Senate—including those about using third-party systems to store sensitive data, help desk support, and University-wide site licenses.

Presentation about University Academy of Teaching – Kirk Martini, President
- Mr. Martini provided an overview of the University Academy of Teaching.
  - The Academy was founded as a pilot program in 2011 and is housed in the UVA Center for Teaching Excellence.
  - The Academy’s goals are to “raise the profile of teaching at the University even higher” and “provide a robust means of making teaching development available to many more faculty than can currently be accommodated.”

Presentation about Ignite – Dorothe Bach, Associate Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence
- Ms. Bach provided an overview of the Ignite program, which “provides faculty who are new to UVA with the knowledge, skills, and supportive community they need to develop into exceptional teachers.”

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Nina Solenski
- Dr. Solenski presented minutes from the February 9, 2016, Faculty Senate meeting for approval.
  - VOTE: Senate unanimously approved the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.