MEMBERS PRESENT: Deni Galileo, Stacey Chirnside, Francis Kwansa, John Morgan, Calvin Keeler, Leslie Reidel, Martha Buell, Gerry Turkel, Brian Hanson, and Vickie Fedele
ALSO PRESENT: Suzanne Potts, Office Manager

OPEN SESSION

President Galileo called the meeting to order at approximately 11:15 AM.

Deni Galileo suggested adding to the agenda at the end of the Open Session a discussion of Provost Robin Morgan’s e-mail had sent earlier in the morning regarding process for the review of John Pelesko, the interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, for the purpose of making his appointment permanent. John Morgan suggested adding a discussion of the vague requirement in Section 4.1.1 of the Faculty Handbook that “To appoint any person to an academic rank requires a positive recommendation from the faculty of the academic unit to which the person is to be assigned”. The agenda was unanimously approved with both items added.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brian Hanson gave an extensive Grievance Officer Report and Gerry Turkel gave a Contract Maintenance Officer Report.

OPEN SESSION (resumed)

The minutes of the April 26 Executive Council meeting were unanimously approved with one minor change suggested by John Morgan.

Deni Galileo gave a report on the Faculty Forum on Service and Mentoring that had been held from noon to 2 PM on May 6 in the 1941 Room of the Morris Library. He stated that 30-40 faculty members attended the Forum, which lasted the entire two hours. From the discussions at the Forum, it seems that workload policies and a possible climate survey are two areas to follow-up on.

There was a discussion of the status and next steps for amending the CBA to reinstate the immediate vesting of UD’s contributions to the 403(b) retirement accounts of faculty members. Following the Steering Committee’s meeting on May 6, when the potential change was approved, a couple of issues arose that needed to be clarified by the administration. Once these issues have been resolved, an e-mail will be sent to all the members of the Bargaining Unit announcing the possible change along with a time and place for an open meeting to discuss the change and answer any questions. This meeting will be scheduled in the late afternoon on Thursday, May 16 or Friday, May 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM without adequate time to discuss items #4-6 on the agenda or the two items which had been added to the agenda.