In attendance: Frank McNally, Marty Usrey, Susan Keen, John Harada, Annie Schmitt, Ken Britten, Bruce Draper, Luca Comai, Peter Wainwright and Carrie Matthews

Discussion of the Process for Reviewing Proposals to "opt out" of or Change the CBS Core Curriculum
Background: CUCEP has received a proposal from NPB to reorganize their major. The proposal involves adding NPB110A, a new cell biology class with few pre-reqs and dropping BIS104, the current "core" cell biology class with many pre-reqs (BIS101; 102 or 105). We will discuss the process for reviewing such a proposal.
Desired outcome: a written proposal for a process to be forwarded to the Dean.
Frank will collect input at this meeting, and then write a letter that will be emailed to the FEC for approval/vote. Frank will forward the proposal to the dean after the FEC approves it.

Discussion of Limited Large Classroom Space
The Academic Senate Chair needs a letter from the CBS FEC to justify notifying the Chancellor and Provost about this issue of holding classes in the ARC gym. Instructors are unable to see or hear the back half of the students in the room, which is set up in the noisy gym area. Students and parents have both complained about the poor conditions, but there does not seem to be a solution in the short term. There was discussion of using the Varsity or other theaters downtown, teaching tents, or the Mondavi Center to fill the need that UCD is lacking in large classrooms with 200-300 capacity. Annie has comments from her students that 49% of the students felt uncomfortable in the ARC and will send the data on to Frank. Frank is looking for input from large-enrollment instructors.
Desired outcome: A written letter to the Academic Senate Chair.
Frank will collect input at this meeting, and then write a letter that will be emailed to the FEC for approval/vote. Frank will forward the proposal to the Academic Senate Chair after the FEC approves it.

Comments Requested on Academic Senate Documents
ADVANCE recruitment and practices (due 2-13)
Waiting for comments from Annie Schmitt
Leave Accomodations for Graduate Students (due 3-2)

Administrative bloat
As promised at last year's college faculty meeting, the FEC chair is continuing to investigate the apparent increase in positions in Mrak Hall. There is an increase of around 30% of Administration, which Donna believes includes UCD Med Center. Frank McNally would like input on how to proceed.

New FEC Chair
Marty Usrey will become the new FEC Chair for 2015-16. Marty is currently the FEC Vice Chair for 2014-15.

**Things on the burner that will not be discussed:**
- **Teaching Policy:** currently in the hands of the Dean
- **Teaching Professor Working Title:** still collecting comments on ASIS
- **Chancellor’s 5 year review:** No call from the President
- **Reorganization of BIS Major:** Harmer committee still working on it
- **Mechanism for the joint governance of majors:** CUCEP still working on it
- **2015-2016 Committees:** Vice Chair of FEC and CUCEP Chair are critical