1. Welcome address from Andrea Hunter. Affirm equity, justice, and value all of us. Value faculty success. Encourage faculty to engage with Senators.

2. Laurie K-M: Approval of minutes of prior general faculty meeting on 4/19/17. Unanimously approved.

3. Resolution on the agenda: election of senators to ensure minimum representation. Background from AW: Historic min of 2 Senators per unit, vs smaller units that may not have that many people to serve. There have been iterations of a ‘rounding up’ rule for fractional representation. Resolution in a nutshell: Smaller units may vote to stay at 1, or vote again later to go back up to 2. “Restore electoral division minimum representation by 2 senators, and provide an optional exemption for small electoral divisions.” SY: Read out the resolution to Amend the Constitution of the General Faculty as above. No questions. Resolution passes unanimously.

4. University Strategic Planning update: Julia Jackson-Newsom, AVC for Strategy and Policy. Guiding principles: Opportunity and excellence, student oriented, research intensive, share place and fate. Currently 2 areas of emphasis: increasing opportunities for experiential learning. Increasing co-curricular and extracurricular programs. Request for initiatives sent out through Deans and other academic leaders through campus. GA wants campus to increase research productivity by 19.8% by FY22. Knowledge transformation: Research Productivity is a subset of external funding. GA wants an increase total external funding. Student transformation: Goal is to increase student graduation rate (GA has picked a 5 year rate, rather than 4 or 6 year rate). Regional transformation: UNCG should contribute to state economy and health and wellbeing citizens. Increase by 19.8% the credentialed graduates in Health and Wellness, Vibrant Communication, and Global Connections. Increase faculty and staff engagement in these areas. Areas of distinction: Health and Wellness, Visual and Performing Arts, UNCG programs in these two clusters map onto 2 Millennial Campus Districts. They are areas of strength for UNCG and Campus Based Plan. UNCG strategic plan remains grounded in the areas already discussed. System plans map well onto those. GA system asking us to track goals and metrics. Goals to increase low-income, rural, etc. enrolment. (68% of rural NC is White, so the goals may cross cut with diversity).

5. Faculty Convocation: Provost Dana Dunn. Enrollment Change Funding. Good news: no cut in budget from state. We had substantial new funding from enrolment growth: one of the most significant sources of new resources. Plus modest tuition increases (tuition lock reduces income generated for the University). These enable: graduate student support, faculty, other academic support, holdback, benefits. In depth discussion of new faculty expenditure commitments. One time support of select initiatives. Additional support for faculty research. Raise pool: roughly 1.7% for filled positions, 80% merit and 20% equity. To increase student enrolment, we need outreach to underserved students. Historically higher education has failed to embrace those students. But UNCG has a good track record on those points: scholars, teachers, mentors, especially high impact practices through teaching. We have a good record for closing gaps in student success, e.g. narrowing Black-White graduation gap, success in graduating low income students, McNair program, NSF STAMPS program
