1. Call to Order

Trustee Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.

3. Verification of Meeting Notice

The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

4. Action Item
   a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

   Trustee Kerr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.
   The motion passed as follows:
   
   Ayes: 2
   Nays: 0

5. Information Items
   a. Academic and Student Affairs Update

   Dr. Sandra Westbrook reported that Dr. Mario Beatty took 23 CSU students to Egypt. A presentation of
   the trip was given to the Provost Council. Dr. Westbrook mentioned that on August 17th the University
   opened the Aquaponics facility where members of the campus and the external community were in
   attendance. Dr. Westbrook acknowledged the accomplishments of the faculty in the Department of
   English, Communication, Media Arts and Theatre. She also acknowledged that the College of Health
   Sciences will present a proposal to the Illinois Board of Higher Education to approve the new Master’s of
   Public Health. Dr. Westbrook reported that the Accreditation Council for the Pharmacy Education Board
   of Directors, reaffirmed the Candidate Accreditation Status for CSU’s College of Pharmacy Doctoral
   Candidacy Program. Dr. Westbrook discussed the new initiative in the College of Education, whereby
   CSU has partnered with Chicago Public Schools to help the students in technology.
In addition, Dr. Westbrooks reported that the School of Graduate and Professional Studies took 25 students to New Orleans to observe what the government has done to make conditions since Katrina better. Dr. Westbrooks stated that Academic Affairs has created Curriculum Advising Planning Program (CAPP), an online tutorial system for faculty, students, and advisors. Academic Affairs has placed the Graduate and Undergraduate catalogs online. The new Director of Student Activities and Student Leadership, Mr. Jason Ferguson, and his assistant, Mr. Jonathan Parks were introduced.

1. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update

   Dr. Paul Musial, co-chair of the HLC Steering Committee Self-Study, reported that during the kick off meeting on September 23, Dr. Karen Solomon spoke about the accreditation process. Dr. Musial stated that the report submitted by CSU was successful and the accreditation is valid thru 2013. He informed the Board that the University community is made aware of what the steering committee is doing thru the cougar connect portal.

   Trustee Hill stated that the meeting was helpful and an eye opening experience. Trustee Hill observed that in every discussion/question Dr. Solomon had yesterday was focused on student learning. Trustee Hill encouraged everyone to be involved, keep up to date, understand what the process is and contribute to the process.

2. Strategic Planning

   Dr. Gebeyehu Mulugeta stated that the committee has solicited feedback from the University community regarding core values, mission and vision statements recommended by the retreat groups. Dr. Mulugeta reported that major strategic goals will be developed in a new plan for CSU. He also reported that the Faculty Senate will be asked for their feedback as well. In addition, the Board needs to provide input into the strategic planning.

   b. Enrollment and Retention Update

   Ms. Cheri Sidney announced that enrollment is up 1.8 percent and undergrad enrollment up 5.1 percent. She reported that CSU has experienced a decrease of 12.9 percent with first-time full-time freshmen and a decrease of 8.2 percent with graduate enrollment. Dr. Cheryl Green explained that first-time full-time freshmen make up only 8 percent of CSU’s overall population. Dr. Green stated that decrease in enrollment is due to the economy and negative/false press. She further stated that the first-time full-time freshmen retention rate has increased by 3.4 percent over last year’s rate. Dr. Green noted that CSU has not had an enrollment in the 60 percentile for retention of freshmen within the last 10 years.

   Trustee Hill inquired about the status of the early warning system. Dr. Green responded that reports from the faculty were just finalized and should be received by the end of the day. Trustee Kerr commended that students were grateful for receiving phone calls regarding academic warning and the opportunity to receive tutoring services.

2. Other Matters
   a. Public and Employees Comments

      No public comments.

3. Adjournment

   Trustee Kerr moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

   Ayes: 2
   Nays: 0

   The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.