Members Present: John Palmer, Brent Henderson, Michael Martinez (ex officio), Jed Keesling (ex officio), Kevin Ingersent, Andy Rosalsky, Ellen Martin, Susan Bluck, Leslie Murray, Monika Ardelt, Gillian Lord

Members absent: Rick Stepp, Tace Hedrick, Brigitte Weltman-Aron

1. As Chair, John Palmer called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

2. This special meeting of the Faculty Council was called to discuss the possibility of creating a CLAS Task Force to address the college's vision and future role in the University.

3. The Council members discussed the 4.3.12 meeting of UF Faculty Senate President Scott Nygren with the CLAS Chairs and Directors, at which he proposed the formation of a CLAS task force to re-envision the College's roles and mission, as well as Dean D’Anieri's subsequent call for the Faculty Council to undertake the formation of such a Task Force.

4. The Council agreed that the Task Force should be created and charged with answering the following question: How can the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences fulfill its core missions of teaching, research, and service so as best to respond to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century given its straitened financial circumstances? The Council agreed to work closely with the Task Force to further articulate and execute this general charge.

5. The Council agreed that the Task Force would be composed of distinguished faculty members with deep knowledge of the college and university and with a record of leadership and innovation. The Council members agreed to solicit from the Chairs and Directors recommendations of individuals suited to serve in addition to making its own recommendations prior to voting internally to determine those who would be invited to become members of the Task Force.

6. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.