Pat Cantor (the PSU Faculty Observer to the Board of Trustees) submitted a written report of the Feb 1st Board of Trustees meeting that can be found as Appendix A of the February Faculty meeting agenda. The Board set maximum tuition rates for FY 14 while deferring setting the actual FY14 tuition rates until the amount of the state operating appropriation is known.

The Parking Committee proposal “that PSU charge all faculty and staff $10/yr. to park their car on campus (each additional car will require a fee of $50/yr.)” was discussed. The need to help support the shuttle expenses was mentioned. Faculty members generally accepted the idea of paying the $10 admin fee although concern was expressed about the $50 fee an additional car. However, some generous faculty members proposed offsetting shuttle expenses even more significantly by paying $100 a year, and suggested that payment would be more convenient if made by payroll deduction. A few others noted that fees on a sliding scale might be appropriate given the range of differences in pay among the faculty and staff. The idea of one hanging tag for all vehicles was mentioned.

A Motion from the Academic Affairs Committee that proposed amending language in the course drop/withdrawal policy was discussed at length and eventually voted down.

Curricular motions:
Certificate in Hospitality Management (Social Science): accepted with a couple nays.
Commercial Voice Performance option for the BA Music Degree: accepted.
Professional Sales Certificate: accepted with one nay.

The Faculty Welfare Committee brought two motions that together are intended to clarify and revive the role of the Faculty Grievance Resolution Committee. (This discussion has been under way since April, 2009, when the FWC tried to abolish the Faculty Grievance Committee and the faculty voted against that motion. The FWC determined that a grievance committee—as opposed to HR—could serve where grievances arise over workplace bullying or academic freedom.) First, a motion was made to add a statement on workplace bullying to the Faculty handbook, and this motion passed. Then discussion began on a proposed Faculty grievance resolution policy & procedure. This discussion was eventually tabled until the next faculty meeting due to the late hour.