AGENDA

1. Prayer: Michelle Lacouture

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of September 2, 2014 (see attachment)

3. Summary of actions taken by the Executive Committee of the Academic Council (October 30, 2014)
   (a) Academic Code of the Graduate School (Introduction): removing ESTEEM as an excluded program

      ESTEEM is now a Graduate School program, along with the University’s other professional master’s programs. This requires one small change to the Graduate School’s Academic Code, which currently excludes ESTEEM:

      http://graduateschool.nd.edu/assets/139929/graduate_academic_code_2014.pdf

   (b) Academic Articles, Article III, Section 3/Faculty Qualifications and Periods of Service: inserting a sentence that the initial appointment of an associate professor without tenure is ordinarily for a three-year period.

      Two years ago, the Academic Articles were amended by the Academic Council to allow up to six years in the position of associate professor without tenure. The previous limit had been 3 years. When that change was made, we neglected to update another section of the Articles which triggers a renewal of a three-year contract, thereby followed by another contract of up to three years.

      The Executive Committee made the section governing the associate professor without tenure appointment parallel to the assistant professor without tenure section by adding one sentence to the third paragraph of Article III, Section 3(a): “If the initial appointment of an associate professor is made without tenure, then that initial appointment is ordinarily for a three-year period.”

4. Committee reports from the 12 committees required by the Academic Articles to report to the full Council (see attachment)

5. Committee meetings

   Undergraduate Studies (Kevin Dreyer): not meeting

   Advanced Studies (Cindy Bergeman): Room 106

   Faculty Affairs (Mike Desch): Room 112-114