I. Welcome and Announcements

A. Chair Koch then welcomed the newly-elected incoming Senators: Gwen Robbins Schug (ANT), Mitzi Cook (AD), Heather Waldroup (ART), Michael Madritch (BIO), Shanan Fitts (C&I), Cindy McGaha (FCS), Rene Salinas (MAT), Beth Fiske (NUR), Susan Doll (ST) and Patrick Rardin (at-large). There will be new technology department names in the fall. They are: Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment and Applied Design.

B. Current Senators who were re-elected are: Melissa Weddell (at-large), Dale Wheeler (CHE), Mark Zrull (PSY), Richard Crepeau (GHY), Beth Frye (RE/SPE) and Peter Villanova (MGT).

II. Nomination and Voting for Faculty Senate Officers

A. In accordance with the Faculty Handbook, Section 7.1.5 “At the last Senate meeting of the academic year, the Senate shall elect the officers…chosen from a minimum of two names for each position nominated from the floor…Officers may be re-elected each year for the duration of their tenure on the Senate.” Chair Koch called for additional nominations for the Faculty Senate Chair. Richard Crepeau was nominated. For Vice Chair: No new nominations, and for Secretary: Trent Spaulding and Mark Zrull. The slate of nominees are as follows:

   B. Chair: Paul Gates and Richard Crepeau
   Vice Chair: Beth Frye and Rene Salinas
   Secretary: Trent Spaulding and Mark Zrull

The Faculty Senate elected Paul Gates, Chair; Beth Frye, Vice-Chair and Trent Spaulding, Secretary.

III. New Business

A. Chair Gates stated that former Chair Koch has left the Senate in good shape, but that there are always new issues that arise. He asked for concerns that might need to be addressed. The following concerns were mentioned:

   - There needs to be an evaluation of online teaching and distance ed courses – how will this affect departments in the future, what are the goals, etc.
   - The Senate needs to be more involved in pushing for addressing space and renovation issues in certain buildings.
• There needs to be more effective and timely communication about events on campus. These events should first go to the Council of Chairs and then disseminated, and the calendar should be updated more frequently. Consolidation of emails would also be helpful such that faculty (and others) are not continually bombarded by so many emails. Senator Fenwick stated that the migration to Google should help with this issue.
• Faculty roles in student mental health need to be more clearly defined. Faculty are often asked to be “counselors”.
• The discussion with Terry Rawls should be continued in the fall.
• Could the track in the Convocation Center be opened during the winter?
• Creative solutions are needed when classes are repeatedly cancelled due to weather.
• The issue of so many non-tenure track faculty teaching students at ASU should be explored. About 45% of all student credit hours are delivered by non-tenure track faculty.

IV. Adjournment

A. Chair Gates said that these ideas can be fleshed out during the August retreat of the Faculty Senate, which will take place just before classes resume in the fall.
B. The April 27, 2015 Second Session of the Faculty Senate was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Note: There were no motions or resolutions presented during the Second Session for a vote; and therefore, there are no voting sheets for this session.