Vice Chair Kennedy called the meeting of the School of Nursing (SON) Faculty Council to order on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 9:10 a.m. in Room N 319D. A quorum was present.

The minutes of January 16, 2009 were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Chafetz reported on the following topics:

• Discussion items at the recent the Coordinating Committee meeting.
• Continuing discussion with David Gardner and Jeff Lansman regarding student access to campus courses and the issue of paying for courses in other schools (email from Jeff Lansman is attached as Attachment 2). The Graduate Council is looking at this issue vis a vis to self-sustaining programs. At the Coordinating Committee meeting, Chair Chafetz asked that they expand this examination to address access to cross-school course access. Support from the faculty Council will help the SON representatives on the Graduate Council, and the Graduate Council, to move forward and effect change on this issue. Chair Chafetz and Mary Lynch (who sits on the Graduate Council) will survey the faculty and send a resulting report to the Graduate Council to push this item forward for redress.
• Report from the Committee on Academic Planning and Budget and the Chancellor’s work groups on cost-cutting and efficiencies.
• Systemwide effort to include certain Adjunct and Health Sciences Clinical faculty into Senate membership.

Dean’s Report
Associate Dean Mirsky reported on budget issues (Attachment 3).

• For this year, the School has been levied a permanent 3% reduction and an additional temporary 3% budget reduction. The School is forecasting the 3% permanent reduction in its budget next year.
• However, the University is anticipating a new 3% to 11% reduction to be handed down next year.
• Final reductions will not be across the board, but every school and control point will need to project the impact of the anticipated 3% to 11% reductions.
• The three Chancellor’s work groups on cutting costs and increasing efficiencies.
• There is a soft hiring freeze in place.
• Report from the Chancellor’s Data and Voice Services Recharge Advisory Committee
Department Reports

Family Health Care Nursing
• Developed position statement of the faculty for the Midwifery and Chronic Illness positions. There are already some applicants and interviews are expected to begin in mid-March.

Community Health Systems
• Resignation of MSO and staff planning.

Physiological Nursing
• Feedback on the pre-registration issue and revision planning.

Social and Behavioral Sciences
• One open search which is expected to be resolved by the end of March.

Student Report
M.L. Bayog reported on the following:
• The Student Council is hosting more student social events.
• The Nursing Student Council is sponsoring the Red and Hot Gala.

Continued Discussion Student Advising Concerns
Student representative M.L. Bayog provided the Faculty Council with notes regarding student concerns regarding student advising services in the School of Nursing (Attachment 1). Faculty Council members who took this to their departments reported from discussions on this issue. Discussion was considered necessary and productive. The issue of distance learning/distant students was also discussed.

The Faculty Council discussed options for action, and decided that it would be best for the departments who have not discussed this to do so. Faculty will report back to the Faculty Council, who may take more action, such as memos to Judy Martin Holland, the MEPN Council and the Doctoral Program Council.

Update from the MS Curriculum Task Force—Jane Hirsch
Jane Hirsch reported that the four design teams are being formed (Research & Theory, Population Health, Leadership, Project Planning). Toolkits have been prepared. The Research and Theory design team/toolkit will be rolled out first (rather than all at once). Changes from that design team will be enacted Fall of 2009.

Extensive discussion followed.

Update from the Teaching Awards Selection Committee—Joe Mullan
Joe Mullan reported that the deadline for nominations has been extended to February 17, 2009. The Committee will meet on February 24 to consider the nominees.

Old Business
None.

New Business
R. Newcomer reported from the Academic Senate Task Force Reviewing the Development Office Funding Model. The task force will be meeting to discuss specific concerns and issues March 6, and R. Newcomer will bring information back to the Faculty Council for faculty and school comment.

Chair Chafetz adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.