I. At 1.06 Chuck Peterson (Chair) called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

II. The minutes of the meeting of 12/10/12 were approved; the agenda of this meeting was approved. C. Peterson passed out copies of a NYT article concerning the difficulties of poor students completing a degree in higher education.

III. Regarding Informational Items which were mentioned in the previous meeting:

A. Harry Anderson reported on the Strategic Planning session which was held on 12/11/12. (see attached sheet).

B. In response, C. Peterson suggested that the Faculty Senate should also create a strategic plan, and create sub-committees with everyone involved. A discussion with the audience ensued concerning the role of adjuncts, especially the need for full-time adjuncts to be allowed to become full-time instructors with all the rights and benefits of the position. The room agreed that it would benefit the teachers, the students, and the credibility of the college as a whole.

C. Anthony Baca reported on his meeting with Melissa Lopez concerning the Student Activities Fund, which is available yet unclaimed. She told him that the FS should create an Activities Committee and an ideas list. Then we would be able to tap into the funds that are set aside for student activities.

Mr. Baca believes that the faculty should be more involved in creating activities to keep the students interested and engaged.

There is a provision in the By-Laws for the creation of ad hoc committees. Anthony Baca volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee for Student Activities; Cindy Armijo, Jeannette Nolan, Leslie Dennis and Laura Gonzales volunteered to be the committee.
D. Adrienne O’Brien reported on her meeting with Dr. Vidal Martinez, suggesting that the College’s organization chart be changed, specifically that the Library report to Academics rather than Facilities. Vidal agreed that this was a fine idea, so the next step is to get find out how to formally recommend this to administration.

E. C. Peterson and A. O’Brien (Chair and Vice-Chair) would like to be invited to all upcoming department meetings with the aim of being available to all faculty members, to hear their input and to connect with every department on campus.

The FS email address is:  lccfacultysenate@luna.edu.

IV. Regarding the Fiscal Action Item presented at the 12/10/12 meeting, the remuneration (or compensation) of Faculty Senate members:

A. Cindy Armijo had spoken with people at three colleges in New Mexico: NM Junior College/Hobbs; ENMU/Roswell; and San Juan Community College/Farmington. Compensation rates varied, from zero compensation to release time or overload compensation. Elizabeth Juarros had not yet been able to contact anyone at other colleges.

B. In spite of incomplete information, there was general agreement that some numbers should be decided, since the representatives of the Senate were to meet with the President of the College on Friday 1/11/13. C. Peterson opined that the FS Members should receive some compensation since everyone involved would be putting in a lot of time to the effort. The following figures were agreed upon as the initial proposal to the President and Board:

Chair: $2500 per year/$1250 for this spring semester/$500 for the summer session

Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer: $2000/$1000

Members: $1500/$750

Maxine Hughes motioned for a vote; Gene Sandoval seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

V. Regarding the Action Items of creating committees:

A. Website information committee: Rick Jaramillo said that it would be easy to incorporate a FS page into the LCC website. Beth Juarros and Elaine Ortega agreed to be the ad hoc committee. Any information that we would like to appear on the FS page of the website may be submitted to either one of them.
B. SLOA (Student Learning Outcomes Assessment) committee: The NCA will be looking at outcomes/assessments in 2014, as part of the accreditation inspection Luna will undergo in 2014. It was resolved to create a standing committee to address issues and problems relating to presentations and assessments presentations by dual credit instructors.

Jeannette Nolan, Angie Manafy, Gloria Pacheco, Erin Gilland, Renee Garcia, and Sherry Goodyear volunteered to be the Standing Committee for SLOA.

C. Action Plan for Strategic Objectives Sub-committee: C. Peterson volunteered to chair this sub-committee; A. O’Brien, Harry Anderson, and Joseph Montoya volunteered to serve on it.

VI. Dates for future meetings: provisionally, the Senate will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m.; and the third Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. No location was decided.

The members agreed upon February 6, 2013, as the date of the next meeting.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.