I. The Join Meeting of the Faculty Assembly and UMES Senate was called to order at 11:03 am.

II. A motion to approve the April 9th minutes was made by Dr. B. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Joseph Bree. The vote was approved and carried.

III. New Business:
   Fall 2013 Cohort
   - Dr. Jenkins addressed the body on enrollment, retention and graduation rates for the university
   - There were a reported 4454 students enrolled in the fall 2012, most students were recruited from MD, NJ, DC, DE, and NY states. The average gpa was 3.04. Building partnerships with high schools in these states is key to the university.
   - The number of students to be admitted was 2157 (700 first time full time and 300 transfer) for fall 2013. A concern was raised from the floor that the number of incoming students is more than resources can handle.
   - There is an attempt to bring in students with higher SAT scores.
   - Challenges: raised academic standing without scholarships based on merit and need; lack of articulation agreements and reserve articulation agreements, lack of partnerships with community colleges; enhancing trainers for recruiters; enrollment management plan; marketing/branding the university; financial aid packaging; better collaboration between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.

Graduate Student Association
- Dr. K. Dawes addressed the matter of graduate student concerns
- Graduate students can address their concerns through the USM meet and confer mandate. Committee members include Dr. Sims-Tucker, Dr. R. Nykiel, President Bell, and Dr. K. Dawes, who serves as advisor. Dr. L. Harris serves as co-advisor.
- Concerns included the separation of gpa between master’s and PhD courses, candidacy not stated on transcripts. Dr. Dawes advised that student concerns should be addressed through meet and confer via Ms. Billie. Ms. Billie informed the body on meeting with students to address the top 5 issues over the summer break.
- Stephanie Hallowell serves as the representative for the Graduate Student Association

Student athletes
Dr. B. Mitchell submitted a document addressing the status of UMES student athletes, recruitment and retention, and questioned what is being done to retain student athletes.

Proposal was made to discuss this matter in full with the SGA president, UMES Senate, and UMES Faculty Assembly, in fall 2013.

No Smoking Policy

Ms. M. Billie informed the body that UMES will be designated as a no smoking campus in August 2013 and requested that members think about designated spots on campus that can be addressed in the September meeting.

IV. Old Business

- Senate Constitution
  A motion was made to table the report to September 2013 meeting.

- Campus climate report
  Ms L. Johnson reported that progress continues on the survey having had 9 meetings thus far. The committee’s goal is to get a draft to Dr. Bell by the end of May. Ms. Johnson provided her contact information should members desire to address the survey progress.

- Senate election for academic year 2013-2014
  Final election results for the new officers are:
  Chair: Dr. LaKeisha Harris
  Vice-Chair: Dr. David Spinner
  Secretary: Dr. Lombuso S. Khoza
  Parliamentarian: Mr. Joseph Bree

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Nina Lyon-Bennett thanked the body for supporting her over the year.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.