NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING STUDENT PLACEMENT - Ms. Tina Boitnott, Director of Career Development, presented information about legislation regarding graduation/placement rates. Ms. Boitnott shared that Career Development is currently collecting data from graduates at the commerce campus commencement only (not all graduates chose to participate). This data is just a snapshot of employment information. Statistics show it may take up to eight months for job seekers to gain employment so there is a need to conduct a follow up survey in order to capture more accurate data. As per the Whitehouse score card, we will need to report data about degrees, graduation, student debt and jobs. Everyone was encouraged to attend the upcoming job fair hosted by Career Development.

BUDGET PROCESS - President Jones discussed the budget process. There are no plans for an increase in fees or tuition. Divisions have been provided their budget information. Any additional funding would be based upon growth or reallocation. Dr. Jones was hopeful there would not be any biennium cut as in the past. Current plans are to focus on needs for additional faculty lines. Plans are to review the reallocation and summer school business models.

SACS UPDATE – Dr. Derald Harp stated that Dr. Marila Palmer will be joining the university on February 1, 2013. Dr. Harp is serving as the Interim SACS Accreditation Liaison. Currently there have been 85 of 98 first drafts completed. First edits have begun by the SACS Steering Committee. The timeline for completion has been set for May 15th. Work is in progress for globalization imperative (i.e. global merit scholars and global fellows). QEP will be meeting with Marketing Communications.