A. Major issues addressed by the board during the 2014–2015 year
   1. Land Management Planning. The board considered the elements of a land management plan for the Ecosystem Preserve and the need to complete that plan in 2015-16.
   2. Strategic Planning. The 2009-2014 strategic plan for the Ecosystem Preserve expired in 2014, and the board urged that a new plan be developed in the near future that would take into consideration the recommendations of the preserve land management plan, the new college masterplan, the college strategic plan, and the new funding realities that the Ecosystem Preserve and Flat Iron Lake Nature Preserve are facing.
   3. Funding. Attention was given to enhancing the ways in which preserve staff can support the Development Department in enhancing the endowments for the Calvin preserves. Several efforts are underway, particularly connected with the upcoming celebration of the Ecosystem Preserve's 30th anniversary.

B. Actions brought before Faculty Senate
   None

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the Governing Board initiated or implemented
   None

D. Issues that will continue to be before the board next year
   1. Record-keeping. In May 2013 the Governing Board authorized preserve staff to explore purchasing a software program for institutional booking and record-keeping that is specifically adapted to the types of customer relations challenges experienced by camps and nature centers. The software program selected after considerable review was recommended to CIT for examination, and CIT’s appraisal seemed positive. For a variety of reasons, however, no definitive action has yet been taken on this item by CIT.
   2. Land Management Plan. A new management plan will be considered and refined.
   3. Budget. With the move of the college away from direct budgetary support of the Ecosystem Preserve, the problem of establishing stable support for the preserve will continue to be a major concern for the Governing Board.
   4. Strategic planning. A proposal for creating a new strategic plan for the Ecosystem Preserve will be considered and planning begun
   5. Organizational documents. The constitution and bylaws of the Ecosystem Preserve and its Governing Board will be updated.