
J. Newman-Ryan attended for D. Cearlock; C. DeMoranville attended for J. Engstrom; B. Robinson attended for F. Rodger; D. Jackman attended for C. Sorensen.

Parliamentarian Feral Bryan was also present.

THOSE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Cabasa-Hess, Crumble, Cummings, Dorynek, Graham, Lang, Loubere, Musial, Salgado, Schneider, X. Song, Stapelton

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Peters: I’d like to call the last meeting of the academic year of the University Council to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Peters: Our first item of business is a call for the adoption of the Agenda. Is there a motion to adopt? Is there a second? We have a second. There are no walk-ins. The Agenda is as printed. All those in favor say aye. Opposed? We have an Agenda.

The Agenda was adopted as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2003 MEETING (Pages 4-7)

President Peters: The next item is the approval of minutes. Let me call for additions or corrections to the minutes of April 9. They appear on pages 4-7. Are there any additions or corrections? Then let me have a motion to approve. Second? All those in favor say aye? Opposed? The minutes are approved.

The minutes were approved.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the President of the Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of the University Council (Carol Minor, Chair, Rangaswany Meganathan, Sean Ackerman, Jean Pierce and Xueshu Song)

President Peters: It is that time of year for us to hold our Executive Session for the purposes of evaluation of the President of the Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council so with all respect, I will ask our President/Executive Secretary to take her cell phone and leave the room.

S. Willis: I don’t need the cell phone; I’m just out in the hall.

President Peters: All right, we’ll use the tin can telephone or some other method of communication.

D. Mathesius: John, all non-voting members have to leave.

President Peters: Oh yes, non-voting members---

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters: We’re back in session and the President’s Announcements have three things. I’m going to do a very, very brief budget update and then I have a presentation to make and then we have some recognition for outgoing, re-elected and incoming members of the University Council.

Here’s an end-of-the-year budget update. We have our summer plans in place now with details being implemented on our 4-day work week; Human Resources has done a very good job of that. That’s off and running and so the ’03 budget is finally put to bed. Tomorrow we have our second House Appropriation Committee hearings so I will have to get there early in the morning. I intend on delivering a strong warning to the Committee on the devastating effect that two years of budget cuts have had on our quality and our ability to serve students and I would imagine these hearings will be fairly quick, short – I don’t know if they’ll be sweet or not – but, we’re going to deliver that message. Apparently there will be no second Senate Appropriation hearings. As a matter of fact, however, we did have hearings here last week held by the Senate Republican Higher Education Caucus and field hearings were held in three sites, Bloomington, DeKalb and Urbana, to gather information on the budget cuts; many of you participated in that. Okay.

Even though there will be no Senate Appropriation hearings, I have prepared a fairly stern letter that is being delivered today to every leader in the House and Senate, the four leaders, the “Four Tops” as they are called, the budgeters, the legislative leaders of various appropriation committees, maybe 25 to 27 people in all, of the impact of the collective ’02, ’03 and now ’04 cuts and what it means by category – the number of classes that have been affected. I won’t go through all that pain because you know it all too well. I’m delivering that for the record. That will be a public record. Who knows where that will appear but I’m happy with the letter in terms
of its accuracy and in terms of its warning. So that’s where we are on that. We are reaching closure. Just for your information, the Legislature’s sine die is the 30th of May, I believe, and then after that it takes a super majority to pass any issue. I do not know whether we will have a budget come the 31st. I do not know. I’m optimistic. Remember then once this is put together, then the Governor has to sign it. So, we have hurdles to go through but I think things are coming into shape now at least in terms of the higher education budget and what the issues are. In that regard, the Board of Trustees has decided not to wait until its June 18th regularly scheduled meeting to set tuition rates or other rates and therefore, the Board of Trustees is calling a special meeting to consider tuition rates for ’03/’04 - which is only appropriate so students and parents can plan - for May 5th at 11:15 in this room and hopefully, many will be able to attend in person – others will attend electronically – for that specific purpose. Monday, May 5th. Again, the Trustees have decided they didn’t want to wait. They wanted to do this as soon as they could. All right.

We’ve done some things that you know about preparing for a lean budget. We have sent out letters to guidance counselors throughout the state saying that we would process and accept and admit all admissible applicants to NIU if materials were in place as of May 1, that’s tomorrow. Beyond that, we will process applications and for those who are clearly admissible, they will be put on a waiting list and informed July 1 as to whether or not there is space for them in September. Failing that, they will be advised that they are admitted in January. We always have a fall-off in January. So we have done that and I can’t tell you what the impact of that will be. I think what the impact is that a lot of people got their applications in in the last two weeks and completed, not postmarked. Not postmarked, the applications have to be in. So we’ve done some things like that.

Let me just say and, you know, I’ve talked so many times this year about this, that we’re well prepared. As events move forward, I’ll keep you informed and that information could come as early as tomorrow but my guess is it will be toward the middle of May before we know. But we’re prepared, we’ve planned, we’ve discussed, we have cut and the Trustees are ready to act on tuition. There are measures we’re monitoring that are unrelated to money but have to do with policies and procedures and we’re as involved as we can be at this point and we obviously appreciate the academic community and everything that you’ve done for us this year because, you know, there are happy things that are occurring. We’re going to have, I hope, an impressive set of graduation ceremonies in the Convocation Center a week or so. I don’t know the numbers, but they’re robust, the graduation rates are robust. We’re going to have a – it will be announced, I’m not exactly sure when we’re going to announce this – but we have a wonderful honorary degree recipient. That will be announced and so I think all in all, the state is lucky to have a university as quality conscious and flexible as NIU and we’re lucky to have faculty and staff who have been so patient and understanding. So, that’s my remarks on the budget.

Now, let me move on to my second item. NIU has been awarded the Chancellor’s Cup. That’s not a yachting cup but it’s presented to us for “exceptional giving by the State and University employees’ combined appeal”, the SECA appeal, the so-called United Way. It was one of three major awards given at a luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion on April 16. I do not know if the Governor was there. I did not attend. NIU received the award because of our level of employee participation, and “the assistance NIU provided to the SECA campaign generally
with respect to logistics and the potential implementation of web based enrollment interfaces in the future.” Well, Barbara Rice was central to this campaign as our primary representative but she characterizes the accomplishment as a good team effort and therefore, I would like to ask all three of our coordinators for NIU – our fund raising appeal – Barb, Ken Mundy and Linda Holderman – to join me and accept this cup and plaque, we have a plaque for employees at NIU. So, thank you for your work and would you come forward to receive this. Give them a round of applause. All right, we have here the program that was presented at the Executive Mansion and there we’re listed. Barb, I’m going to give this to you because you’re the logistics person. It says “Chancellor’s Cup presented to Northern Illinois University for outstanding participation in the 2002 SECA campaign” and, catch this. All right, you got it. Please take this back and display it prominently in Human Resources.

K. Mundy: If I could just say a word, it’s interesting in the year in our environment here with our employees – many employees use payroll deduction obviously, and that’s the preferred method here, but also lots of employees, given our situation here financially, opened their checkbooks and wrote a check during this campaign. So they’re all to be credited for our response to this. It’s well done.

President Peters: Yes, thank you and if we ever find the chancellor, we’ll give him the cup.

A. Recognition of this year’s University Council members whose terms have expired:

President Peters: All right, the second thing is recognition of this year’s University Council members whose term has expired. As I call their name, if they’re here, I’d like them to stand and then we will applaud them as a group. Robert Miller, College of Business, I think I saw Robert. All right, Robert. Dianne Musial from the College of Education. Dianne Gearlock from the College of Health and Human Sciences. Khan Mohabbat from the College of Liberal Arts. Never misses. Winifred Creamer from Liberal Arts. Nice to see you and you’re back from Peru with all of your accolades and that’s just great. Susan Mini from the College of Liberal Arts. Dave Wagner is right over here from Liberal Arts and Augden Windelborn from the College of Liberal Arts. Let’s thank them all.

Then we have three people who have been re-sentenced to a term on the Council. Richard Orem from the College of Education who’s always here and, of course, Patricia Henry from the College of Liberal Arts. We can continue to rely upon her detailed reports from the FAC to the IBHE; and Larry Gregory from the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Let’s thank them and congratulations.

Robert Miller, College of Business
Dianne Musial, College of Education
Dianne Gearlock, College of Health and Human Sciences
Khan Mohabbat, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Winifred Creamer, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Susan Mini, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
David Wagner, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Augden Windelborn, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
RE-ELECTED

Richard Orem, College of Education
Patricia Henry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Larry Gregory, College of Visual and Performing Arts

B. Welcome to newly elected University Council members:

President Peters: Now, let’s welcome if they’re here, newly elected Council members. Sally Ann Webber from the College of Business. Okay, there she is. Amy Rose from the College of Education. Ken Burns from the College of Health and Human Sciences. We always kid Ken about his documentaries. Colin Booth from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Welcome. Angela Powers from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Welcome. Fahui Wang from the College of Arts and Sciences. I hope I’ve pronounced your first name correctly.

F. Wang: Yes, very close.

President Peters: Very close. What a diplomat. Paul Stoddard from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and David Gorman from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Welcome everyone. Thank you for your service.

Sally Ann Webber, College of Business
Amy Rose, College of Education
Ken Burns, College of Health and Human Sciences
Colin Booth, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Angela Powers, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Fahui Wang, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Paul Stoddard, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
David Gorman, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Revised Grievance Procedures – see memo from S. Willis – refer to Supportive Professional Staff Council, Operating Staff Council and the Faculty Senate. (Pages 8-20)

President Peters: Is there a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, which has Revised Grievance Procedures that are going to be referred to Supportive Professional Staff and Operating Council and the Faculty Senate to be chewed on this summer. So moved. Second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

The motion passed.

VII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Patricia Henry – report (Pages 21-22)
**President Peters:** Now reports. First, Pat, the FAC to the IBHE.

**P. Henry:** Okay, thank you. I should mention that Friday is a meeting of the FAC and if any of you have things that you’d like me to bring to their attention, please let me know either by e-mail or here. There’s a couple of things that are on the IBHE website that they’ve requested public comment on and I’ve listed them there. It’s on affordability and also on diversity of faculty. The other thing that I’d like to have your attention on is a possible endorsement by the University Council of the Seventh Goal of the Illinois Commitment that we’ve talked about before. This, at this point, is moving forward. I think at the next meeting of the IBHE, there are people there who are interested in bringing it into the Illinois Commitment. I’ve been collecting various comments from people on this and I think for the most part, there’s agreement that this is not a bad thing but there are two kinds of questions that people raise. One is whether it's useless—that is to say, purely symbolic and not really worth much of anything. The other is whether it is worse than useless, that is to say giving us more stuff that we’ll have to assess. I understand these problems and I have raised them with the FAC but I think the FAC feels it’s worth focusing the IBHE’s and others’ attention on the fact that higher education does do a variety of things including things that add to the quality of life in Illinois for Illinois citizens. As far as assessment is concerned, the aim is to develop something that will be like best practices rather than each department trying to come up with a bunch of quality stuff on its own. So, we will continue to follow this as it works its way through and hopefully prevent it from becoming worse than useless. So, with that I would like to ask—make a motion—that the University Council would endorse this—Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, Trinity and McHenry and also NIU’s Faculty Senate have endorsed this but—that’s my motion if you guys would like to endorse it too.

**President Peters:** All right, so a motion of endorsement for the Seventh Commitment Goal. Do I hear a second? All right. Discussion? All right, all those in favor say aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. Abstentions? All right, so you’d better hold your hands up for abstentions so we know. One, two three—I count four abstentions. Five abstentions. All right. Well, for what it’s worth, take that forward.

The motion passed.

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee – Paul Loubere and William Tolhurst – no report

**President Peters:** I see no reports from other BOT committees. We haven’t met.

C. BOT Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee – Sue Willis and Jim Lockard – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee – Sara Clayton and Bev Espe – no report

E. BOT – Sue Willis – no report
F. Academic Policy Committee – John Wolfskill, Chair

President Peters: The next report I see is from John Wolfskill, Academic Policy Committee – no report.

G. Resources, Space and Budgets Committee – William Goldenberg, Chair

President Peters: William?

W. Goldenberg: No report.

President Peters: No Resources, no Space and no Budgets.

H. Rules and Governance Committee – Susan Mini, Chair

President Peters: But our friend Susan from Rules and Governance has three items for us – three action items.

1. Inclusion of Responsible Conduct for Scholarship Committee in the Committees Book ACTION ITEM (Pages 23-26)

S. Mini: First I’d like to thank my Committee for working so hard this year. It was a great job on some arduous problems. I’d like to bring your attention to page 25, which is a new Committee Book committee that we’re considering. It’s for Responsible Conduct of Scholarship Committee, the RCS and I’d like to say that my group endorses this and so we would like to move that this be accepted into the Committee Book.

President Peters: All right, so that comes as a motion from the Committee?

S. Mini: Yes.

President Peters: Is there a second? Does that require a second? All right, let’s have some discussion. This is for action?

S. Mini: That’s correct.

M. Spires: I have a correction.

President Peters: Yes?

M. Spires: The “following will automatically by on the RCS” the last word under there should be Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

S. Mini: Yes, I agree.
President Peters: All right, will you accept that as a ---

D. Griffiths: Yes, there were some typos. We had changed that but they did not get the final form in so there are some other typos in there and I apologize for that but they will be corrected.

President Peters: All right, well, all those in favor of this action item say aye. Opposed? Abstain? It passes.

The motion passed.

2. Inclusion of changes in the IRB committees in the Committees Book. ACTION ITEM (pages 27-28)

President Peters: Action item 2.

S. Mini: This is another Committee Book inclusion. It’s on page 27. It’s the Institutional Review Board, the IRB. There are also corrections. Where it says “Vice Provost” we would indicate it’s really “Vice President” and there are two places where we would do that. The Committee would like to move that this be endorsed by the University Council.

President Peters: There’s a second. Now discussion. The brief rationale for this change?

D. Griffiths: At present the IRB was reviewing over 600 applications a year. It’s recommended that if there are more than 500, a second IRB board be formed. That’s what we’ve done.


The motion passed.

3. Changes in CITC Bylaws – ACTION ITEM (Pages 29-31)

S. Mini: Okay, we seem to be on a roll. Here we go with an amendment to the CITC Committee, which you’ll see, on pages 30 and 31. The Rules and Governance Committee would like to endorse this and we would like to move that you accept it.

President Peters: All right, there’s a move and a second. Discussion? Is there a rationale? I think Bob Wheeler has the rationale on page 29.

B. Wheeler: Do you want me to speak to it?

President Peters: Yes.

B. Wheeler: There’s a fairly unusual situation with respect to CITC. The current Bylaws specify that each of the 26 initial teacher certification programs shall have one representative on CITC. What is unusual about the current situation is that decisions by bodies external to the
University over which we have no control can, in fact, alter this situation. Recently, responding to a federal court mandate, the Illinois State Board of Education collapsed a number of special education certifications into a single one and, among other things, that automatically reduced the number of representatives to CITC because there were fewer programs. The same could happen with respect to foreign languages and the same could happen with respect to the sciences and it seems to me inappropriate that external bodies should, in effect, define a reconstitution of the membership of CITC. The change, which is proposed, will address this and will create a set number of representatives from each of the four colleges that do certify. You have in your packet a letter from Deans Kitterle and Sorenson endorsing this proposal and it is also supported by Deans Kafer and Richmond from the other two colleges that do certify.

**President Peters:** All right, now comments? Questions? What’s that?

**P. Henry:** I don’t think we have the letters of endorsement.

**B. Wheeler:** You’re quite right and I apologize Pat. They were in the package given to the Rules and Governance Committee for their inspection.

**S. Willis:** I believe they were also in the Council packet when this came on the Consent Agenda to be referred to the Committee so ---

**President Peters:** All right, so they were in the Consent Agenda packet but ---

**S. Willis:** We forgot to put them in this time.

**President Peters:** We did not waste paper and ---

**S. Willis:** You could get on the web and find it on our web page.

**President Peters:** All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Those who abstain? All right, it passes. That’s it Susan? I don’t think we should let the moment pass to thank you for your service to this Committee. It’s always a committee that has some interesting items.

**S. Mini:** Like I say, it’s not always been a pleasure but it’s certainly been a learning experience.

**President Peters:** You’ll come back and visit us next year and tell us whether chairing physics is harder than chairing Rules and Governance. Thank you very much.

The motion passed.

I. University Affairs Committee – Richard Orem, Chair

**President Peters:** University Affairs Committee, Richard? No report.

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Deborah Smith-Shank, Chair
President Peters: Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee, Deborah Smith-Shank.


D. Smith-Shank: Hello, okay, got to make sure I’m turned on here. Pursuant to Article 3.2 of our Constitution and Article 2.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, I am pleased to offer for election to the Office of Executive Secretary of the University Council, Professor Sue Willis. I ask that we have a motion to accept her nomination, close the nominations and unanimously approve her election to the position.


D. Smith-Shank: I’m done with my report.

President Peters: Okay.

S. Willis: Actually, I do want to say something - I want to echo John’s appreciation of Sue Mini and of all my committee chairs for this year. I know it’s a thankless task and I very much appreciate all the work that you all have put into this and also the membership that has been participating both in committees and in Council meetings and I appreciate all your input and all your thought and hard work. I can’t do it by myself; obviously, you’re the ones who do the work. I just make sure it’s going in some direction. So, thank you all very much. Donna says I should remind you that next year’s schedule is on page 32.

President Peters: We should also thank Donna for service.

S. Willis: And Ferald also who has served for quite some time and keeps us at least semi-honest.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Peters: Is there any Unfinished Business? Pat?

P. Henry: I just wondered if you had anything more to say about the meeting with the Republican Senate Committee. Also actually, Carole and I were thinking that letter you mentioned sending to the Governor, I think it might be nice to send it to the Tribune as well.

President Peters: Well, I will – let me take that under advisement. Whatever I write is public. I want it to have its legislative effect and then go from there but I will make it public, certainly for you and we’ll see how things go. My guess is that other presidents are doing the same thing. Sometimes it’s better if the press finds the story and reports on it – at some point, I plan on doing an editorial, but I think the dust has to settle. I think an editorial about the status of U.S. higher education, and particularly Illinois higher education, after this dust settles will be very appropriate. We need to get the dialogue at the right level and what it means to invest in higher education in Illinois for the future – what it has meant and what it will mean and I’m willing to
do that. I appreciate that. I will make available a copy of this letter at the right time after it has a chance to percolate to the people to which it will be delivered today. Is that okay? As far as the Senate Republican hearings are concerned, I take away from that the following. We had some people here who have been critics of the role of faculty in terms of how they spend their time; what I observed was the beginning of a very good understanding of what university professors do and I think we’re going to build on that. I think there was kind of an olive branch of “let’s talk about this”. I think that’s a good moment; I think we ought to do that. It’s also clear that we were getting a lot of support. This higher education caucus came about – this was not a partisan thing by the way – I don’t want to display it as a partisan thing. I think it was a recognition, however, that many of the senators happen to represent districts that have public universities. So, it’s not a partisan issue, it’s a constituency issue and they came to us and held a class field hearing and I have thanked for that and applaud them for that. Hopefully, we’ll continue the dialogue. The dialogue has to be continual because every session is new and whether it will have an impact or not I think remains to be seen but it certainly didn’t hurt. It certainly didn’t hurt. That’s my view on it if that’s what you wanted. All right, any other Unfinished Business?

IX. NEW BUSINESS

President Peters: Under New Business, I think we should salute three administrators who leave their positions on the University Council by virtue of retirements after a fashion. I see that Dean Rom Kasuba from Engineering who this week or last week was it, announced you’re stepping down as Dean and thank you for your service to the University Council, Rom. We have great potential in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology. It’s really a great asset to this region and this institution. Then, of course, once again, Bob Wheeler is leaving us. I just love the Northern Star’s cartoon characterization of you. I thought they really captured your commitment, and when the Northern Star praises an administrator and a faculty member, that’s high praise indeed. We thank you for everything you’ve done here. And Dan Griffiths will be leaving the Council, probably. He hopes. Any other New Business?

X. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

President Peters: Comments, questions from the floor? Kevin Miller?

K. Miller: Good day everyone. I apologize if any of you were at the Faculty Senate because you already heard this. I just wanted to thank you for the last two years on Council. This is also my last meeting because I’m moving out of the position of SA President. I wanted to introduce you all to the incoming SA President. It’s the young man sitting right next to me to my right, Shaun Crisler. Shaun, could you stand up so everyone can see you. This is the “go to” guy next year. I’ve had the pleasure of working with Shaun for two years now. He’s also a very good friend of mine and I have the best of confidence and I’d like to wish him and all of you good luck in all your endeavors next year.

President Peters: Thank you. Good luck to you as one of my new bosses. Actually, all of our bosses. Any other comments, questions? With that, at 5:00 the revelry begins at the residence. Watch where you park. Grass is soft. If we’re lucky we’ll see the two new fawns that have
appeared at the back door just about every night this week and watch out for the rabbits when you drive in. Five o’clock.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board
C. Minutes, Campus Security & Environmental Quality Committee
D. Minutes, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
E. Minutes, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
F. Minutes, Graduate Council
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XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Peters: Meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.