UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2002, 3:00 p.m.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKYROOM
PRESIDENT JOHN G. PETERS, PRESIDING

THOSE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton, Crumble, Cearlock, Creamer, Cummings, Espe, Fox, Graf, Goldenberg, Gresholdt, Griffiths, Henry, Hurych, Johnson, Kafer, Kamenitsa, Kaplan, Kasuba, Kitterle, Koch, Kolb, Kowalski, Lang, Lockard, Mini, Mohabbat, Morris, Musial, Orem, Richmond, Rusin, Salgado, Smith-Shank, S. Song, X. Song, Sorensen, Spear, Spires, Tolhurst, Wagner, Wheeler, Wiese, Williams, Willis, Wolfskill, Woodin, Young

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was also present.

A. Tio attended for L. Gregory; R. Turner attended for S. Ackerman; C. DeMoranville attended for J. Engstrom; and K. O’Kelly attended for K. Miller.

THOSE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Barr, Butler, Cabasa-Hess, Korynek, Larson, Legg, Loubere, R. Miller, Minor, Pernell, Rodgers, Rubin, Stapelton, Wade

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - adopted

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2002 MEETING – approved

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the students who ran for office! Things will be changing on the state level, with the new governor; we will keep on top of it. Speaker Madigan is expected to continue in the House; Senator Emil Jones is expected to become the majority leader in the Senate.

State revenue last month was $200 million short; the ’04 budget deficit will probably be in the range of $2 - $2.5 billion. The IBHE will be putting out a discussion budget; we will know more in January. We will be actively involved in discussions with state officials, and will be making the case that we are flexible, student-oriented, and lean. Many other states are having similar revenue and budget problems.

Congratulations to the football team, who made the front page of the Chicago Tribune sports section!

V. CONSENT AGENDA
VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Patricia Henry – report – walk-in

The FAC was concerned that we need to be more aggressive in explaining the importance of higher education to the state legislature. The FAC’s voice is difficult to hear at the IBHE, and the IBHE has indicated that they would like even shorter reports. The FAC would like faculty representation on the IBHE, and in any case will set up more one-on-one meetings with Board members. The IBHE study on faculty diversity focused on minority faculty, and did not include women or faculty with disabilities.

The Personnel Committee is monitoring the impact of the budget crisis, and is collecting reports of faculty layoffs and program changes. They are also interested in the use of non-tenure-track and part-time faculty.

Illinois’ ranking by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education Report Card has dropped from #1 to #3.

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

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

The committee has been meeting with the Faculty Senate Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee about IRB issues, and expects to be sending recommendations to the Graduate Council soon.

G. Resources, Space and Budgets Committee – Herb Rubin, Chair – report

H. Rules and Governance Committee – Susan Mini, Chair – no report

I. University Affairs Committee – Richard Orem, Chair – no report

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Deborah Smith-Shank, Chair – no report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

D. Wagner asked about the status of the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; S. Willis said she had not found out yet. The matter had been tabled by the Council last year.

D. Griffiths said that he had been to the meeting of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools. Lance Pressl, from the Council of Graduate Schools, knows Governor-elect Blagojevich, and is optimistic that he will listen to advocates for higher education.

S. Willis pointed out the list of voting members of the Council.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. University Council Membership List
B. Faculty Senate Membership List
C. University Council Personnel Committee Membership List
D. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
E. Minutes, Athletic Board
F. Minutes, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
G. Minutes, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
H. Minutes, Graduate Council
I. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
J. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
K. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.