UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


J. Koch attending for S. Clayton; D. Haliczer attended for S. Lowman.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

After a moment to reflect on the passing of Dean Fred Kitterle, the meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2005 MEETING (walk-in)

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 (Gregory Barrett, Kent Gallagher, Jack Marchewka, Nick Pappanduros, David Wade)

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters acknowledged Council members whose terms were:

Completed David Wade, Management; Corenna Cummings, Education Technology, Research & Assessment; Carole Minor, Counseling, Adult & Higher Education; Gretchen Bisplinghoff,
VI. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

P. Stoddard called for any volunteers to replace Pat Henry next year as NIU’s representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. None were immediately forthcoming, but J. Stephen did offer to fill in for the next two meetings.

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee – Joseph “Buck” Stephen and Ferald Bryan – no report

C. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Xueshu Song – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Donna Smith and Shey Lowman – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

F. Academic Policy Committee – John Wolfskill, Chair – report (Pages 4-7)

J. Wolfskill, on behalf of the committee moved several changes to the APPM, Section II, Item 14, entitled “Student Evaluation of Instruction.” These changes included use and distribution of evaluation results, and under which circumstances evaluations must be done (based on semester, level, and class size). Changes to go into effect for the Fall, 2005 term.

C. Sorenson seconded the motion.
P. Stoddard, A. Nelms, President Peters, H. Kafer, J. Wolfskill, L. Gregory, W. Tolhurst, D. Swanson, C. Minor, K. Davidson, and L. Kamenitsa participated in a lengthy discussion covering procedural points, clarification of the intent and rationale of the proposal, and implications for use and distribution of evaluation results.

H. Kafer offered a friendly amendment in the penultimate sentence, to wit, that the phrase “distribution of the results” be changed to “distribution of raw quantitative and qualitative data.”

J. Wolfskill and C. Sorensen accepted the amendment.

W. Tolhurst, J. Wolfskill, and President Peters went over the implications of the amendment.

W. Baker moved to table the motion.

The motion to table failed to pass.

C. Minor, J. Wolfskill, and President Peters clarified the meaning of “raw data.”

The motion passed.

G. Resources, Space, and Budgets Committee – William Goldenberg, Chair – no report.

H. Rules and Governance Committee – Carole Minor, Chair – report (Pages 8-11)

President Peters: Carole Minor has her final Rules and Governance Report.

C. Minor moved that the Committees Book include on page 4, under Committees submitting annual reports to the University Council, the Computing Facilities Advisory Committee and the Campus Parking Committee. Also, to the membership of both committees add the Executive Secretary of the University Council, or designee, as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

The motion was seconded and passed.

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

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Sally Webber, Chair – report.

1. University Council confirmation of election of 2005 – 2006 Executive Secretary of University Council

S. Webber read the following motion: “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 Paul Stoddard.” She asked for a motion to accept his nomination, close the nomination and unanimously approve his election to the position.

W. Tolhurst: So moved.
C. Minor seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board minutes
C. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality
D. Minutes, Committee on the Advanced Programs for Certification
E. Minutes, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
F. Minutes, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
G. Minutes, Graduate Council
H. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council minutes
I. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
J. Minutes, University Benefits Committee minutes

XI. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.