
M. Morris attended for L. Pernell.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

THOSE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bisplinghoff, Burns, Clayton, Egeston, Goldberg, Gorman, Graf, Kaplan, Kazmi, Minor, Orem, B. Peters, X. Song, Strader, Wang

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called or order at 3:10 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2004 MEETING (Pages 3-10)

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters announced the rededication of Altgeld Hall on October 7, 2004.

Due to the campaign season, there has been little activity to report regarding the FY06 budget.

The President had the opportunity to meet, along with about 20 other university presidents, with US Dept. of Education Secretary Rod Page. The assembled heard from Directors or Deputy Directors of numerous agencies, such as DoD, NASA, NSF, NOAA, DoE, USGS, and the Dept. of Homeland Security. The point of the meeting was to emphasis the need to reaffirm our commitment to math and science education. The President feels that Northern’s teacher certification program is a good model to build on.
V. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda passed as written.

A. Academic Textbook prices – see memo from Earl Seaver – refer to Academic Policy Committee (Pages 11-14)

B. Deletion of Teaching Assistant Training and Development Advisory Committee from the Committees of the University - see memo from Murali Krishnamurthi – refer to Rules and Governance Committee (Page 15)

C. Review and prepare Academic Calendars through 2015 – refer to University Affairs Committee

D. Evaluation of the Office of Ombudsman – refer to University Affairs Committee (Pages 16-18)

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Patricia Henry – report (Pages 19-20)

P. Henry reported that Illinois has slipped from #1 to #3 and now to #8 on the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education’s National Report Card on higher education during the period of cuts in state funding for higher education.

While the Governor continues to emphasize K12 education, the FAC is emphasizing that K12 teachers are produced by our institutions of higher education.

The Illinois Commitment document continues to evolve. The “quality of life” statement has found its way into the preamble. The FAC still feels that artistry and research are not stressed enough.

Questions of oversight of out-of-state institutions operating in Illinois, and other on-line degree granting programs are being considered by the IBHE.

Enhancing web access for persons with disabilities is a priority with uncertain financial support.

Finally, the FAC is going to control to work on the Op-Ed piece that deals with sort of the State’s obligation to educate all its people, both in terms of private and public institutions and how this has or has not been done lately.

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee – Paul Stoddard – 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 – report

**P. Stoddard** reported that the full board had passed the recommendations of the Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee, as well as those of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee. Those recommendations were reported upon last time.

F. Academic Policy Committee – John Wolfskill, Chair – no report

G. Resources, Space, and Budgets Committee – William Goldenberg, Chair – report (Page 21)

H. Rules and Governance Committee – Carole Minor, Chair – report

W. Tolhurst reported that the committee is working on the items referred to them on September 8.

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

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Sally Webber, Chair – no report

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Receipt of Annual Reports
   1. University Benefits Committee

B. Approval of 2005 Holiday Schedule – Steve Cunningham (Page 22)

**K. Miller** raised the question of classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**President Peters** reassured him that there are no classes scheduled for that day.

The motion to approve the 2005 Holiday schedule passed.

**IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
J. Wolfskill announced that the Academic Policy Committee will be meeting next week at this
time, 3:00, in the Douglas Room of the Student Center, regarding textbook prices. P. Henry
informed us that Kishwaukee College and ESU have textbook loan programs. President Peters
offered that a textbook loan program is, while it may have some desirable characteristics, is
difficult because it means getting involved in acquiring textbooks, warehousing them,
determining the pricing structure, getting faculty to agree upon a uniform adoption. Students are
not able to write in textbooks or you can’t sell them back; nevertheless, we should look at this.
W. Tolhurst suggested we could try to avoid using textbooks. He pointed out that the library
has a marvelous electronic reserves program which enables faculty members to create virtual
anthologies from printed sources within the limits of the fair use laws and post them those on
their Blackboards.

L. Kamenitsa raised the concern that the printing costs for the schedule of classes (now
available online) have been transferred to departments and the library where our students will
end up printing their schedules. G. Seaver responded that making schedules available online
only is a cost saving measure. It costs us about $18,000 a year to publish a schedule of classes
which is wrong when it comes out. There are an extremely high number of changes that occur
from the time that the classes are turned in. They are working with the colleges on ways to deal
with this by using computers at the time that they’re doing the registration. L. Kamenitsa
countered that without printing schedules, students have difficulty finding courses, especially for
smaller units such as Women’s Studies and Southeast Asian Studies. President Peters asked if
the on-line version is interactive, to which G. Seaver replied that it will be. It will be updated
weekly so that the information that the students will have available for them to use will be
accurate rather than inaccurate. L. Kamenitsa asked if it is going to be a .pdf file, which is
generally not searchable. G. Seaver elaborated that there will both a .pdf file and a searchable
version.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS
A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board minutes
C. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality
D. Minutes, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
E. Minutes, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
F. Minutes, Graduate Council
G. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council minutes
H. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
I. Minutes, University Benefits Committee minutes
J. Alternate List (Page 23)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.