UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


W. Minot attended for J. Grush.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

THOSE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Acardo, Baker, Balamurilkrishna, Doederlein, Egeston, Factor, Gorman, Holmes, Kolb, Novotney, Pernell, B. Peters, Richmond, Schoenbachler, D. Smith, S. Song, Tallon, Tolene, Walton, Wolfskill, Young

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Amendments: 1) January 20th memo from Provost Legg to Paul Stoddard regarding proposed language clarification, to be referred to Rules and Governance; as Consent Agenda Item B. 2) Refer Academic Calendar for 2015-2016 to University Affairs; as Consent Agenda Item C.

The agenda was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2005 MEETING
(Pages 3-6) and addendum – walk-in

The minutes were approved as amended (to reflect R. Bose’s absence).

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters updated the council on status of the provost search, the state budget, the Governor’s Opportunity Returns program, and the Governor’s proposed tuition tax credit. An ensuing conversation with J. Stephen explored the possible ramifications of the tax credit.

President Peters also updated the council on the federal government’s failure to re-authorize the Higher Education Act for the past three years. There also have been cuts in student aid and certain limitations on Pell grants.
V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Staffing concerns – refer to Resource, Space and Budgets

B. APPM, Section II, Item 18 – proposed language clarification – refer to Rules & Governance – see memo from J. Ivan Legg – walk-in

C. Create academic calendar for 2015-2016 – refer to University Affairs

The consent agenda was approved as amended and added to.

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sharon Holmes – report (Pages 7-15)

There was no oral report, but President Peters commented very briefly on the written report.

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 – Rachel Turner and Shey Lowman – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

F. Academic Policy Committee – Colin Booth, Chair – no report

G. Resources, Space and Budgets Committee – Amy Rose, Chair – no report

H. Rules and Governance Committee – John Wolfskill, Chair – no report

J. Stephen indicated that he would communicate the motion from the Provost’s Office to Professor Wolfskill.

I. University Affairs Committee – Xueshu Song, Chair – no report

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Brigid Lusk, Chair – no report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

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 Advanced Programs for Certification in Education
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. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.