I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2005 MEETING

(Pages 3-6)

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provost Legg, sitting in for President Peters, had no announcements

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review of Faculty Grievance Procedures – Refer to Rules and Governance

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sharon Holmes – no 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 – report

1. Proposed changes in responsibilities of the Academic Planning Council (Page 7)

The proposed changes were approved by voice vote.
2. Article 8: Sabbatical Leave Policy (Page 8)
   The proposed clarification was approved by voice vote.

3. Proposed changes to election procedures for University Council elections
   FIRST READING (Page 9)

I. University Affairs Committee – Xueshu Song, 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

J. Wolfskill moved, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, the UC endorse the following resolution:

As a result of recent procedural improprieties concerning the development and formation of the Academic Advising Center, the faculty wishes to reaffirm its confidence in the shared governance system in order to protect the Constitutional rights of the faculty and to ensure that the best interests of the students and the university community are served. The faculty of the Northern Illinois University adjures that no officer of the university, the various colleges or departments shall alter, create, or transfer responsibilities nor shall they alter policies which are reserved or assigned to the faculty without or before completing the requirements necessary for such changes through the shared governance process.

substituting “University Council of Northern Illinois University” for “faculty of Northern Illinois University.”

J. Meyer, M. Spires, J. Wolfskill, P. Henry, P. Stoddard, S. Richmond and A. Novotney discussed the necessity, desirability, procedure, and timing of the resolution.

M. Spires moved to table the motion. The motion was seconded and defeated.

The motion to approve the resolution was then voted on and passed.

J. Stephen noted that the NCAA had developed guidelines for Division I schools playing teams that have Native American mascots and wondered who would decide whether Northern Illinois University should follow those guidelines. I. Legg responded that the Athletic Program reports to John Peters directly, and that he will communicate the question to him.

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
K. Relay for Life (Pages 10-11)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.