UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


B. Fiehn attended for R. Butler; D. Sinason attended for D. Docking; M. Morris attended for L. Pernell; K. Barbe attended for T. Sims.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

ABSENT: Alden, Baker, Dowen, Grall, Grush, Hamlet, Johns, Kafer, Kaplan, King, Langguth, Marcus, Meyer, Oreseanin, Pierce, Purnell, Schoenbachler, Sido, S. Song, Sorensen, Straver, Thu, Walton

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 MEETING
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The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters noted that his recent State of the University speech is available on NIU’s website (http://www.niu.edu/president/sofu2006.shtml) and encouraged all to take a look at it. He also mentioned that the NIU website has been redesigned to make it more user-friendly; specifically, with an eye towards prospective students.

The President attended the IBHE meeting, and reported that there will not be much to report before the November elections. He did note that the feeling is that the IBHE may be looking at some degree of performance-based funding.

Finally, the President commented on the upcoming Homecoming weekend, and the groundbreaking for the Northern View housing for students with dependents.
V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. NIU Connect

The Consent Agenda was approved.

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Jody Newman-Ryan - 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 Bobbie Cesarek – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – report (Page 6)

P. Stoddard reported that the full Board met on September 21. The FY07 internal budget was approved. Some note was made of the fact that the state’s contribution continues to dwindle. A new master’s degree in Family and Consumer Sciences was approved. Collective bargaining agreements with 3 unions were approved. There was a presentation from the CHANCE program.

F. Academic Policy Committee – John Wolfskill, Chair

G. Resources, Space, and Budgets Committee – Linda Derscheid, Chair

H. Rules and Governance Committee – William Tolhurst, Chair – report – walk-in

W. Tolhurst reported that the committee considered requests, 1) from the Campus Security Committee, to extend the current smoking ban for university vehicles to cover all vehicles; and 2) from Provost Legg and the UC/PC to combine tenure and promotion to associate professor decisions. Rules and Governance proposed adopting the former, but not adopting the latter as a rationale was not given.

President Peters and W. Tolhurst discussed possible rationales and ramifications of the tenure/promotion proposal, and agreed that it would be best to let the new Provost raise the issue if he wished to do so.

J. Stephen moved to approve Rules and Governance’s recommendations.

The motion passed.
I. University Affairs Committee – Jody Newman-Ryan, Chair

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Brigid Lusk, Chair

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. University Holiday Holiday Calendar (Page 7)

S. Cunningham presented the holiday calendar for UC approval.

A motion to adopt the holiday calendar was approved.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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 8)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.