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 amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2008 MEETING

(will be walked in)

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provost Alden, filling in for President Peters, reported that we have heard from the Governor’s office that there is a significant revenue shortfall; therefore we don’t know where we stand for next year. Also, we are working on grant proposals to recover some of the funds associated with the aftermath of the February 14 event. We are going to the Department of Education, Department of Justice, IEMA, HHS, and the counties, as well as a possible special state appropriation. The Provost and Dean Kafer and a number of students and people from Student Affairs will be going to Virginia Tech for their first year anniversary.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – 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 Nancy Castle – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Jay Monteiro and Bobbie Cesarek – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – report – walk-in
**P. Stoddard** reported that the full Board, before approving all committee recommendations, in the person of Chair Murer, took the opportunity to comment on the events of Feb. 14, and on the university’s response to the events. Chair Murer asked for and received a moment of silence in memory of the victims of that day and then called for an internal review by the university whose report is due to the Board of Trustees by their September meeting.

Mallory Simpson from the Foundation updated the board regarding the February 14 scholarship fund and the True North Campaign.

A new Dean of the Libraries, Patrick Dawson, has been hired.

**L. Kamenitsa** asked about the scope of the internal review. **P. Stoddard** responded that he didn’t think the details of the review had been determined as yet.

F. **Academic Policy Committee** – William Baker, Chair – no report

G. **Resources, Space and Budgets Committee** – Linda Dersheid, Chair – report (Page 2)

**L. Derscheid** reported that the committee met with Associate Vice President of Finance and Facilities, Robert Albanese. The Proton Therapy Center has been ranked #1; however, the final blessing from the federal still needs to come through and it probably has by now. They also talked how NIU has expended its budget for snow removal and about saving money on energy costs by the performance contracts. A new chiller plant is being proposed for this summer near Campus Life Building. Next summer, there are some plans for a demonstration wind project west of the Convocation Center and some plans for a parking deck with solar panels. Stevens is still the top capital improvement priority.

H. **Rules and Governance Committee** – William Tolhurst, Chair – report – FIRST READING (Page 3)

**W. Tolhurst** presented a motion to change the title of the University Personnel Advisor to reflect the fact that the FPA also represents SPS. This was recommended by the current Personnel Advisor and the Supportive Professional Staff Council.

I. **University Affairs Committee** – David Wade, Chair – report – ACTION ITEM (Pages 4-6)

**D. Wade** moved to approve the 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 Academic Calendars.

The motion was seconded and passed.

**D. Wade** moved for approval the recommendations regarding the office of the Ombudsman, the Faculty Personnel Advisor and the Faculty Representative to the IBHE that were presented last month.

The motion was split into separate motions for the individual recommendations.
D. Wade moved that the provision about the Faculty Representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Bylaw 16.5.1 change, be approved. The motion was seconded.

J. Kowalski said he would like to see a formula devised that could provide a reasonable and justified stipend, in light of the disparity in salaries across campus. Provost Alden suggested the stipend be fixed to the average faculty salary for tenured faculty on campus.

Provost Alden relayed that the President was not comfortable putting in Bylaw commitments for budget items that we don’t currently have in our budget. The Provost thinks the President’s concern is that some of these positions currently have no budget line and so if we come in next year with a flat budget or a budget decrease then this is putting into the Bylaws that we’ll be doing something that we may not have the resources to fund. D. Wade said that even though he recognizes there will be difficult times that this is adding money to the budget, he believes these positions deserve to be funded not only in times of a raising tide but in times of below tide as well. Shared governance is the essence of what we do here and these are important roles within that system and the time commitment is sufficient that we should compensate them. It sends a signal of not only your time is worth it but this is an important role to play and should serve, we would hope, as some sort of an incentive so that people who are interested in doing this work. Provost Alden doesn’t think the President disagrees with any of that.

D. Wade accepted as a friendly amendment changing the person’s one month salary equivalent to the median salary of all tenured professors. The motion’s second (T. Tollerud) concurred.

The motion passed as amended. [Note later amendment to this motion.]

D. Wade moved that “the [Faculty Personnel] advisor shall receive compensation equal month of the median salary of all tenured faculty each semester and summer session funded through the budget of the University Council.”

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the stipend should be tied to the median salary of tenured faculty, not tenured professors. P. Stoddard asked about the rationale for making it a full month for each term, summer included. D. Wade said that the workload is very uneven, and that the summer session was currently included so they were just carrying forward the practice. E. Johnson agreed with the President’s opinion that in these financially uncertain times, with the state budget going up and down, creating funding mandates may not be showing good fiscal responsibility at this time.

The motion passed.

D. Wade, moving the Ombudsman recommendation, noted that this does not involve a funding increase, decrease or change here. It is simply a different funding line. Rather than being funded as it is currently through the Division of Administration and University Outreach, it would rather be funded through the budget of the University Council and the Ombudsman will be involved in the budgetary process for that office.

The motion was seconded and passed.
Finally, D. Wade moved to strike from Bylaw 3.61, funding for the editor of the Faculty Bulletin (as that position no longer exists) and adds those additional items (FPA, FAC rep, Ombudsman’s office) to the University Council budget that were not funded through the University Council previously.

The motion was seconded and passed.

J. Kowalski moved that in section 16.5.1 [amended earlier] the word “faculty” be substituted for the word “professor” at the end of that italicized section.

The motion was seconded and approved.

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Toni Tollerud, Chair – no report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Provost Alden adjourned the meeting.