
J. Looney attended for M. Venaas.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

GUESTS: Bishop, Brubaker, Freedman, Gupta, Henry, Holt, Jaffee, Schott

ABSENT: Bose, Boughton, Bradley, Brenes, Chown, Davis, Grall, Greene, Johnson, Kaplan, Pierce, Phillips, Prawitz, Roman, Richmond, Schneider, Sido, Stephen, Tolhurst, Wade

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council

The motion to go into Executive Session was approved.

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of University Council members whose terms are:

President Peters acknowledged those members whose terms were completed, who had been re-elected, or newly elected.

Completed
In his comments, President Peters talked about the results of the Cole Hall survey and committee’s recommendations (redesign the building) and the work of the Feb 14 Memorial committee. He invited all to a “thank-you” reception for the community. The budget update included the word “somber” but there is hope for a capital bill which would include Stevens Hall. The University is looking into grants to help recoup some of the expenses associated with the Feb. 14 tragedy. Finally, the President summarized this summer’s campus construction projects.

R. Alden, in discussing the Strategic Plan, noted that there’s been a tremendous amount of activity even despite the disruption of February 14. The Task Force on Student Success and the Task Force on Curricular Innovation are in the final stages of their process. The Multidisciplinary Research Cluster received 11 proposals for research clusters. Prioritization is to take place at a retreat at the end of May.
The Provost also announced that Vice President Bose is leaving the university for a vice presidency at Ohio University. Dr. James Erman who (former chair of Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry) will fill in as Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies and Bradley Bond (Associate Dean of the Graduate School) will assume the role of Acting Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Joe Grush will be Vice Provost for Resource Planning (a role he’d been in on an “acting” basis); Dean Harold Kafer will move over to be Deputy Provost, and Fredrick Schwantes will be in a part-time role on special projects associated with academic space.

President Peters announced that the new Athletic Director will be Jeff Compher from the University of Washington.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. 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 – no report

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

G. Resources, Space and Budgets Committee – Linda Derscheid, Chair – report (Page 7)

L. Derscheid reported that Resources, Space and Budgets Sub-Committee met March 26 with Provost Ray Alden and Executive Vice President Dr. Williams and discussed space issues related to Cole Hall, communications issues stemming from Feb. 14, and possible grants from Departments of Justice and Education for reimbursement of as much as possible for the victims and for university resources that were expended for the February 14 tragedy. Other topics covered were the budget and Kishwaukee Hall.

H. Rules and Governance Committee – Wm. Tolhurst, Chair – report ACTION ITEM (Page 8)

W. Tolhurst moved a proposed change to the title of the University Personnel Advisor that would emphasize the appropriateness of Supportive Professional Staff using the services of the University Personnel Advisor. The recommendation is to change the title to Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Personnel Advisor.
The motion passed.

I. University Affairs Committee – David Wade, Chair – no report

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Toni Tollerud, Chair – report


T. Tollerud, pursuant to Article 3.2 of our Constitution and Article 2.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, offered for election to the Office of Executive Secretary of the University Council, Professor Paul Stoddard.

A motion to accept his nomination, close the nominations and to unanimously approve Professor Stoddard’s election to this position passed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ad Hoc committee for Finals Disruption

P. Stoddard called for names (from the Deans) to serve on this committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Acting Director of School of Art – see memo from Harold Kafer (Page 9)

H. Kafer moved approval of Doug Boughton’s term as Acting Director of the School of Art for two and one half years.

The motion passed.

B. Re-appointment of Biological Sciences Department Chair – see memo from Christopher McCord (Page 10)

C. McCord moved to have Carl Von Ende’s appointment as acting chair of Biological Sciences be extended for a third year.

The motion passed.

C. Statement of Professional Ethics – walk-in

P. Stoddard, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, moved that the Statement of Professional Ethics for Faculty at Northern Illinois University be appropriately placed in the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual.
The motion passed.

X. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

President Peters invited members to the annual end-of-year UC reception.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.