I. CALL TO ORDER

President Peters: Let me call the April 30, 2008 University Council, the last meeting of the year, to order so let’s make it a good one.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Peters: The first item is the adoption of the agenda. I have a walk-in to add. It should be at your place. It is a statement of professional ethics and it should be inserted under VIII., New Business. Call it C., Faculty Ethics Statement and there’ll be a request that that approved statement be placed in the Policy Manual. That’s what that’s about. So is there a motion to adopt today’s agenda as amended? So moved. Second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? We have an agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING (Pages 3-6)

President Peters: If you look on pages 3 and following to 5 we have the minutes of our April 9 meeting. Are there any additions or corrections? As a point of history, there have only been two additions or corrections since Jerry Zar left the university. It either says something about you or Jerry Zar. I’m not sure which. Motion to adopt the minutes? Second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? We have approved minutes.

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

President Peters: We now need to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing the evaluative report on the President of the Faculty Senate and the Executive Secretary of the University Council. The procedure is that takes a motion and a vote and if the vote is positive, then everyone who is a non-voting member or who is a new member and not yet official, has to leave as well as Paul has to leave. So is there a motion to go into Executive Session for that person. There’s a motion. There’s a second. All those in favor say aye. Opposed? All right, everybody out who needs to go out.

The motion to go into Executive Session was approved.
V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of University Council members whose terms are:

President Peters: The chair is still yours Paul. Good job; very good report. President’s Announcements. First let us recognize those who are completing a term on the Council. If you’re here, I’m going to call your name. Stand up and then we’ll applaud you en masse. Diane Docking from Finance. I didn’t see her. Jean Pierce, from LEPF. Simon Song, Mechanical Engineering. Lynn Kamenitsa from Political Science. I know I saw her. Jay Stavers from Geology. William Tolhurst from Philosophy. I saw William somewhere; there you are. Jim Millhorn, University Libraries. Jim. Debra Grall from Art. Jeff Kowalski from Art. Let’s here it for those --- thanks for your work.

All right, President’s Announcements.

Completed

Diane Docking, Finance
Jean Pierce, Leadership Educational, Psychology and Foundations
Shin-Min Simon Song, Mechanical Engineering
Lynn Kamenitsa, Political Science
Jay Stavers, Geology and Environmental Geosciences
William Tolhurst, Philosophy
Jim Millhorn, University Libraries
Debra Grall, Art
Jeff Kowalski, Art

Re-elected


Rebecca Butler, Education, Technology, Research and Assessment
M. Cecil Smith, Leadership, Educational, Psychology and Foundations
Brigid Lusk, Nursing and Health Studies
Nancy Nuzzo, Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
Amy Newman, English

Newly Elected

I don’t know how many newly minted we have today, but welcome. Terry Bishop from Management. I know I saw Terry. Janet Holt from Education Tech. There you are. Abhijit Gupta – did I get it right? Okay, well welcome from Mechanical and for another hitch, Patricia Henry. She knows this job. She was sabbatical for a couple of years and now you’re back. Alan Rosenbaum from Psyc. Kendall Thu from Anthropology. Jana Brubaker from Libraries. Kerry
Freedman from Art and Barbara Jaffee from Art. Hey, that’s good attendance. Well, this is a very important committee and, you know, every year is important. You never know what’s in store for you.

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Abhijit Gupta, Mechanical Engineering
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My comments – well, I’m going to be brief because, you know, we celebrate after this meeting. I’ve got several announcements. I think I have these in order. Let me give you a Cole Hall report. You know, we’re in our survey and as I left the office we’ve had brisk response. We’ve had over 5,000 responses. As a matter of fact, during the first hour we had 800 and then it, you know, it’s kind of trickling in. But we got about 5,000 responses. I urge everyone – students, faculty, staff, other – I’m not sure what other is, to take the time and fill it out even though there might be a little noise in the system, the numbers are large enough so the errors are randomly distributed and we need to have everybody talk about it. On Friday we’ll be going over the results in a preliminary way and hearing from the ad hoc task force committee members – Paul, the SA President, the representatives of SPS and the Operating Staff Council, representatives of alumni and the Foundation, students to get a feel to how people are reacting to all this and then hopefully we will have enough data to make an informed decision so that we can shape an outcome that we can begin to talk in a serious way to public officials about. It’s been a very interesting process and we’ve had 5,000 responses and many thousand detailed, two or three page, single spaced thoughtful pieces. Some interesting ideas too that, you know, will be on the cutting room floor but, you know, God love everybody for taking the time and thinking. It’s been very helpful. Okay, so we have that. The thing I’d want to say on this is I want to get to the point where, you know, there’s no perfect choice here because, first of all, the situation is far from perfect and there’s no perfect choice but I hope we’ll get to the point – I know we’ll get to the point – for this process where we can all stand behind the decision because that’s critical. It’s critical to stand behind a decision and support it if we’re going to get some help from the state and the state is sympathetic but, you know, sympathy has to be hitched to rationality and responsibility so that’s my job so we’ll see how that goes but I want to thank everybody. That’s coming up.

All right. The memorial committee has I think now closed on suggestions as of yesterday. That’s different than Cole Hall as you know. That’s the group led by Mike Malone and former Provost Lynne Walderland to gather from everyone a whole set of ideas on a memorial that could about anything. It could be a park; it could be sculpture. There’s all kinds of ideas and I believe they’re going through a ??? to try to look at all these ideas and then they will be reporting to me and that’s a very important process. All right? So that’s the second activity resulting from February 14.
I want to report, since it is our last meeting, that on our capital campaign, True North, which is still very much alive and going well, we’re at the $120 million threshold on our way to $150 so we’re moving on that. And, as of today, we have over $350,000 contributed by approaching 1,300 individuals for the February 14 General Scholarship Fund. That is something we don’t promote; it is there for people to make the contribution. We – that was the vehicle we set up and I expect that those donations will continue and we want to do something – we want to start naming some scholarship recipients and our General Scholarship Committee will be doing that.

All right. May 13. Mark your calendars. We are going to have an NIU community thank-you in the Convocation Center from 3:00 to 5:00pm and what that is is we are thanking our greater DeKalb and Sycamore community and all of us who helped with our recovery. It will be a reception. We’ll have all the first responders. We’re inviting everyone in the community. I hope faculty, staff and students can come out. You’ll be thanked but also we should be thanking our community people. There’ll be music. I can’t say what kind of music because I don’t know. Light refreshments and an appropriate give away but people tell me if you don’t have a give away – more people come when you have a give away. I don’t know what we’re giving away; there’s not much left to give away. All right. The community responded so well and, you know, the greater DeKalb/Sycamore – that’s a new concept – so that’s DeKalb and Sycamore and the outlying areas. We’re becoming a metropolis. Okay? So that’s my report on Cole Hall. You can ask questions in a minute.

Now, let me give you a budget update. Well, we’ve had our appropriation hearings in the House and the Senate and that was on next year’s budget. The budget situation for FY09 at the state level appears somber. I’m running out of adjectives, including the economic forecast which is predicting $150 million dollars less for ’09 so the revenue forecasts are down. Now, that sounds like a great deal of money but the state’s contribution – I mean that’s what we will have – rather an increase in $750 million based on revenue forecasts over this year’s budget. That sounds like a lot of money, however, the state’s contribution to the pension fund eats up $750 million dollars so without any additional leftover for budget increases, raises, you name it, that’s what the forecast is so they’re working on that budget. Now remember last year it was December before we had a budget for this year and of course they still haven’t finished the budget for this year. You know, there’s a shortfall that they’re dealing with. Could have an impact on us, you never know, for this year.

All right, capital bill. Capital bill. It appears at this point that, while there are discussions underway about a capital bill and there’s been a committee – an outside committee of former Speaker Hastert and Glen ??? and we’re a big part of that – to try to get a capital bill – support for it, it appears months away and even if, you know, given the polarization between the leaders and the Governor. Stevens Hall remains at the top of the university’s capital request and it should be funded in the next capital bill. If you get a capital bill of the magnitude that they’re talking about, Steven should be funded but that’s a big if. It’s an if and when. Who knows? So, then it has to pass the General Assembly and be signed by the Governor but I think the case has been made that we need a capital bill. I keep making it every time someone – whenever the press sticks a microphone in front of me or a note pad, I say we need a capital bill. The issue is the people all agree with that; what they can’t agree on is how to fund it.
All right, capital bill. Emergency recover, budget issues as a result of February 14? We are in the process of gathering expense information to submit claims for reimbursement from state and federal officials of the costs the university incurred in the aftermath of our tragic events of February 14. There are pockets of federal money but you have to write grants and we’re doing that and there are a lot of hoops but Virginia Tech did it; we’re doing it and we’ve learned a little from Virginia Tech. It’s a real – I think the Provost is – that’s a bureaucratic process isn’t it? Has Virginia Tech received much money.

R. Alden: They received I think about a million dollars from the Department of Education. They’re still waiting for the Department of Justice.

President Peters: So Virginia Tech got about a million dollars from the Department of Education for direct expenses and they’re waiting for Department of Justice. So you see it’s a long process but you know we have to try to recover the expenses that we incurred.

All right. The other thing is – the good news is, you know, we did receive a license to build and operate the state’s first and only proton facility center from the Illinois Health Facilities and Planning Board. That’s really a big deal because it’s going to be so integrated in our academic programming and it’s transformational. A lot of people have worked very, very hard on that so that’s some good news.

All right, those are budget items. Summer projects. This is sort of by way of what are you going to do on your summer vacation. We don’t have one. We’re going to be flipping the campus. Well, first of all, we’re going to be testing a text messaging system this summer and it would be a text messaging system and, you know, we have all sorts of communication systems. You know redundancy is everything, not one system does it but we’re going to try and test a text messaging system for emergency use only; that’s all it would be used for. It would be for students and employees, faculty and staff, and it could include parents, you know, but we’re first going to see if this works and the reason it’s for emergency only, that keeps the costs way down. We’re going to get some help on that. What you do is you sign in on the web and you enter your text number and then you’d be on the system and it could be fed from our internal data bases. We’re going to explore all that. If it works, we’re going to advertise this in the fall for sign up. So I just wanted to let you know because I get a lot of questions on that and there’s a lot of confusion out there about what is a text messaging system but we are working on that.

All right. Let me talk a little bit about construction projects that are significant that you should know about because it may impact us a little bit. First of all, there are two non-university construction projects. One is Normal, the road out here, rather Lincoln Highway by the bridge. That’s slated to be done this summer, by the fall. End of June? You’re a County Board official aren’t you? It won’t be done in June. Let’s hope it’s done in June. Then right out here, the Bethany – DeKalb County Bethany Road extension is going to go from Twombly on toward Hwy. 38. That won’t have much of an impact on us but at some point that will be egress from the Convo Center and then out to Fairview and then out. That will really help move – that will really be good. That’s not ours. So if you’re coming n from Rochelle, there may be some disruption. I don’t think too much. There’s going to be – we’re starting to work on a campus
chilled water piping and water plant phase which will be around Normal, down Normal, they’ll be digging, trenching and there could be some disruption, all right, but the end result is you’ll be cooler and warmer than you deserve to be. That is much needed and that’s a major improvement. Okay. For those of you – we’re updating the Davis Hall elevator and the Zulauf elevators. They’re due for updates. That’s this summer. You know, we are starting to move units in to Monsanto, Speech Hearing, rather Health, Wellness and Literacy and all those and we probably will have a grand opening sometime in the fall but we’re doing that. You have noticed that everyone in the northern Illinois region, Chicago, the roads are a mess because of freeze/thaw cycles. We are going to do emergency street repairs on South Stadium – Stadium Drive South, Lucinda West and the Lincoln Hall drop-off area. All right? I’ve got a map here after if somebody wants to look at where those are going to be. All right? So, Stadium Drive South, Lucinda West and the Lincoln Hall drop-off. Lincoln Hall drop-off is probably one of the most impacted by freeze/thaw and buses. You’ll notice that we’ve begun work on our track and soccer field which should, you know, we’re going to try to make progress this summer and so we’re up and kicking soccer balls and running around the track come the fall. Parking lot #10 is going to be improved. You know where parking lot – where is parking lot #10? The one in front of HR and parking lot K which is right around here. Those are going to be improved. Students in the recreation building, the existing carpeting, carpet flooring, is going to be removed and replaced with synthetic flooring. I guess it smells. I’ve not personally inspected this but – it should be impervious to liquids and easily cleaned and sanitized so get ready to work out in the fall in a clean, safe area. We’re going to clean and seal the parking structure over here and I am personally – well, all right – and Anderson, who lives in Anderson – we’re going to – we have a ??? contract for new doors and windows. That’s again after graduation and will run through the summer. That should help. On a regular schedule and also because of Cole Hall impact, we are going to make – improve – make the following classrooms smarter than they already are without people. DuSable 302 and 310, Faraday 144, Faraday 143, Swen Parson Riley Courtroom, and three rooms in Lincoln and three rooms in Douglas for smart classrooms and I will be personally washing my windows outside of Altgeld Hall.

So that’s a lot of work we’ve saved up. Wish we could do more but that’s about all we can really do. So what’s the point of all that? Patience – so there’ll be a lot of activity this summer and a lot of dust but in the end result, we have to do this.

Now I want to turn it over to the Provost. He’s going to talk about – you know, in all of this, we’re still moving with Strategic Planning and some personnel issues.

**R. Alden:** Thank you. We had the deadline for strategic plans to come in to the colleges a week or so ago. I’ve seen carbon copies of a number of plans that people thought to send me at my office as well as to the deans of the respective colleges, as well as some of the university level plans that involve multiple colleges and what I have gotten so far from just looking at the titles coming in and so forth is there’s been a tremendous amount of activity even despite the disruption of February 14 so there will be a lot of plans for the Deans’ Council to start evaluating this summer when we have our retreat around Memorial Day. We also had the two task forces, the Task Force on Student Success and the Task Force on Curricular Innovation. Both of those groups are well along. They’re in the final stages of their process and they will be presenting to the President and I and other people who are interested in seeing the results on Friday I believe
so they’re in the final stages of that so we’ll be taking those into consideration as well as the ones coming through the colleges as well as the ones coming from other vice presidents and so forth. We also had the Multidisciplinary Research Cluster process. I understand from Vice President Bose that he received 11 proposals for research clusters and he is forming or has formed a review committee to go through them in the next few weeks to make recommendations of the ranking and which ones should be considered for the next year and which ones may need to be considered in the future. We also, as I mentioned, are going to have a retreat at the end of May to start to prioritize and sequence the planning. We can’t do everything at once. As I said, there’s been a tremendous number of proposals and so we’ll hopefully over the early summer begin to sort out which initiatives should go first and which ones should be carried in a phased approach over let’s say the next four or five years. I also announced last week the Strategic Initiative Grant Program. The Council of Deans decided with everything going on this semester, rather than have yet another RFP out there that people had to respond to right away, we would send the RFP out now and it’s on the web for those of you who haven’t seen it. It would be due in early September so either individuals or groups of individuals can work over the summer and the first part of the semester until – I think it’s due on the 12th of September and that would still give us enough time to have a committee look at which ones should be awarded. These are for smaller amounts of money, maybe from $5,000 to $20,000 one time funding only for those projects that just need a little bit of a start or need to have a little bit of a demonstration program to show that an initiative may work and so that will be also taking place. I also should say what I’ve said all along this semester, I see Strategic Planning as being evolutionary in nature. I know a lot of people because of the February 14 events have not really been highly focused on Strategic Planning. Some of them have asked me if they’re going to be left behind and what I’ve always said is we hope to see new ideas evolve over time and the ones that we have gotten in as they go through the process of evaluation, they may change. They may evolve so hopefully this will be not a static document but a living document as well try and assemble the strategic plans from all of the various units.

So if there are no questions on that process, I do have a few other announcements since this is the last University Council meeting of the year. As you probably know, most of you, that Vice President Bose is leaving the university for a vice presidency at Ohio University and since he’s not here, I can’t thank him but I would like to acknowledge all of the things he’s done over the last five years but we do have an interim position to fill and I’ve worked with the deans councils and a number of other people just to try to solicit ideas about various candidates. I’ve interviewed a few and I’ve selected one who I think would be a very good interim. It’s Dr. James Erman who was the Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry. He’s been retired for two years but he is an active researcher nonetheless. He was a distinguished PRP so he is Presidential Research Professor and he’s had administrative experience as a chair and of everybody I asked, those that have known him seem to think he would be very good for this position. I’ve selected one who I think would be a very good interim. It’s Dr. James Erman who was the Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry. He’s been retired for two years but he is an active researcher nonetheless. He was a distinguished PRP so he is Presidential Research Professor and he’s had administrative experience as a chair and of everybody I asked, those that have known him seem to think he would be very good for this position. Now one other aspect of that job, I am calling him pending Board approval of course, Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies and with the unanimous approval of the Graduate Council, I’ve asked Bradley Bond who’s the Associate Dean of the Graduate School, to assume the role as Acting Dean of the Graduate School and take care of the routine day-to-day activities, attend Deans’ Council and so forth in that role, but still have the reporting through the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. In this way during this one year interim period hopefully while we search nationally for a replacement for Dr. Bose, we can share the load between two
individuals and both of these names will go forward to the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees for final approval in June.

Some other personnel changes in my office, Dr. Joe Grush who was acting Vice Provost for Resource Planning went through the search process and an interview by the search committee, got unanimous support for permanently assuming that role so I welcome him into the permanent position. In the position of Deputy Provost which Fredrick Schwantes has occupied over the past year, I have asked Dean Kafer, Harold Kafer, to assume that role during the year we are looking for a permanent replacement for him as Dean of Visual and Performing Arts and Fredrick Schwantes will be in a part-time role on special projects associated with academic space, particularly focused on Cole Hall and not only the replacement for classrooms during the interim period but whatever renovation plan is adopted, he will probably be the point person in the planning of that from the Academic Affairs Division in terms of academic programming. Back a little bit to Harold Kafer’s role, I’ve already started asking him to assume some roles. He is the point person from Academic and Student Affairs Division on the coordination of grants for the February 14 recovery effort trying to get federal funding from the various agencies to recover some of the funds we’ve spent. He’s also taking the lead in the university-wide faculty salary equity study that’s being done over the summer. I’m sure he will take a major role in the implementation of many of the Strategic Planning processes we have going, particularly those at the university level and any number of other things not the least of which is to represent me when I’m supposed to be at several places at once as I am right now. I had three different events going on at the same time and he would be sort of my representative, my liaison, my spokesperson and as they say in academic administration, all other duties as assigned, so I look forward to him coming on board full time in July.

President Peters: All right, anybody want to question any of that that was presented? Budgets, Cole Hall, Strategic Planning, Personnel. We have a new Athletic Director, Jeff Compher from the University of Washington. Excellent person and had been an associate to the Chancellor at North Carolina State at one point in his career and had helped with development campaign and started his career in student affairs and is very understanding of the academic side of our enterprise. A very solid individual. It’s important because I had a conference today, this is our NCAA accreditation year, which is akin to Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation for the whole university. Very intense, very bureaucratic. Of course we’re perfect and we don’t have to worry about anything, right Bobbie? So we’ll have some new faces around. All right, let’s work.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President Peters: There is no consent agenda and I believe our first report from Councils, Boards and Standing Committees is G, Resources, Space and Budgets. There is a written report on page 7. Paul you want to – Linda, there’s Linda, I was looking right at her.

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)

President Peters: You can’t just write a report, you also have to talk about it.

L. Derscheid: Resources, Space and Budgets Sub-Committee met March 26 with Provost Ray Alden and Executive Vice President Dr. Williams and we discussed space issues related to Cole Hall for fall courses and talked about the various auditoriums around the campus, none as close as Cole Hall and especially that can hold up to 400 students. So those are all sort of issues that are being considered. Discussions have been ongoing for grants from Departments of Justice and Education for reimbursement as much as possible for the victims and for university resources that were expended for the February 14 tragedy. At that time, they were not aware of any grants available from the state for reimbursement of emergency responses so we’re really working at the federal level. They are discussing with a task force at NIU with what to do with Cole Hall, of course we just got an update on that. Even in March, the budget was looking grim and now we know it looks grimmer.

President Peters: Somber, somber.

L. Derscheid: Somber, grim to somber and so the state economy has slowed along with the national economy. So they did go and attend the Appropriations Hearings and projected at that time there was not going to be any 5% or 10% increase and we just heard what at the state level that might be. So a more modest request was going to be petitioned. NIU has not had a capital budget for 4-5 years and they pointed out the state is losing money when there’s no federal money coming in for capital grants. Some discussion concerning Kishwaukee Hall. It’s still being used. It is beyond renovation so there is strong encouragement that they need to make some plans for eventually moving out. It was brought up that communications were slow to at least one child care program on campus, the Child Development Lab, right after the 2/14 alert. Parents were not able to get through by telephone to find out the safety of their children. Provost Alden and Vice President Williams said they’re having conversations with Verizon on increasing communication abilities but at that time nothing had been decided so far. The State Police Department is working or was working on a grant with Microsoft for emergency communications and maybe that might get filtered out to universities. Last fall the computer servers on campus were increased which did help in sending out the campus alert, of course
that’s been used several times now. So this had been a problem for Virginia Tech and from the report last fall, we were able to pick up and increase the computer server. So, that was it.

**President Peters:** Questions?

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

**President Peters:** The next report is Rules and Governance. William you have an action item?

**W. Tolhurst:** Yes we do. We had the first reading of this item at the last meeting. It’s quite simple. The change is to change the title of the University Personnel Advisor so as to emphasize the appropriateness of Supportive Professional Staff using the services of the University Personnel Advisor. The recommendation that we will be voting on is to change the title to University and Supportive Professional Staff Personnel Advisor and if you’re in favor of that, we can get this taken care of quick.

**President Peters:** Okay, so that was – we’ve had a first reading? So this is an action item.

**W. Tolhurst:** We vote, yes.

**President Peters:** So that means it’s on the floor or do we need a motion?

**W. Tolhurst:** I move.

**President Peters:** Is there a second? We have a second. Discussion? Bobbie.

**B. Cesarek:** I do believe that it was Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff?

**W. Tolhurst:** That’s correct and I believe – the wording is correct and I said it wrong. Okay, I plead guilty.

**President Peters:** All right, we understand, the wording is correct.

**W. Tolhurst:** The wording is correct. Yes.

**President Peters:** All right, other questions? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Abstained? All right.

The motion passed.

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

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

President Peters: Tony, Elections and Legislative Oversight.

T. Tollerud: Okay, I do not have a written report but I do have one that I wish to make. As part of my duties as chair of this committee and pursuant to Article 3.2 of our Constitution and Article 2.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, I’m pleased to offer for election to the Office of Executive Secretary of the University Council, Professor Paul Stoddard. I’m asked to make a motion so therefore I would place a motion to accept his nomination, close the nominations and to unanimously approve Professor Stoddard’s election to this position.

President Peters: Is there a second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Abstained?

T. Tollerud: Congratulations.

President Peters: I’m feeling the earth move.

P. Stoddard: ??? they needed a demonstration.

The motion passed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ad Hoc committee for Finals Disruption

President Peters: Unfinished Business, the Ad Hoc Committee for Finals Disruption. That sounds ominous doesn’t it?

P. Stoddard: Anybody interested in disrupting finals?

President Peters: Will be in big trouble.

P. Stoddard: You may recall last month we raised this issue. We’ve had various types of disruptions at finals week throughout the years. It’s been determined that there really needs to be a set policy in place for this. We have a lot of resources to help with that. Gip’s office has helped. Ken, did you say you had some information or some expertise on that as well, but what we really need are people to serve on this committee. We laid out last time what the committee should consist of. Essentially, representatives from each college, an advising dean, Sue Doederlein has agreed to do that. Representatives from people with mass exams who are most effected by any disruptions during finals week. So far, none of the colleges have gotten back to us with any names. I know it’s been a busy semester but we really do need to get this done. So I’m looking at the deans and saying we need names and I’ve been told that people in the highest ??? of the university will back me on this, that we need to get those names. So, ---
President Peters: We’re behind you a thousand percent on this. We really – it’s very important. Although we expect not to have disruptions and, I’m serious, we’re not going to tolerate just, you know, this sort of disruptions of finals – it’s not appropriate and particularly in our environment right now. But we need to plan for the future.

P. Stoddard: This is also for weather related events. I don’t know how much tornadoes listen to what we decide but ---

President Peters: That’s the more likely event. Especially in December. All right.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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

President Peters: New Business. Appointment of the Acting Director of the School of Art. Paul, are you bringing this one?

P. Stoddard: I think we can let Dean Kafer – would you like to bring this?

H. Kafer: The memo from me to Paul Stoddard I think is self-explanatory. Doug Boughton began as work as Acting Director of the School of Art in January but the length of appointment needed to be a process of consulting with the Executive Council of the school and then vote of the faculty. The faculty has subsequently recommended that he serve a two and one half year term and I concur with that. I think it will serve the school well in that, as you just heard, I’m going to be taking on a new role July 1, had planned to retire anyway at the end of the next academic year. This will give the Provost the opportunity to recruit a new dean and then the new dean will recruit the new director of the school so I think it’s in everybody’s best interest.

P. Stoddard: And I would point out that any acting appointment that exceeds a year needs to be approved by the University Council. That’s why it’s coming here.

President Peters: So this is an action item? Is there a motion to approve this acting appointment? Jeff Kowalski from Art. That makes sense. Is there a second? Discussion? All right, all those in favor say aye. Opposed?

The motion passed.

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

President Peters: Let’s call upon Dean McCord. It seems like a similar situation in Biological Sciences for a Department Chair.

C. McCord: Exactly. It’s a similar situation. Carl Von Ende has served last year and this year as acting chair. In consultation with the department and with unanimous support from the
department’s governance committee, I’ve determined that the best course of action for the department for the coming year is to continue Carl for one more year and then conduct a search for a permanent chair as this takes Carl’s term into a third year as acting chair. I’m coming to University Council for approval of that action.

**President Peters:** So his term would extend next year, then a search the third year? Is that what I’m hearing?

**C. McCord:** His term next year would become then his third year and during next year we’ll conduct a search.

**President Peters:** Got it, so he’s into his third year. Motion? Second? Discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Abstained? All right, good.

The motion passed.

C. **Statement** of Professional Ethics – walk-in

**President Peters:** Now the walk-in item and I’m going to let Paul talk about this one.

**P. Stoddard:** Okay, yes, several years ago apparently seven this ago this body actually did approve a Statement of Professional Ethics for faculty at Northern Illinois University. That’s the subject of the walk-in item. That document doesn’t really exist on paper anywhere other than – well, it’s in a computer file which we can print out – and it exists on-line but there’s no official document where one could find this statement so the Faculty Senate thought it might be a good idea to actually have this. In addition, some thought was given to what happens if somebody is behaving unethically. So, essentially what we’re moving or what the Senate has recommended is that this statement along with, I don’t know, remedies or consequences or conditions which give this ethic statement some teeth, those are listed in the box below. Links to various places elsewhere in the APPM, we have policies on research integrity, intellectual property and so forth, which cover a lot of the issues – virtually all of the issues that are brought up by the Statement of Professional Ethics as well as a reference to the Illinois State Ethics Act down at the bottom which also deals with a lot of these issues. So what the Senate would like to see is that this statement be placed in the appropriate place in the APPM (Academic Policies and Procedures Manual) and that would have to be approved by this body. That would then get referred to the APPM Committee which would determine exactly where it goes. We don’t have to decide that today.

**President Peters:** So this is a policy that was approved and it just need to be findable?

**P. Stoddard:** Yes, it just needs to be findable.

**President Peters:** All right, motion to approve this? Second? Now discussion. So this is nothing new, it’s just --- all those in favor say aye? Opposed? All right.

The motion passed.
X. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

**President Peters:** Comments from the floor? Been a long year. For those of you coming to the residence tonight for aid and comfort and comradery, I didn’t get the posts up to keep you off the neighbors’ lawns so don’t park on the neighbors lawns okay. Other than that, let’s have some fun and enjoy each others’ company. Thank you for the year. We’re adjourned.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.