UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


B. Minor attended for C. McCord.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

ABSENT: Butler, Kaplan, Phillips, Prawitz, Purnell, Schneider, Schoenbachler, Stravers, Tollerud

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Stephen moved adoption; student seconded. The agenda was adopted as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 MEETING

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters and B. Hemphill talked about the upcoming Homecoming game and related activities.

President Peters reported that there has been little progress in Springfield towards a capital budget. He then briefly reviewed his State of the University address, which focused on the Strategic Plan and NIU’s future. In response to questions from J. Stephen and B. Lusk, President Peters and Provost Alden clarified details of the strategic plans pertaining to proposals and reallocation of funds.

D. Haliczer announced that the Ethics Training period will run from October 16 through November 14 this year.

V. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Academic Calendars for 2015-2016-2017 – refer to University Affairs Committee

A motion to approve the consent agenda passed.

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report (Pages 6-11)

P. Stoddard reported on the recent Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Ed meeting, held on the 21st of September in Altgeld Hall. President Peters came and talked about the university and gave his impressions of where higher education stands in relation to the State Legislature priorities. We then met with the DeKalb representative to the Illinois State House, Bob Pritchard, who talked about his role in putting together a bipartisan/bicameral caucus in the Legislature to discuss higher education issues. We also met with Senator Burzynski from this region who repeated Representative Pritchard’s sentiment that we might have to look at raising the income tax to help pay for higher education.

P. Stoddard pointed out that there is a new FAC position paper, this one on college students’ mental health, included in the packet and also announced that Earl Hansen will be the NIU representative to the FAC.

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 report (Page 12)

P. Stoddard reported that the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee met in September and made recommendations for the internal budget and the capital budget and approved the renewal of the academic program enhancement and instructional technology surcharge.

D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Jay Monteiro and Bobbie Cesarek – report (Pages 13-15)

B. Cesarek reported that Ken Zehnder updated the committee on the bills being tracked by NIU. At this time there are no textbook bills. Kathy Buettner reported that the Department of Energy budget has $3.3 million for the Proton Therapy Project and the Rockford Airport Authority project to develop alternative air fuel. There was a university report by Steve Cunningham on employee conduct and accountability policies. Ken Davidson led a discussion about copyright infringements and the illegality of file sharing. Finally, we are switching as an institution from the Federal Family Educational Loan Program in the fall of 2008 to the Direct Lending Program.

K. Davidson answered questions from J. Stephen regarding trademarks on the NIU mascot and logos. B. Cesarek, E. Williams, and President Peters answered a question from E. Johnson
regarding revenue from trademarked merchandise. **P. Vohra** answered a question from **L. Sons** about NIU’s involvement with the Rockford Airport Authority.

E. **BOT – Paul Stoddard – report** (Page 16)

**President Peters:** The next report is Paul Stoddard. The BOT meeting.

**P. Stoddard** reported that the full Board of Trustees for Northern met on September 20 and approved all the committee recommendations. In addition, they approved a salary increment of an average of 4% for faculty and staff. They also approved a Bylaw change mandated by state law, which state that Board members not able to physically attend the meeting must have a video link in order to take part in voting at the Board meetings.

The next meeting of the full Board will be on December 6 in DeKalb.

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

G. Resources, Space and Budgets Committee – Linda Derscheid, Chair – no report

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

**W. Tolhurst** announced that he will be calling a meeting of the committee.

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

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

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Approval of the **UAC to BOT** (Page 17)

It was moved and seconded to reappoint Professor Stephen to the UAC and to have Nancy Castle fill out the end of the term for Xueshu Song. The motion passed.

**B. Cesarek** pointed out that she serves a three year term, and thus will be on the UAC through 2010.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. University Holiday **Calendar** 2008 – walk-in

The 2008 University Holiday Calendar was approved with no changes.

**IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
J. Stephen and J. Kowalski asked about the timing and apportionment of the salary increment. S. Cunningham said we will see it in the November 15 payroll, and Provost Alden and P. Stoddard described the process leading to the determination of the apportionment. P. Stoddard also indicated that he will ask the Senate if their recommendations stand or need to be revisited.

J. Stephen complimented the Northern Star on their editorial policy.

L. Sons encouraged students to go to all their classes, including recitation sessions.

Provost Alden indicated that the UCP will bring forward at a future UC meeting a question regarding the selection of the special hearing board.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Peters: We’re adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.