UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007, 3:00 P.M.  
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


M. Dick attended for S. Clayton; B. Minor attended for C. McCord; N. Stahl attended for L. Watson; D. Matel-Anderson attended for B. Gerken.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

ABSENT: Boughton, Bradley, Davis, Funfsinn, Greene, Newman, Pernell, Polovina, Prawitz, Purnell, Richmond, Schneider, Schoenbachler, Sido, Stravers, Venaas

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda, with a walk-in report from the Resource, Space and Budget Committee was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2007 MEETING  
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Stephen made the motion; Baker seconded. The minutes were approved.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters began by noting the full contingent of students present. He then reported on the lack of progress on a state capital budget and the status of a bill moving through Congress that would reduce the indirect costs associated with federal grants. He also reminded everyone to complete their ethics training.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES
A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report

E. Hansen was not present to give the 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

L. Derscheid reported that the committee met with Dr. Williams who discussed the capital budget request list and the status of the Monsanto building move-in.

H. Rules and Governance – William Tolhurst, Chair – no report

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

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Johnson noted that the Law Library is not AD accessible. President Peters indicated that he will take this to Buildings and Services.

J. Stephen asked how a reduction in indirect costs would affect our budget. R. Bose responded that so far this would only be for Department of Defense grants, and as yet is not certain how it would play out.

J. Stephen noted that there are no trash cans on College Avenue between the bridge and Law School. After some joking around, it was decided B. Albanese would be the person to attend to that.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR
P. Stoddard announced that the university is creating a new ID card for faculty, staff and students and a campus-wide vote on the final design will be forthcoming.

In response to a request from President Peters, R. Alden updated the Council on the status of the Strategic Planning initiative. We’re in the process of going through hundreds of concept papers. We have four task forces, three of which are working on strategic planning issues; the other one is working on security and safety. Those four task forces are on student success, innovation in curriculum, multidisciplinary programs, and one on sustainable development of facilities. We will also have an RFP process for looking at research clusters. Another related issue is for reward and regard. The President has presented to the Board the idea of having distinguished Board of Trustee Professorships. Also, we will be polling 2500 to 3000 randomly selected students to get their feelings about the campus environment, a faculty about campus priorities. Provost Alden and President Peters then answered questions about the strategic plan from W. Baker, J. Stephen, D. Montel-Anderson, and E. Johnson.

L. Derscheid informed the Council that the Campus Security and Environmental Quality committee is dealing with the Smoke Free Illinois Act that will be going into effect January 1, which specifies that no person shall smoke within 15 feet of any entrance, window and/or ventilation intake.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.