UNIVERSITY COUNCIL TRANSCRIPT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


B. Minor attended for C. McCord; D. Walker attended for L. Watson.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

ABSENT: Anderson, Boughton, Brenes, Cesarek, Elish-Piper, Gerken, Grall, Greene, Looney, Lusk, Millhorn, Pernell, Polovina, Prawitz, Purnell, Schneider, Schoenbachler, Sido, Song, Stephen, Stravers, Thu, Wade

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Peters: I call the December 5 University Council to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Peters: Is there a motion to adopt today’s agenda? We have a motion; a second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? We have an agenda and I think for the first time in the modern history of NIU we didn’t have a walk-in item. I don’t know what that means.

Baker made the motion; student seconded. The agenda was adopted as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2007 MEETING
(Pages 2-4)

President Peters: On pages 2-4 we have the minutes of November 7, 2007. I want to call for additions or corrections. Hearing none, motion to approve the minutes of November 7. All right. We have a motion. Second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? We have minutes.

Kowalski made the motion; student seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
President Peters: Well, welcome to the – it’s hard to believe isn’t it; this is the final meeting of the first semester. It seems like we just got started and we still don’t have a capital budget. See I never have to change my remarks.

Well, let me report on a few things of interest. I’ll talk about Springfield in a minute but yesterday we the Illinois Board of Higher Education met at Northeastern University and there were some very interested discussions of import to us. The IBHE approved our Doctor of Philosophy and Art Education, which is something we’ve been planning for a long time so that’s great news for the art people. I was pleased they didn’t call me forward to defend it because I lost my materials and I was going to have to – it would have been made out of whole cloth, believe me. But anyway, that’s really very, very good.

Let me give you, in all seriousness, the report from Springfield. You’ve been following it probably as I have. Right now the leaders are going back and forth on the revenue side, which means gaming, how many casinos, where, how many slots – that’s what they’re doing right now and they’re not focusing on the elements of what they’re going to fund, capital bill and so forth. Of course I conceptualize the capital bill as a tree, a holiday tree where things are hung on it and as you go through all these iterations, one worries that the weight of the ornaments will tip the thing over and it’s very, very complex and every time there is a breakdown in the process, the tree gets redecorated. So that means we have to be vigilant and make sure that our projects, Stevens and the Technology Building, are put on the tree and they usually are. But anyway, there’s been no specifics on the capital bill. They’ve been going back and forth on revenue. The best guess now is this could move on over to January. So I know it’s frustrating. As I travel around and you know this is the time of year when I’m at a lot of events, alumni events, community events in our broad Chicago-land area, and there is a growing anger, or frustration – I shouldn’t say anger – I think it’s frustration on the part of the voting public as to why can’t the leaders sit down and solve this and I think that certainly the legislature understands this and so we’re going to try to be hopeful. We’re watching revenue for this state year very carefully. You know, tax receipts as they come in to support the current budget because, you know, if you’ve been reading the papers you know the elements that are out there in the macro-economic world that might lead to a recession and there are indications of that in Illinois. It looks like there’s a little bit of a slow down in tax receipts for the next quarter. A lot depends on the Christmas season and tax receipts, sales tax receipts coming in but the income tax and the corporate income tax side looks okay. But we watch that as well. So nothing to report of any substance and we’ll probably be back in January and I’ll come before you and say well, we’re in a new session so they’re starting all over. Very frustrating. But then again, you know, I could be proven wrong.

Let me – I haven’t talked for a while on the federal side but we continue to work very, very strongly on the federal side and we’ve announced it in different ways but I’ve never brought it all together. We are very fortunate in that we have received in the recent budget decisions that were made with regard to the Department of Defense Budget, we have received – meaning both the House and the Senate have agreed plus the President either has signed or has agreed to sign – 7.2 million dollars in federal funding which covers about two things. It covers planning and development planning for our proton cancer therapy activity in DuPage Tech Park and also continued work with our College of Engineering up in Rockford in the EIGERlab and that’s good news indeed. Our College of Engineering is doing good work up there. Now other federal
agency budgets are moving toward hopefully December approval. You know it used to be in the world of federal budgeting, they always held the DOD budget last and then they worked on HSS and DOE and others up front. They don’t do that anymore because of the political nature of the Department of Defense budget so they always handle that first so that’s done. But the other budgets are working their way through and we do have projects in those budgets, again basically from the College of Engineering projects with Argon on alternative fuel basically for the aviation industry and also our programs in acoustics and vibration research which includes, by the way, anti-snoring technology. If you want to go over and see that for those of you who live with someone. Good work Dean Vohra. I hope you have a breakthrough over there. I’m very proud of what the College of Engineering has done with regard to very quickly moving into the research area and, of course, our other individuals as well. So that’s a positive.

The general Higher Education Reauthorization Bill has consumed a lot of time of presidents and associations across the country as we’ve attempted to try to craft something we can live with. While there are anticipated increases in Pell grants, we’re entering a renewed phase of accountability and reporting at the federal level and this is irrespective of partisanship. We are going to be forced to do more rule keeping and a lot of it has to do with the raising costs of education. What many of the bills and amendments in the Higher Education Act attempt to do is to index the raising costs of tuition and so forth and link it to our federal dollars for grants and all of these amendments fail to recognize, although they understand it, is that there’s a direct collation between a decrease across the US and the states – state support for higher education – and the increased cost of tuition at state universities. That’s not exactly one to one, but it’s the major reason, above and beyond CPI, for the increased cost and the federal legislation fails to recognize that. Anyway, there are many cost containment indices that have been suggested and then we go to Washington and argue against them. Anyway, new reporting rules are coming. I guess that’s my report to you.

The other thing that came out of the Spellings Commission that people in the higher education community have worked very, very hard to get a grasp of, is the recommendations of the Spellings Commission where the federal government would become the accrediting agency versus regional accrediting or specialized accrediting agencies and there has been a very, very intense back and forth negotiating throughout the fall to try to get some rationality in that and we thought we had everything taken care of but there was a rogue accreditation agency that broke with that so now we’ve got to deal with that again. This would be very, very difficult for higher education I think if accrediting agencies – although at times they can be troublesome – really are the independent arbiters of quality and it’s the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval and we need to preserve and protect that. So that’s what’s happening on that score.

The other thing that is apparent and just before I came over I got an alert from the science community where the budget reconciliation is going to effect the budget for the Department of Energy, particularly the Department of Science, which budgets Fermi, Argonne and all the national labs and the NSF. The democratically controlled congress had 22 billion dollars over-expenditure from the Bush budget and the President threatened to veto that and now there’s a reconciliation going on and negotiation but it’s hitting cuts in all these base budgets and so that has been taking up a lot of my time. Okay, so that’s the federal report. I did the state; I did IBHE.
A couple of other things I wanted to mention and I don’t think he’s here today, but our longtime Dean of Law, LeRoy Pernell is not retiring but he’s leaving us to go to Florida A&M to head their law school. He has served this Council very, very well and I want to make sure the record notes that and if I can just appoint a privilege, he’s doing something I think is amazing. He’s been a great dean here and has a legacy here but he’s going to Florida’s A&M law school which was established in the year 2000 and it has to achieve ABA, American Bar Association accreditation by the year 2009 and Dean Pernell is certainly capable and experienced to lead them through that but the story behind that is a fascinating one. Florida A&M is a historically black college and it is in Tallahassee. The law school by the way, is in Orlando, and in 1967 --- there was a law school at Florida A&M and in 1967 by an act of the Florida Legislature the law school was ended and I guess the trucks moved up and moved the law library to Florida State University which established a new law school. That’s a pretty interesting history. In the year 2000 the Florida Legislature and Governor Bush, George’s brother, re-established the law school and put it in Orlando, built and building and they’ve hired a new faculty and so Dean Pernell I think is the perfect person to go and get them accreditation but what an interesting story in American higher education. So we wish him the best and I think the Provost is going to report a little bit on the status of that search.

The other thing I want to report, you know we do have commencement coming up and we do not grant honorary degrees very often here and when we do they are excellent people and I want to – I issued a press release today because two individuals will be receiving honorary degrees at this commencement and one is Robert Rosner who is the Director of Argonne National Laboratory. He’s a gifted physicist, good friend of ours, and his nomination came up through our process, through the Honorary Degrees Committee which is chaired by Vice-President Bose and the second is a very interesting fellow, Dr. Abraham Verghese who is a professor of medicine at Stanford University. But he’s also an author and currently he’s very much interested in ethics in medical practice and he has two books that are interesting and I’ve started to read one of them. One is called “My Own Country: A Doctor’s Story” which is a memoir about treating Aids patients in rural Tennessee which won several awards and he’s written a second book called “The Tennis Partner: A Compelling Story of Drug Addiction and Friendship” and was on some best seller lists. So we have two very outstanding individuals. If you’re interested, you know, they’re in distinguished company and some recent ones, and again we don’t do it very often, Arthur Schelesinger, the distinguished historian has received an honorary degree from us. Paul Simon, former US Senator Paul Simon. Remember the astronomer, Carl Sagan, received an honorary degree. Our former Congressman now and Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert received an honorary degree so good company. So that’s coming up.

The last thing I just want to mention, we don’t have a very full agenda today – that I want to mention is that on Friday, we’re going to have what we’re calling – let me see what we do call it, the Altgeld Holiday Family Celebration and in 2005 when we opened up Altgeld Hall, there were members of the community who weren’t able to take the open house tour when we held it in September so I decided to do a holiday community open house in December when things were quieter and it was the holiday season so they decorated it a bit and that proved to be interesting. Since that time, it appeared to me that it’s important for us to share our treasures with the community and I’m particularly concerned that there isn’t a lot of free and uplifting things for
families to do with small children who don’t have a lot and so we’ve developed this idea where we’re having this family celebration and I’m not responsible for this, but apparently we’re having some entertainment by something called “Macaroni Soup”. I guess that’s where you sit around and little kids – maybe the Faculty Senate ought to do this – and we got crafts for the children where they’ll make holiday decorations, a family photo session and a free portrait to take home and we have desserts and that sort of thing and we invite the community. We know a lot of NIU people come with their families but we’ve invited the whole DeKalb and Sycamore communities so if you have neighbors and that who are looking, having families and are looking for something to do, this is a good thing and I’ll be there.

I’m going to call upon the Provost now to give us a brief update on Strategic Planning and dean searches.

**R. Alden:** Strategic Planning is going along swimmingly. We have well over 200 concept papers. Next week the Deans’ Council is going to have a retreat where we will go over the ones that have university-wide perspective or those that are multidisciplinary in nature in order to determine who’s going to advance them as far as going to the next step in the Strategic Plan and I believe there’ll be some sharing. We have given all the deans all the concept papers that have come forward in electronic format so that they can review and see if something came up in one college that could be applied in another college usefully so right now we’re just – the deans are vetting their own – the ones that are coming up from their college. Next week we’ll start vetting the multidisciplinary and university-wide ones. Hopefully, shortly after the beginning of the year we can start actively getting the Strategic Planning templates filled out. We have worked with the Faculty Development Center and ITS to develop an electronic format so that everybody can get their Strategic Planning information in a common format and we can look at priorities coming from the various groups. We have four task forces; the one that I mentioned with the deans for the multidisciplinary issues, we have a task for on students success, a task for on curricular innovation, and Dr. Williams has one on sustainability in the campus environment. I’m not sure exactly what’s it’s called but something of a similar nature and these task forces have had their own set of charges that they will look at and hopefully develop their own strategic plans for implementation or for putting into the process. Anything that comes from the campus community, we’ve even had some from the alums, that is kind of the big picture perspective, we’ll try to find a group that will champion them through the production of these strategic plans so that when we come to the point of deciding what’s needed, we’ll have a series of strategic plans and priorities that all look very similar. They’re very quantitative in terms of identifying what the goal is, what the action item to advance the goal is, which imperatives the goals support, who the champions are – whether it’s an individual or a whole unit, what the resources or requisites are that are needed to advance the particular action item, what are the milestones – something that builds into the benchmarking, what are the specific things that are going to be achieved, what is the timeline and what is the performance evaluation plan. How do we know we’re making progress? If we invest in this particular initiative, how do we know it’s successful? So that’s going to happen in the spring. We also in the spring be offering an RFP, a request for proposals for a strategic planning initiative grant process where relatively small grants in the thousands to maybe tens of thousands of dollars, if some groups want to put forth a proposal for next year, developing a pilot project or if they need a modest amount of resources to
get something started, to demonstrate that it works, that will be taking place in the spring for implementation in the fall. So those are all going on at the same time.

Do you want me to go forward with the dean searches?

**President Peters:** Yeah.

**R. Alden:** We have two dean searches going forward now as President Peters mentioned, the Dean of Law. We have hired the search firm, Witt-Keefer, who was the firm that was on the state contract list that had the most experience with deans of law searches. They had twice as many as the next in line so we figured that since they were already pre-approved for a contract and they also had the most experience and, quite frankly, we’ve had experience with them in the past that was very good. They ran the search for the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences last year. We have had that group meet with the law search committee. They’ve the ads; the ads have been placed in all the appropriate venues. The group has also produced a position profile which is a detailed description of not only the position but the university and the setting and the opportunities and the challenges and so that will be given to anybody who is either nominated, has applied or expressed interest. Right after the first of the year is the American Association of Law Schools meetings and we’ve asked the faculty from the Law School to attend that to use as an opportunity for last minute recruiting but we expect in January to start narrowing down the list of candidates that have been brought forward and presumably have an airport interview to narrow it further probably in early February for interviews in late February or early March. Of course we have to work around spring break. We don’t want to have interviews during spring break of course.

The other dean search is the Dean of Libraries. We have a search committee for that as well. Quite frankly, we asked Witt-Keefer if they would be interested in being involved in two searches but apparently deans of library searches are things that search firms have not gotten too involved in because they politely declined that one. We have, as a result, had the search committee form a recruitment subcommittee which has been very aggressive in calling the deans and associate deans of our peers in the N---- institutions and so we’ve done some more active recruiting in addition to of course the advertisements that are going out. We expect the review of the candidates to start the beginning to mid-December with decisions of whether we go to an airport interview or whether we go directly to campus interviews probably being made sometime in January. If we go to an airport interview it would have to be in February as well and we would hopefully want to expedite that search. One thing that you should know is that deans of libraries are difficult to recruit. The demographics are such there are not many candidates for these kinds of positions so we are going to try to expedite the process and be as aggressive as we can.

**President Peters:** Do you think maybe we could combine that with head football coach? With your permission since this agenda is thin, we’ll take questions on that or anything else you have. All right, you need to study huh? Okay.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**
**President Peters:** All right, let’s move to the agenda. We have no consent agenda so we don’t need to deal with that.

**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

**President Peters:** I understand there is no report?

???: The committee didn’t meet.

**President Peters:** The committee didn’t meet.

C. BOT Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Nancy Castle – report (Page 5)

**President Peters:** We do have a report on Finance, Facilities and Operations. Paul are you giving that?

**P. Stoddard:** I believe so since I don’t think Nancy is here. Finance and Facilities met on November 15. They made several recommendations that the full Board will act on tomorrow. I’ll just highlight these. We have another phase of our infrastructure improvements. This is the eighth go-around with these. These are really a win/win proposition wherein contractors improve the buildings, new doors, new windows and so forth that make our buildings more energy efficient and they recoup their expenses and make their profit from the savings we incur from these projects. So it doesn’t cost us anything and we get better buildings as a result so that’s a very good situation for us. Dr. Williams has taken the lead on this and has done a fantastic job on this for the past several years so I’d like to commend him on behalf of the faculty.

The students came up with a new contract for Mass Transit, their bus system. They sent out a request for bids. They got one bid from the current vendor and so they agreed to a contract, essentially to extend the contract of the current vendor with some interesting features, bio-diesel fuels and so forth for the buses so it’s nice to see our students thinking green.

We had a new track and field project. In order to bring us up to compliance with Title IX, we are creating a new regulation track for the women’s team. This will go up or be build out by the soccer field.

Finally, it will be recommended to the full Board that we grant an easement to DeKalb Township so they can build a road going down the west edge of our far west campus. That will be an extension of Bethany Road and that will help us by giving us access to the land out there.
Finally, for those of you planning on being around this summer, don’t – I shouldn’t say that –

President Peters: Don’t be around?

P. Stoddard: Well, there’s going to be some construction that’s going to tear up part of the parking lot by the Campus Life Building for the east campus chilled water plant and then the piping for that is going – from my understanding – to tear up part of Normal Road for most of the summer so stay around, but dust off your bicycle and your running shoes and try not to drive into campus if you can avoid it.

President Peters: Okay, any questions?

Diane ???: Could you clarify a little bit what on that informational items, “there was a discussion on an internal policy for naming of facilities”? What was that about?

President Peters: That had to do with the – because we’re in a capital campaign and because we’re beginning to name privately funded – we do have a policy but we needed some guidelines for when we name buildings and that’s what that was all about. That was requested by Trustees so we sort of codified what we’ve been doing. Once in a while – and we’re talking about the naming of buildings and also provisions in case we want to I guess ?? the buildings I guess. You know once in a while you want to change the name of a building. The Trustees wanted a full set of policies and that’s what we have. So we have – we have a process for naming buildings that are state buildings and I recommend to the Board and they approve. What we didn’t really have is clarity on these other issues, especially when you go into a capital campaign you need those things so that’s what that was about. All right? More questions?

D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Jay Monteiro and Bobbie Cesarek – report (Pages 6-7)

President Peters: Let’s see we have Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee. Jay and Bobbie? I saw Jay here.

J. Montero: The Legislative, Audit and External Affairs Committee met on November 15. I’m just going to hit a few of the highlights here. The President has already talked about the General Assembly and the Governor are still working on the capital budget. He also mentioned already that they are going to be raising the maximum for the Pell Grant awards. Also in that same law they’re also going to be establishing an income based loan repayment program and you can read about that. They also discussed the peer-to-peer file sharing legislation which I believe University Council talked about last month. It talks about the provisions and the bill is going to require institutions to provide students with information concerning the penalties for violating copyright law. They’re also going to require that the top twenty-five higher education institutions that receive the most complaints or infringement notices to notify the Secretary of Education about what their actual policies are what they’re requiring to do for implementing deterrents. There was a report from Deborah Pierce from the Study Abroad Program and there’s been a discussion about how third-party providers are giving incentives to universities to use their programs. Steven Cunningham gave a report on the compliance audit and he gave four
It was also noted that NIU was complimented on the comprehensive nature of their HR administration. That’s all I have. Are there any questions?

President Peters: Any questions on any of that? Thanks Jay. We do have the full Board meeting tomorrow by the way. Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow. I think that’s all the reports.

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

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

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

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

President Peters: Any unfinished business?

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Northern Illinois University’s Smoking Policy – ACTION ITEM (Page 8)

President Peters: We do have an item of new business and that’s the Northern Illinois University’s Smoking Policy. That’s an action item. Bob, you’re bringing this item? You’d better have a microphone.

R. Albanese: Through our Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee we’ve taken the new state law that goes into effect January 1 and this committee has done some great work in putting together a policy that’s consistent with what we’ve done in the past and just takes into account some of the new factors based on the new legislation. We’ve already started some of the implementation of this policy since we do have to move a log of cigarette urns and eventually we’ll have to put some signage on some doors and that has already begun and will be completed by the time we go for our winter break and I think we’re in good shape with this whole policy. Based on that committee, we came up with a recommendation for the University Council to consider and hopefully to adapt so that we can continue on with this implementation and be in compliance with state law as of January 1. By the way, we’re pretty much ahead of any other public university in Illinois. A lot of them are kind of dragging their feet on this and that’s kind of not the NIU style and I think we’re right where we want to be in terms of being in compliance with this legislation.
President Peters: So the real issue – I take it that this recommendation will put us in full compliance to the best of your interpretation and Ken Davidson’s as well. The major thing is this 15 foot setback. Right?

R. Albanese: That’s the big change. What we’re doing is we’ve already taken a look at the whole campus, the number of doors and operable windows and air vents and have made a determination as to where this 15 feet is. In some buildings it’s a lot further than 15 feet just by the layout of the building. So we’ve taken really a look at each entryway and determined what’s kind of the logical to move the cigarette urns and to eventually maybe put a bench there and maybe landscape a little around there.

President Peters: Okay, yeah. All right. So this comes forward. This is not a bylaw so we can vote on this today straight up. Is there a motion to approve this recommendation on implementation of the new smoking legislation? Is there a second? Discussion?

P. Stoddard: Was any consideration given to building little shelters or structure to protect people from wind and rain and whatever – I just worried about people who are going to smoke anyway standing out in the rain and cold and snow and ice and getting sick and not being able to come to work.

R. Albanese: That may be something we look at in the future. Obviously, we’re under some budgetary constraints and some time constraints. We may bring up some projects in the future but once again, the esthetics of the campus is something that I care about and certainly the campus cares about. We want to make sure that anything we do kind of fits in with the campus and it’s certainly something that we’ll consider. We hope to get a lot of feedback from the campus through the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee and certainly that committee meets on a monthly basis and I’d like to thank Deb Bryant from Finance and Facilities who chairs that committee and we’ll consider making some adjustments as we begin the implementation of this policy.

President Peters: All right. Call the question? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Abstained? No smoking within 15 feet. That reminds me, if you go through – is it the Atlanta airport that has a smoking room and you walk by there and there are like a hundred people in a fog, smoking and I’m thinking, if I wanted to smoke, I wouldn’t want to smoke there. Anyway, okay.

R. Albanese: Thank you.

Vohra moved; Tollerud seconded. The motion passed.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

President Peters: Comments or questions from the floor? Yes, Linda.

Linda ???: I have a trivial. The Computer Science/Psychology Building or the Psychology/Computer Science Building, whatever the name of that thing really is? Is this the
true name while we’re talking about naming buildings here. There is a building that has a sign out front that says Psychology/Computer Science, however, whenever the students receive their schedules, it’s labeled PM for Psyc/Math. Now, you know, something ought to change here.

President Peters: And there’s no Math people in there is there?

Linda ????: No, not any more.

President Peters: Dr. Williams told me that’s where his office was.

Linda ????: You don’t want to hear the history, okay? The history was that Math was supposed to go in there full force. All of Math and all of Psyc.

President Peters: I can’t shed any light on that. Gip, can you? I mean do you want to shed light on that?

Linda ????: Well, the upshot is that something ought to be done at least in terms of the students’ schedules to not get a PM there and they don’t know what PM stands for at all. I’ve heard students in the corridors saying where’s PM and I say oh, that’s ---

President Peters: But you know if you start that now, you’re going to confuse the heck out of them. Do the students know what PM is when they see it on their schedule?

Linda ????: Some do; some don’t.

President Peters: This is something you’d think we can fix easy, right? I’m committing to fix it but I’ll bet you I’ll find a million reasons why this is going to be difficult. Do you have a suggested name?

Linda ????: Oh, no. There is a history about that, so ---

President Peters: Oh, there is?

Linda ????: Again, there was a name proposed but it was refused because of the nature of what the name was and boom – nothing more was done.

President Peters: Oh, it was named after a person?

Linda ????: Right.

President Peters: Oh, yeah, well that always gets them.

Linda ????: The problem was it was not an Illinois person.

President Peters: Oh.
**Linda ???:** It was a very renowned psychologist.

**President Peters:** Oh, really? Like the Freud Building or something like that. Okay.

**J. Kowalski:** I won’t take much of your time but just one good word for smokers. I understand the health reasons for these regulations; they are serious but there are many good folks who are smokers so let’s not confuse the health issues with the people.

**President Peters:** Yeah, this is a tough one. We don’t have no leeway but to comply and the auditors will get the measuring tape out here and measure off the 15 feet but I’ve been on campuses where this was very divisive where at one campus we banned smoking period on the grounds and this happened to be in a tobacco state and the Legislature went after the university for doing that but it split the campus too so you know, we’re going to try and be rational and use common sense and, you know, we don’t want to be in a position of encouraging something that we think all the scientific evidence points to a lot of health risks, there are a lot of good folks, I mean – I haven’t smoked in thirty – too many years but I don’t think a dissertation could have been written without Marlboros. Somewhere I read a paper about that; I don’t think I could have done it. But I understand what you’re saying – or Lucky Strikes. All right?

**X. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**President Peters:** Should we stand adjourned? All right, travel safe.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.