UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


L. Jennings attended for S. Clayton.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Wade made the motion; Tollerud was second. The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2009 MEETING (will be sent out electronically)

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters began by thanking everyone who worked on the February 14 anniversary program. He then reported that there was not much new with the budget situation, and that NIU is monitoring what activity there is. He talked about the federal stimulus package in light of higher education and the State of Illinois, and in particular with respect to possibilities for Cole Hall.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

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

C. BOT Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Clersida Garcia – 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 Dersheid, Chair – no report

H. Rules and Governance Committee – David Wade, Chair

1. Article 8.32 – ACTION ITEM (Page 2)

D. Wade noted a recommended bylaw change [to add to the end of Article 8.32 “In the case of multiple applications from the same department/school, the chair/director, in concert with the department personnel committee (and with the dean if necessary), shall determine if sufficient resources are available to reasonably accommodate the absence of all faculty members requesting sabbaticals. Only sabbatical requests that can be reasonably accommodated shall be forwarded to the college personnel committee.”] was presented for first reading last meeting, and moved to approve the change. The motion was seconded.

The motion was approved.

I. University Affairs Committee – Linda Sons, Chair

1. Article 9.4 (Page 3)

L. Sons reported that the University Affairs Committee had referred to it the potential of a change in Article 9.4 in the Bylaws that would have removed the term limit for the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor, and that after consideration, recommends that no change be made.

2. Academic Calendars 2009-2019 (Pages 4-13); 2008-2009 – walk-in

L. Sons moved the approval of the Academic Calendars for years 2009-2010 through 2018-2019. Motions were made, seconded, and approved for each of the academic years.

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Rebecca Butler, Chair – no report
VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. Sons moved a resolution of thanks to all of those who planned and executed the day of reflection for the wonderful job that they did and also to express our sincere thanks President Peters for the way he represented NIU for us.

P. Stoddard seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

P. Stoddard reminded the Council that nominations are being accepted for the Executive Secretary position.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.