UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER HERITAGE ROOM


Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

ABSENT: Blaustein, Bond, Butler, David, Doerderlein, Garcia, Hankla, Hansen, Johnson, Kaplan, Krol, Mock, Morris, Prawitz, Raji, Schneider, Schoenbachler, Sido, Smith, Smith, Sourcy, Stephen, Thu, Tollerud

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Stephen made the motion; Haliczer was second. The agenda was passed with the addition of a NIU BOT report.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2009 MEETING (will be sent out electronically)

Wade made the motion; Derscheid was second. The minutes were approved.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peters updated the Council on the status of the FY2010 budget, the state’s capital budget, and possible changes in the state pension system being discussed in Springfield.

R. Alden announced that Rich Holly has been named as the permanent dean of Visual and Performing Arts. He also talked about the Strategic Initiative and recruitment efforts.

President Peters and R. Alden then answered questions regarding these matters.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES
P. Stoddard: reported that there was a written report from Earl Hansen on the FAC meeting, and then said that Earl’s term as FAC rep was expiring, and invited interested parties to run for the office.

P. Stoddard reported that the Board heard a public comment from Adam Andrejewski, who is a Republican gubernatorial candidate, expressing support of NIU’s Proton Therapy project but that he was unhappy with what he perceived as a lack of transparency in the budgetary process. President Peters talked about the budget situation. Dr. Williams is continuing the Energy Infrastructure Improvements Project. The Board approved 52 faculty and 4 SPS sabbatical leave requests. The Board again expressed their support for the program both by their approval and by their comments. They approved the appointment of Jennifer L. Rosato as Dean of College of Law. She comes in with the rank of professor and with tenure of course.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 P.M.