UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009, 3:00 P.M.  
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER HERITAGE ROOM


G. Jackey attended for D. Haliczer. 

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.  

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

I. CALL TO ORDER  

R. Alden called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.  

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  

The agenda was adopted with amendments.  

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2009 MEETING (will be sent out electronically)  

R. Alden reported that minutes were not ready for approval. 

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION  

R. Alden called for a motion to go into Executive Session to evaluate the Secretary of University Council and President of Faculty Senate. The council voted to approve the motion. 

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS  

R. Alden began by recognizing Paul Stoddard’s five years of service as the Secretary of the University.  

R. Alden reported on a meeting of NIU administrators with the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Swine Flu epidemic.  

A. Recognition of University Council members whose terms are: 

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R. Alden: recognized UC members whose terms are now completed, who have been reelected, and who have been newly elected:

**COMPLETED**

David Wade, Management
Janet Holt, Educational Technology, Research and Assessment
Linda Derscheid, Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences
Joseph “Buck” Stephen, Mathematical Sciences
Rosemary Feurer, History
Paul Stoddard, Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Lee Sido, Art

**RE-ELECTED**

Laurie Elish-Piper, Literacy Education
Eric Mogren, History
Richard Greene, Geography

**NEWLY ELECTED**

Rebecca Shortridge, Accountancy
Lisa Yamagata-Lynce, Educational Technology, Research and Assessment
Karen Baldwin, Nursing and Health Sciences
Melissa Lenczewski, Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Maryline Lukacher, Foreign Languages and Literatures
Khan Mohabbat, Economics
Jeff Kowalski, Art

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

R. Alden introduced the Consent Agenda, which had a walk-in item - the report from the ad hoc committee to develop guidelines or policy for how clinical faculty appointments are awarded and the criteria by which they will be assessed – which will be sent to the Rules and Governance Committee for their consideration at the beginning of next year.

The motion passed.

VII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report (Pages 3-7)

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 Derscheid, Chair – report – walk-in

L. Derscheid summarized the committee’s four meetings this semester. Three of the four primarily dealt with the issue of parking. The fourth meeting was with Dr. James Erman, who talked about faculty travel; and with Provost Alden regarding the progress of the Strategic Plan.

H. Rules and Governance Committee – David Wade, Chair – no report

I. University Affairs Committee – Linda Sons, Chair – report

1. Academic Calendars for College of Law 2009-2019 (Pages 8-17)

L. Sons moved to approve the College of Law projected calendars for the years from 2009-2019.

The motion passed.

J. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Rebecca Butler, Chair

1. University Council confirmation of election of 2009-2010 Executive Secretary of University Council

L. Sons stated, “Pursuant to Article 3.2 of our Constitution and Article 2.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, I’m pleased (and I am) to offer for election to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the University Council Professor Alan Rosenbaum.” She moved to accept his nomination and close the nominations and to unanimously approve his election to this position.

The motion passed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Policy on Relationships between University Employees and Students (Page 18)

L. Sons reported on the policy developments since the motion to approve had been postponed. The committee got input from Human Resources and consulted with various others which resulted some underlined material which suggests some potential change from what was originally proposed.
G. Seaver offered a technical amendment in the form of a wording change: under “Supervising dean” there is no position called Vice Provost for Research. It’s Vice President. You see where it says academic research centers, the Vice Provost for Research.

L. Sons moved the adoption the changes as an amendment from the original motion.

Discussion followed, mostly to clarify supervisory positions.

The motion passed as amended, with two abstentions.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. University Collegiality Policy (Pages 19-23)

R. Alden introduced the University Collegiality Policy that has been working its way through various groups and it is shown on page 19-23. We were planning to have this referred to the University Affairs Committee at the beginning of the fall.

A motion was made, and seconded, to refer the policy to University Affairs at the beginning of the fall.

B. Burrell expressed concern about the language in 1.24 that talks about disposition of complaints and it says that if mediation is not successful that this will proceed to following the procedures for the University’s grievance procedures for faculty and staff, noticing that in the preamble references faculty, staff and students. Students are not covered under the grievance procedures for faculty and staff.

R. Alden said this was a very good question and expressed his hope that the committee would consider that.

The motion passed.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

B. Keller, on behalf of the Student Association thanked Dr. Stoddard for his service to the University Council and welcome Dr. Rosenbaum. He then introduce the newly elected SA President, Rob Sorsby.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.