UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


L. Jennings attended for S. Clayton; Michael Morris attended for P. Henry.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

ABSENT: Boughton, Doerderlein, Elish-Piper, Feurer, Freedman, Garcia, Hankla, Hemphill, Johnson, Kaplan, Prawitz, Richmond, Schneider, Sido, E. Smith, M. Smith, Soucy, Williams

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M., with R. Alden as chair.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Baker made the motion, Tollerud was second. The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. Alden said that the final decision about the implementation of various Strategic Plan initiatives will be made, contingent on budget constraints, in the near future.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report

E. Hansen reported on the Sept 19th meeting at Lakeland Community College in Mattoon, noting that he was impressed with their green initiatives. The FAC will house the web page for this at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Discussions of funding and student demographics filled out the meeting.
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 – report (Page 3)

P. Stoddard reported that the full Board met back on September 18. They heard a report from the Illinois Campus Security Task Force which listed several recommendations, many of which NIU is already looking at or has already incorporated into our policies. The report also said our response to the February 14 shootings were quick, efficient and effective. The board voted to replace the improvement line that was vetoed by the Governor with a maintenance fee of up to $75/semester. The board accepted a report on the numbers of Ph.D.s in economics with minimal comment. Health services workers addressed the board in the public comment session, regarding competitive wages and lost positions.

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

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

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

I. University Affairs Committee – Linda Sons, Chair – no report

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. University Holiday Calendar (Page 4)

R. Alden asked for a motion to approve the holiday schedule (making Jan 2, 2009 a university holiday).

Morris made the motion; Thu seconded. The motion passed.

B. Proposed changes to the Academic Calendar (Pages 5-6)

B. Bond asked the UC to change the graduate schedule so that graduate students have a separate graduation ceremony the day preceding undergraduate ceremonies. R. Alden explained that last year’s ceremony lasted so long that many people left partway through it.
Baker made the motion; Tollerud made the second.

After some discussion on the specifics of scheduling, the motion passed.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

L. Sons asked how Chicago State managed to get enough money to get a new building. P. Stoddard suggested asking the state Senator from that district.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Alternate List (Page 7)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.