FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004, 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


T. Smith attended for R. Butler; C. Peterson attend for G. Kim.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

THOSE FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:  Arriola, Bisplinghoff, Clayton, Cummings, Engel, Garcia, Ghayeb, Goldenberg, Johnson, Kang, Kolb, Larson, Markowitz, Meganathan, Munk, Powers, Smith-Shank, S. Song, X. Song, Spear, Wade, Wang, Wickman, Willis, Wolfskill

I. CALL TO ORDER – by J. Lockard, Senate Vice President

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – adopted

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2004 FS MEETING (Pages 3-5) – approved with a small correction

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cary Groth is unable to attend; the proposed tenure bill in the state House has been withdrawn.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

Nominations were taken for the Bob Lane award; deadline is April 15.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Patricia Henry – report – walk-in

Private colleges are concerned about proposed changes to the MAP grants, which would provide students with a fixed amount of support rather than tying support to tuition charged. The proposed budget will eliminate state money for grant matches, which is expected to affect the U of I, Northwestern, and the U of Chicago most.
A position paper on general education proposed that a student who completes a gen ed course at a participating Illinois Articulation Initiative institution that meets the institution’s general education requirement, shall be deemed to have met that segment requirement at other Illinois Articulation Initiative institutions whether or not the student has completed an associate’s degree, among other provisions. This proposal was narrowly endorsed; there was concern about courses not actually being equivalent, resulting in difficulties for the students.

The FAC is proposing a lobbying day, for faculty to meet with state legislatures. The date is not yet set.

The FAC is rather upset with the IBHE, feeling that they should be a better advocate for higher education in the state. They did oppose the tenure bill, HB4073.

On March 17, the presidents will be given the results of administrative reductions; on April 13 the committee to review missions and faculty productivity will be named.

New ethics legislation is yet to be interpreted in terms of how faculty are to comply with it. It was moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate request its Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee to look into the issue of missions and faculty productivity, and to begin to develop a response on behalf of the faculty.

The motion passed.

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee – Paul Loubere and William Tolhurst – no report

C. BOT Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee – Sue Willis and Xueshu Song – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee – Sara Clayton and Beverly Espe – no report

E. BOT – Sue Willis – no report

VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs Committee – William Baker, Chair – no report

B. Economic Status of the Profession Committee – Jim Lockard, Chair – no report

C. Resource, Space and Budget Committee – C.T. Lin, Chair – report (Page 7)

The Committee met with Provost Legg. The Provost said that the central administration is encouraging the hiring of two assistant professors to replace one retiring senior professor. A summary of budget cuts shows that administrative costs were cut 13% this year, other non-
instructional support was cut 4.5%, and the academic colleges were cut 3.2%. Declining numbers of tenure/tenure-track faculty and rising numbers of instructors are also of concern. There is still no news of a rescission. The 4-day summer work week is again under consideration, as it saved about $300,000 last year.

track professors and the rising numbers of instructors. One item of good news is because of the anticipation of a possible mid-year rescission, NIU has reserved 3% of the budget. It appears that now it looks like there is no rescission and so the 3% will be channeled back to the deans. Hopefully, we’ll hear something about that.

Members of the Senate expressed confusion about the 2-for-1 hiring suggestion, as it is currently difficult to hire any replacements, and salary compression has led to professors’ salaries being much less than twice assistant professors’ salaries.

Data on the numbers of tenure/tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty will be requested from the Provost’s office.

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Ngoyi Bukonda, Chair – no report
E. Rules and Governance Committee – Gretchen Bisplinghoff, Chair – no report
F. Elections and Legislative Oversight committee – Stephen Nord, Chair – no report

1. **Nominations** for Executive Secretary of University Council/President of Faculty Senate – See list of University Council members eligible to be elected (Page 8)

Paul Stoddard, Carole Minor, Bill Tolhurst, and Bill Goldenberg (in absentia) were nominated; both Bills declined.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. A **Framework** for Comprehensive Athletics Reform, from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (Page 9) – not discussed due to Ms. Groth’s absence.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. **Minutes**, Academic Planning Council
B. **Minutes**, Athletic Board
C. **Minutes**, Campus Security and Environmental Quality
D. **Minutes**, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
E. **Minutes**, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
F. **Minutes**, Graduate Council
G. **Minutes**, Undergraduate Coordinating Council
H. **Minutes**, University Assessment Panel
I. **Minutes**, University Benefits Committee

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**