
T. Smith attended for J. Holt.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

THOSE FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Baker, Butler, Gandal, Greene, Hertz, Johnson, Karonis, Kolb, Kowalski, Markowitz, Ridnour, Rose, D. Smith, M. Smith, S. Song, X. Song, Stephen, Stravers, Thu, Tolhurst, Tollerud, Walton

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2005 FS MEETING

(Pages 3-8)

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard welcomed members to the Senate and provided a brief history and overview of the Senate’s duties.

Professor Gustaaf Van Cromphout was remembered, as was Professor James Schubert (L. Kamenitsa).

R. Orem suggested a link on the FS website to a story regarding Professor Van Cromphout on the Northern Public Radio website.
V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Selection of Vice President and Secretary of Faculty Senate

K. Gallagher moved that Buck Stephens serve as FS Vice President and Radha Balamuralikrishna as FS Secretary; D. Lonergan seconded. The motion was approved.

B. University Advisory Committee of the Board of Trustee.

L. Kamenitsa moved to accept Ferald Bryan as a member of the University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees; K. Gallagher seconded. The motion was approved.

C. Nominations for a representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee to the IBHE.

P. Henry described the duties of the FAC, and the requirements the NIU representative would have. P. Stoddard stressed the importance of the FAC and NIU’s participation. A call for volunteers went unheeded, however.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Faculty Senate Committee chairs and composition for 2005-2006 (Page 9)

D. Lonergan moved that the Faculty Senate committee chairs and compositions, as presented in the packet, be approved; there was a second. The motion passed.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Kendall Thu, Chair – no report

B. Economic Status of the Profession – Radha Balamuralikrishna, Chair – no report

C. Resource, Space, and Budget C.T. Lin, Chair – no report

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Joseph “Buck” Stephen, Chair – no report

E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – no report

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Nord, Chair

1. Election of members of Faculty Grievance Committee (Page 10)

S. Nord selected, at random, fifteen members of the Faculty Senate to serve on the Faculty Grievance Committee and five alternates:
Alternates:  David Gorman, English – William Tolhurst, Philosophy – Colin Booth, Geology – Christopher Hubbard, Biological Science – Nancy Castle, Communication Disorders.

2. Election of University Council alternates – see sample ballots – ballots will be distributed at FS meeting (Pages 11-16)

3. Nomination of two Faculty Senate members to serve on the Responsible Conduct of Scholarship Committee

P. Stoddard explained the committee’s duties.

N. Churyk, who is already a member of the committee, offered to be a Senate Representative.

P. Stoddard said that he felt it would be best not to double dip like that.

B. Lusk nominated Brigid Lusk from Nursing.

R. Orem nominated Joyce Lieberman from Education.

K. Gallagher moved the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Joseph “Buck” Stephen - report

J. Stephen had to leave the Senate meeting early, and will provide his report next month.

F. Bryan reported that the main topics covered were NIU’s response to Hurricane Katrina, Provost Legg’s programmatic budget requests for the year constant belief that the school needs more faculty and that, in fact, admission/critical faculty retention is first priority. Associate Vice Provost Virginia Cassidy presented a FY05 university performance report and Graduate Dean Bose presented the external funding report. The Board of Trustees seemed very pleased with the number of grants received.

P. MacFarland, F. Bryan, and G. Bisplinghoff discussed the impact of NIU’s taking on Katrina students.

P. Stoddard will discuss this with the Provost.

C. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Xueshu Song – report – walk-in

P. Stoddard reported on the BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee. The committee approved NIU’s various budgets, heard from Athletic Director Jim Phillips regarding NIU’s contract with WSCR AM 670 to broadcast all football and 20 men’s basketball games, and gave approval for NIU to review requests for proposals for a new student services software system. (This is the PeopleSoft project that got stalled by the Oracle takeover.) Also discussed was the outcome of last spring’s pension reform initiative.

D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Donna Smith and Shey Lowman – report – walk-in

D. Smith reported that the committee was updated by Ken Zehnder on the recent legislative session. Of particular interest were House Resolution 476, the “naming rights bill,” which failed to pass, and Senate Resolution 131, which would allow area community colleges to offer baccalaureate programs. The latter was referred to Rules. Ken Zehnder does not expect to see this bill resurrected.

Kathy Buettner thanked Senate President Emil Jones for recognizing the C.H.A.N.C.E. program at NIU and their efforts on behalf of many of our students. There was an additional $700,000 allocation to NIU specifically for the C.H.A.N.C.E. program.

Steve Cunningham made a report on Public Act 94-0004 (pension reform).

Ken Davidson reported on the Office of Executive Inspector General and that 2005 Ethics Training will be forthcoming.

The 2005 Federal Legislative Report was given by Kathy Buettner. The Federal Transportation Equity Act Reauthorization gave the university $3.2 million in Federal Transportation funds. This will be used on the west campus to provide roads and thoroughfares. The House maintained the funding levels for the fourth year in a row for a variety of grants and programs. In response to negative media attention regarding tax exempt sectors, Congress may draft new tax laws that could impact donors to the Foundation as well as anybody receiving a tuition waiver. Kathy
Buettner and President Peters continue to work with Congress on the effects the Higher Education Authorization Update it would have on universities.

Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, Shirley Richmond, reported on the status of the new Family Health, Wellness, and Literacy Center to be house at the new NIU Monsanto facility on Sycamore Road.

John Lewis, Associate Vice President of University Outreach, reported on the status of the NIU Institute for Neutron Therapy at FermiLab.

Sharon Dowen, the Director of NIU Internal Audit, gave a general report on her department.

S. Lowman highlighted House Bill 1384, which allows people employed before March 31, 1986 to opt into Medicare.

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board minutes
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 minutes
H. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
I. Minutes, University Benefits Committee minutes
J. 2004-2005 Annual Report, Faculty Personnel Advisor (Page17-18)
K. 2005-2006 Meeting Schedule (Page 19)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.