
S. Holmes attended for L. Jeris

THOSE FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Blaschak, Ceisla, Doederlein, Factor, Gandal, Greene, Hamlet, Hertz, Hubbard, Karonis, Kolb, Lonergan, MacFarlane, Marchewka, Markle, Markowitz, Moraga, Newman, Nord, Peters, Ridnour, Schoenbachler, D. Smith, M. Smith, S. Song, X. Song, Tatum, Thu, Tollerud, Wade

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the addition of Susan Shuren, from the search firm, Issacson Miller, who would talk to the Senate about the Provost search.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2005 FS MEETING (will be walked-in)

The minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard updated the Senate on the status of the Provost search.

P. Stoddard announced that the Board of Trustees recently approved the purchase of the Oracle Student Support Software System. Implementation of this software package may necessitate and/or offer the opportunity for some changes in academic policies. A steering committee will be formed to smooth this process and ensure faculty involvement.

P. Stoddard announced that the university’s salary equity study has been released, and summarized some of the preliminary findings.
ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

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 – report (Page 3)

S. Lowman reported that RSB talked to Mallory Simpson (president of the NIU Foundation) to find out how faculty could help raise funds. It was recommended that faculty can help identify potential donors, especially former students.

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Joseph “Buck” Stephen, Chair – report

J. Stephen updated the Senate on the creation of the Academic Advising Center, specifically that APASC had responded to some, but not all, of the Senate’s earlier recommendations. A lengthy discussion followed, including participation by P. Henry, W. Tolhurst, C. Booth, W. Baker, P. Stoddard, L. Kemenitsa, and C.T. Lin. Part of the discussion focused on the Undergraduate Coordinating Council’s reporting to the University Council, and whether the UC has the right to reject the UCC’s report (it does).

J. Stephen moved that the Faculty Senate encourage the UCC to return the AAC matter to APASC until they get an organic constitution and that they reconsider their approval of the changes on page 41, top paragraph, which is the one that empowers them to waive or change university requirements.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Nord, Chair – no report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Vice President and Provost Search – see search packet – walk-in

Dr. Susan Blakely Shuren, from Isaacson Miller, introduced herself, her firm, and the process that will be used in searching for a new Provost for NIU. She then took questions and heard concerns and suggestions from B. Lusk, J. Stephen, P. Henry, W. Tolhurst, M. Morris, C.
The senate then reviewed the search criteria as developed by the Provost Search Committee, as required by the University Bylaws. After affirming the need for the successful candidate to fully appreciate NIU’s shared governance system, the consensus was that the criteria were appropriate and sufficient.

X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sharon Holmes

1. October 18, 2005 report (Pages 4-6)

S. Holmes reported on the IBHE’s meeting with the FAC on October 18. She summarized comments made to the group by Stanley Ikenberry, regarding the role of higher education in the U.S. Comments from the board concerned faculty and administrators needing to make significant changes in how we think about higher education and our methods of delivering our services.

Other topics included faculty salaries and fringe benefits in Illinois and the new IBHE Executive Director, Judy Erwin.

2. November 18, 2005 report – walk-in

J. Newman-Ryan reported on the November FAC meeting. The one issue of note was a recommendation to “shift responsibility to faculty at individual colleges and universities for certifying that their course meet the guidelines for IAI.” P. Stoddard expressed concern over this proposal. Additional discussion included comments from J. Stephen, P. Henry, W. Tolhurst, and J. Newman-Ryan.

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 Xueshu Song – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee – Rachel Turner and Shey Lowman — no report

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.