
S. Blue attended for R. Greene.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2007 FACULTY SENATE MEETING (Pages 3-5)

The minutes were adopted as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard introduced two guests that the Senate had invited, R. Bose and E. “G.” Seaver.

R. Bose, Dean of the Graduate School and Vice President for Research, addressed the Senate on two issues – the Grad School deficit he inherited and the dispersion of indirect funds from external grants. For the first, Dr. Bose said he did not concentrate on determining blame for the deficit, but on overcoming it. He said that strict procedures were in place to prevent such a situation from arising again. From indirect costs, 30% goes towards facilities, colleges and departments get 15%, and the remainder is used for (among other things) supporting faculty travel, providing NIU’s share of matching funds on grants, and smaller contingencies.
B. Miller asked about a USA Today report that NIU was 7th in the nation in lobbying and fundraising expenditures. R. Bose responded that the initial article was in error, and had been corrected in print. NIU does not spend $770,000, but less than $100,000.

R. Bose took the opportunity to express his pride in an accomplishment of Senator C.-T. Lin (Chemistry). The Association of University Technology Managers held an open competition in which one of Professor Lin’s outstanding innovations was selected among those submitted by such institutions as Johns Hopkins, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Leipzig in Germany, Leiden in Netherland, Wayne State University, Emery University in Atlanta, among others.

G. Seaver (Vice Provost) addressed the Senate regarding the Ad Hoc Enrollment Committee. He gave a brief history of the group, and outlined its function. It is made up of individuals who report to the Vice Provost, including Enrollment Services, Student Financial Aid, Admissions, Registration and Records. Also the Graduate School is represented as are Honors, CHANCE, Career Services, Housing, Orientation, and the Bursar. This group deals mostly with retention, and is purely advisory to the Provost.

Another enrollment committee, started by Ivan Legg in response to Fall 2003’s higher than expected enrollment, sometimes gets referred to as enrollment management. After hearing of this committee’s role, D. Kempton said the second was the committee the faculty was more interested in.

K. Thu suggested that it would be useful conduit to have someone representing the Academic Affairs Committee as a part of these two ad hoc committees.

G. Seaver was amenable to the suggestion.

K. Thu then asked about ways faculty currently can provide input on enrollment decisions.

G. Seaver responded that faculty committees such as APASC and the UCC deal with this issue.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Daniel Kempton, Chair – no report

B. Economic Status of the Profession – Cason Snow, Chair – no report

C. Resource, Space and Budget – C. T. Lin, Chair – report (Page 6)
C. T. Lin reported on the committee’s February 14 meeting with the President of NIU Foundation, Mallory Simpson, who talked about fundraising efforts at NIU, including the capital campaign.

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Janet Holt, Chair – no report

E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – report

N. Castle reminded the Senate that we are to request a report from our GC and UCC reps.

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Earl Hansen, Chair – no report

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 – Jody Newman-Ryan – no report

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee – Joseph “Buck” Stephen and Ferald Bryan – report (Pages 7-8)

F. Bryan reported on the March 8 NIU Board of Trustees’ Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee meeting. At Trustee Boey’s request, Professor Carolinda Douglas (Allied Health) and Professor David Kyvig (History) reported on the outcomes of their recent sabbaticals. All sabbatical requests were approved for the March 22 full BOT meeting. Several curriculum changes were also approved. The next meeting will be on June 11, 2007.

C. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Xueshu Song report (to be given with the full BOT report).

D. BOT Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee – Sara Clayton and Bobbie Cesarek – report (Pages 9-10)

B. Cesarek, due to a scheduling conflict, was unable to make the BOT meeting, and thus did not give an oral report.

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – report

P. Stoddard reported that the full Board met on March 22, 2007. They approved sabbatical leaves and the various emphases additions and deletions recommended by the AASAPC. They
also approved an average student fee increase of 5.5% and a room and board increase of an average 13%. A lot of that incorporates the increase due to having to put sprinkler systems in all the residence halls and the increase in minimum wage.

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

B. Miller asked if there existed a single university collection of bylaws for merit and tenure and promotion review, and if there was a university-wide consensus on what constitutes peer review.

A lengthy discussion followed, covering Professor Miller’s questions, as well as practices throughout the university. Participating were P. Stoddard, N. Churyk, D. Kempton, C. T. Lin, J. Holt, N. Castle, A. Rosenbaum, B. Cesarek, and J. Giles.

B. Miller suggested that a committee look at these issues; however, no formal motion was made.

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. Letter of Acceptance of Nomination from Paul Stoddard. (Page 11)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.