FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006  
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 FACULTY SENATE MEETING (Pages 3-7)

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

There was nothing for Faculty Senate Consideration.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Salary Increments – refer to Economic Status of the Profession

P. Stoddard explained that faculty input would be welcome and very appropriate in the determination of how increments are to be divided between merit and across-the-board.
B. Academic Affairs Committee will be a reporting committee for NIU Connect.

The consent agenda was approved.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Daniel Kempton, Chair – report

D. Kempton reported that the committee will be following up on last year’s work on personal response systems for classrooms, and that the committee will be the Senate’s connection to the NIU Connect (student software) status.

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

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

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Janet Holt, Chair – report

J. Holt reported that on the issue of reclassification of some of positions as SPS the committee has met with Frederick Schwantes, Steve Cunningham and Deb Haliczer but has not yet processed all their information.

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

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Task Force on Strategic Planning – see memo Raymond Alden (Pages 8-10)

The Senate nominated J. Holt, D. Swanson, and B. Lusk to serve on the Provost’s strategic planning task force. The Provost has said he will pick at least one of the names.

X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Jody Newman-Ryan – no report


J. Stephen reported that the Personnel sub-committee of the Board of Trustees met on
September 7, 2006 and endorsed a new Master of Science Program in FC&S. The Emeritus Faculty were recognized by Provost Alden as were the Professional Excellence Awards for Teaching and Staff. A detailed report on Fiscal Year 2005/2006 External Funding for Research, Public Service, and Instructional Projects was presented to the BOT sub-committee by Vice-President Bose. We have the largest minority population of doctoral students by percentage in Illinois.

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 Bobbie Cesarek – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – report

**P. Stoddard** reported that the full Board approved recommendations made by the board’s sub-committees. He also noted that the internal budget for Fall 2007 was approved and that mention was made of the state’s contribution continuing to drop. We now get just over 27% of our operating expenses from the state’s general revenue. Everything else is from tuition, bonds, gifts, grants, etc. The full Board did vote to send along with the capital budget request a letter emphasizing the need to finally fund these projects as safety is becoming an issue. Collective bargaining agreements were reached with three unions. The main fundraising activity will be going into endowments as a hedge against increasingly scant state funding. Dr. Leroy Mitchell, Director of the CHANCE Program had an uplifting presentation.

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

**P. Stoddard** noted that the University Council alternates list was included with the information items.

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. Alternate List 2006-2007

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.