PRESENT: Allori, Baker, Bisplinghoff, Bowman, Brown, Burch, Cappell, Castle, Cesarek, Chown, Churyk, Derscheid, Goldblum, Hansen, Jaffee, Kostic, Luetkehans, Marchewka, Martin, Miller, Mohabbat, Monteiro, Morris, Newman, Onyuksel, Rosenbaum, Scherer, Schneider, Sons, Swanson, Thompson, Tolhurst, Wickman, Zahay

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended (postponing Rintala/Cesarek presentation).

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2007 FS MEETING

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The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard reported that he attended a meeting of the Council of Illinois University Senates, at which they discussed evaluation processes for administrators and the potential (and problems) of a small “faculty professional account” Stoddard also reported that he mentioned the problems associated with the current travel reimbursement procedure to the President and Provost.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

There were no items for Faculty Senate consideration.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.
VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report

E. Hansen gave his impressions of his first FAC meeting, which dealt mostly with state funding issues in education.

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 Nancy Castle – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee – Jay Monteiro and Bobbie Cesarek – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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 – Alan Rosenbaum, Chair – report

A. Rosenbaum reported on a preliminary joint meeting with the Economic Status of the Profession Committee to look into the issues of graduate student fees, compensation, and possible organization.

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

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or new business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A concern raised about students who run afoul of the RIAA (in terms of illegally sharing copyrighted material) losing computer access and thus being at an academic disadvantage. A
relatively long discussion, involving P. Stoddard, W. Tolhurst, M. Morris, B. Jaffe, D. Zahay, C. Thompson, D. Zahay, J. Chown, D. Bowman, N. Churyk, D. Swanson, E. Miller, L. Sons and M. Kostic. The upshot of the discussion was that this is a potentially serious issue, and the President of the Faculty Senate should gather some answers as quickly as possible.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.