FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM, 3:00 P.M.


A. Smith attended for S. Clayton; V. Collins attended for L. Yamagata-Lynch

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

P. Stoddard called the meeting to order.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Henry made the motion to approve; Kowalski was second. The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2008 FS MEETING

(will be sent electronically on Tuesday, January 20, 2009)

Snow made the motion to approve; Stephen was second. The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard announced that there are several campus-wide activities in progress this semester: the NCAA recertification review, the baccalaureate review, and Foundations of Excellence – a self-study of our first year experience. In addition, he announced that as his term on Council is expiring in May and he is not eligible for re-election, there will need to be a new FS President/UC Exec. Sec’y. for fall.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES
A.  FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report

**P. Stoddard:** reported that at its Springfield meeting the FAC discussed the IBHE’s Public Agenda, freedom of speech issues at College of Dupage, and the state budget. IBHE Executive Director Judy Erwin came to the meeting, and one of the major issues she is concerned with is the current inability to track students from school to school. Another key issue discussed was textbook affordability.

**J. Stephen** suggested that the Senate might wish to write a formal letter expressing its concerns with the freedom of speech issue.

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 – Jay Monteiro and Bobbie Cesarek – report (Pages 3-6)

**J. Monteiro** talked about the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 textbook cost containment requirements, effective July 1, 2010. After a brief discussion of the Act, **F. Bryan** asked about CHANCE Program funding. **J. Monteiro** said that there was no cut.

E.  BOT – Paul Stoddard – report (Page 7)

**P. Stoddard** reported on the NIU Board of Trustees meeting of December 4. It was announced that NIU received $8 million from the Department of Defense for various programs.

The Higher Education Act Reauthorization passed and contains some new requirements in various areas including costs, accreditation, financial aid, disclosure and compliance, teacher development, and international education. Some of these things might impact faculty members. Collective bargaining agreements were reached with the Heating Plant employees and University Health Services employees. There is nothing new with the state’s capital budget. Mallory Simpson gave the Foundation report.

**VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

A.  Academic Affairs – Mari Valle, Chair – no report

B.  Economic Status of the Profession – C. T. Lin, Chair – no report

C.  Resource, Space and Budget – Michael Morris, Chair – no report

D.  Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Rosemary Feurer, Chair – no report
E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – no report

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Cason Snow, Chair

1. Selection of a committee for the Evaluation of the Executive Secretary of University Council and President of Faculty Senate – see Faculty Senate *Bylaws, Article 7* (Page 8)

C. Snow: To evaluate the Executive Secretary (from UC): Linda Derscheid and Terry Bishop and the alternate will be Douglas Boughton. From the FS: H. Joel Jeffrey, David Goldblum and the alternate will be John Novak. The student will be Lauren Mock and as alternate, Robert Sorsby.

2. Selection of a committee for the Evaluation of the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor – see Faculty Senate *Bylaws, Article 7* (Page 8)

C. Snow: To evaluate the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor: Janet Freedman, Barbara Burrell, Khan Mohabbat and the alternate, Jozef Bujarski.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There was a lengthy discussion regarding inadequate faculty parking, particularly on the east side of campus. Faculty told of being late to class, having students feed parking meters during class, taking a cab to class, or even canceling class due to the inability to find a space.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 P.M.