FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008, 3:00 P. M.  
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


J. Hathaway attended for J. Novak; S. Tonks attended for M. Smith.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Earl Hansen moved; Cason Snow seconded. The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 FS MEETING

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard announced that a PeopleSoft glitch made it appear as though the Ombudsman’s office had been closed. This is not true.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

P. Stoddard introduced Vice Provost Seaver, who talked about the baccalaureate review process.

G. Seaver explained the inspiration for initiating a review of NIU’s baccalaureate goals, and described the process by which that review would take place.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA
There was no consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen - report.

**E. Hansen** reported that the FAC met in Mattoon, Illinois, home of Lakeland Community College. The college is using windmills to generate energy for their institution and turning out technicians in that field. The FAC is considering how to man a web page and put information out that would interest the faculty at the institutions within the state. They discussed funding and higher education in general from the community colleges, to the private institutions, to the state institutions, and also the demographics of the student population at the universities and colleges throughout the state.


E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – [report](#). (Page 3)

**P. Stoddard** reported that the full Board met back on September 18. They heard a report from the Illinois Campus Security Task Force which listed several recommendations, many of which NIU is already looking at or has already incorporated into our policies. The report also said our response to the February 14 shootings were quick, efficient and effective. The board voted to replace the improvement line that was vetoed by the Governor with a maintenance fee of up to $75/semester. The board accepted a report on the numbers of Ph.D.s in economics with minimal comment. Health services workers addressed the board in the public comment session, regarding competitive wages and lost positions.

VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

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


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

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Rosemary Fuerer, Chair – no report.

E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair - report.
N. Castle noted that her committee is looking at a request to include the faculty athletics’ representative as a non-voting member of the Faculty Senate.

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Cason Snow, Chair

1. Unity in Diversity Steering Committee – ballot will be distributed at FS meeting.

C. Snow presided over the balloting for two members to the Unity in Diversity Steering Committee.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

L. Sons introduced her colleague, Hui Hu, who is a new member of the Senate.

C. Garcia, on behalf of her department, expressed concern about the lack available parking on the east side of campus, due to construction in the Student Life Building lot. P. Stoddard responded that he would be meeting with the Parking Committee and would raise the issue.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Alternate List for Faculty Senate and University Council. (Page 4)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

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