FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008 3:00 P. M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


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

The agenda was approved as written

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 FS MEETING

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Deborah Haliczer, Human Resource Services, will be discussing the Ethics Test, the new benefit packages and the Constitutional Convention.

D. Haliczer, from Human Resources, addressed the Senate regarding the state-mandated on-line ethics training, touching on requirements, penalties, and the future of the training. She also discussed the benefits choice period (ending November 14), and indicated that people should have received benefits booklets in the mail, and that it is available at www.benefitschoice.il.gov.

J. Stephen took the opportunity to point out that the vision care benefits don’t always get you the best possible price on glasses. A more general discussion about medical benefits ensued. D. Haliczer finished her remarks by reviewing the November 4 ballot question regarding a Constitutional Convention.
B. Faculty Salary Study

**P. Stoddard** reviewed the faculty salary equity study that was reported on to the University Council Personnel Committee. Data from that study should be posted on the university’s website soon.

C. Campus Parking

**P. Stoddard** updated the Senate on the status of parking on the east side of campus, noting that the Office of Public Safety now has jurisdiction over parking matters. They are “monitoring” the situation. There is no word on how long this will take.

**P. Henry** asked about the possibilities of bicycles in easing traffic/parking congestion.

**J. Stravers** suggested that pop-up/down stop signs in the roads could help make campus safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**J. Stephen** talked about the desirability of having more bike paths, both on campus as well as to/from campus.

**C. T. Lin** moved that Resource, Space, and Budget look into these questions. The motion was seconded and passed.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

There were no items to consider or to consent to.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. **FAC to IBHE** – Earl Hansen – report

**E Hansen**’s report (in writing only) indicated that the main emphasis of the FAC meeting was the role of community colleges, especially as some of them are looking to expand their charge to four-year degrees

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 Clersida Garcia – 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 – 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 Fuerer, Chair – no report
E.  Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair - report

   1.  Article 1 Membership of the Faculty Senate – First Reading

N. Castle presented for first reading a proposal that language be inserted at 1.24 under Article I saying “if not otherwise a member of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Athletic Representative shall be an ex officio, non-voting member. If the person who is the Faculty Athletics Representative is already a voting member of the Faculty Senate, then that does not strip their vote away.”

F.  Elections and Legislative Oversight – Cason Snow, Chair – no report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X.  NEW BUSINESS

A.  Scheduling concerns.

After a long discussion regarding scheduling issues, such as the early deadline for determining class schedules, recent legislation regarding the announcing of required books, and deadlines for final grades, M. Kostic moved that the issue of scheduling of class schedules be referred to Academic Affairs. M. Vella seconded. The motion passed.

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

N. Castle announced that the Honors Program will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

P. Stoddard offered congratulations.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:14 P.M.

A complete transcript for this meeting can be found at: