FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM, 3:00 P.M.


S. Tonks attending for K. Burch; J. Zhang attended for H. Jeffrey

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rosenbaum made the motion; Castle was second. The agenda was approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2008 FS MEETING

Sons made the motion; Castle was second. The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard provided the Senate with information (wrong as it turned out) regarding the procedure for entering grades. He also reported that Chief Grady indicated that a resolution of the Anderson/Student Life faculty parking issue would be forthcoming in 2 or 3 months.

Changing the topic, A. Rosenbaum asked about a memo that referred to a change to the mailing system. L. Sons said that she’d been contacted by one of my professional organizations saying that the post office will no longer deliver mail to departments in universities. They will only deliver mail to an official street address, such as “1325 Lincoln Highway.”

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION
VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report (Page 3)

P. Stoddard announced that the FAC report will be written only, and that the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee and the Board of Trustees Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee meetings were cancelled last week for lack of agendas.

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

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Mari Valle, Chair – report

C. Cappell reported that there was nothing to report

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

C. Resource, Space and Budget – Michael Morris, Chair – report (Page 4)

M. Morris reported that state appropriations have declined precipitously over the course of the last several years and so NIU is becoming more and more dependent upon tuition. There are several capital funding issues. In addition to Stevens, Wirtz and Cole, which have all been unfunded for at least five years, we can now add the Art Building and Montgomery Hall. At the meeting there was some discussion of the loss of studios with the closure of Kishwaukee Hall and construction of the new central chiller plant. There are still discussions for a parking garage near Anderson Hall.

P. Henry wanted to remind this committee that we passed on something to you about looking into making the campus more bicycle friendly. M. Morris asked people interested in this topic to email him. D. Goldman mentioned that the Campus Security Environmental Quality Committee has discussed bike paths along Normal and Lucinda Roads.

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Rosemary Feurer, Chair – no report
E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – report ACTION ITEM (Page 5)

N. Castle We reminded the Senate that R&G recommended last month, as a First Reading, including the Faculty Athletics Representative as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Faculty Senate. She moved to take Bylaw 1.24, which is currently about Supportive Professional Staff and move it down to 1.25 and then make 1.24 consistent with 1.22 and 1.23 to say “if not otherwise a member of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Athletics Representative shall be an ex-officio non-voting member.” Henry seconded.

The motion passed.

P. Stoddard: moved to waive first reading and update Bylaw 1.25 to say “the two Supportive Professional Staff members of the University Council.”

The motion passed with at least a three-fourths majority.

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

P. Stoddard reminded the Senate that there is a suggestion box, in case anyone would like suggest topics for the Senate to discuss.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 P.M.