The meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M. by Presiding Officer Elliot Kaufman. Senator Jack Jones (LAS) served as Parliamentarian for today’s meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Elliot Kaufman, Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Kaufman announced that the Senate website has been upgraded and now includes links to other related sites. He noted that 2,300 faculty have been subscribed to a new Listserv, “Faculty Voice”. The listserv is intended for use as a means of informing faculty of significant issues and problems facing the university as well as serving as a communication and discussion forum.

Sylvia Manning

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS Sylvia Manning

Chancellor Manning announced that the campus did not get the proposed Biocontainment Lab. She commended over one hundred people from units across the campus for their cooperation and collaboration in producing a phenomenal proposal. The NIH also funded regional centers of excellence which are essentially the collaborative work without the bio safety level 4 lab. UIC is a member of three of those centers with lead institutions at the University of Chicago, Duke University and Washington University in St. Louis. Last week the College of Medicine in Rockford announced a 6.4 million dollar grant from NIH for minority health disparity issues. Professor John D’Emilio, Director of Gender and Women’s Studies Program, is one of five finalists for a national book award.

Campus buildings - $64 million dollars for the advanced chemical technology building has been released and the campus will move forward on that construction. The campus is in the process of conducting a feasibility study to determine what to do with what is being called “the academic super block” of the south campus development on the east side. Plans for a student recreation center on the east side will go to the Board of Trustees in November.

Searches - The campus will begin the search for a vice chancellor for administrative services; the position title, formerly vice chancellor for administration, now includes financial affairs; some small entities will be removed from the portfolio to make it more rational. The search for a director of compliance for the campus will proceed in a few months. A search committee has been formed and a position description is being formulated to look for an associate chancellor for development. This search will be conducted jointly with the University of Illinois Foundation. Campus librarian candidate visits are scheduled to begin on November 10. During the course of this year the campus will conduct searches for deans of the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Engineering.

Chancellor Manning focused on the October 7 report of the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE in which the campus representative, David Bardack, outlined pressures being placed on faculty to increase productivity. She noted that this is a complex issue in which faculty will be challenged at counting, representing and explaining what they do.
PROVOST’S REMARKS Michael Tanner

10/30/03-04

Provost Tanner noted that the UIC 2010 Committee is close to being fully constituted to consider the “real opportunities” for the campus in 2010. He noted that there is no terribly good news on the horizon in terms of the budget. The President continues to talk about the possibility of a mid-year recission, and there is the possibility that the University could face another round of budget cuts. The University of Illinois as a whole has been working diligently on a project to identify ways to reduce costs. The President’s target was to reduce administrative costs by 25 percent over a 3-year period ending in 2005. Those are ongoing issues, and the campus will continue to look for ways to reduce costs while maintaining its full function.

MINUTES

10/30/03-05

The motion to approve minutes of the meeting on September 24, 2003 was moved and seconded. Senator Charles Woodbury (PHARM) suggested that the word “forced” be change to “enforced” (paragraph 03, enrollment increases). There was no further discussion and the motion to approve the minutes as corrected carried.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Gerald Strom, Chair)

10/30/03-06

Senator Strom noted that the Committee has met with Chairs of the Senate Research and Student, Recruitment, Admissions and Retention Committees, and given those committees charges to look at research and compliance issues, and to review the student recruitment process and the quality of students recruited to the campus. He urged faculty to email suggestions for other senate committees. The Committee is considering the possibility of sponsoring information forums, probably prior to Senate meetings, in the spring. The first forum may be focused on how the University relates to state government and its lobbying efforts in Springfield. The Committee is also open to suggestions on forum topics.

10/30/03-07

Senator Strom presented, for approval, an overview of a proposal to establish a new administrative unit, the Graduate School of Business in the College of Business Administration. He noted that the proposal was reviewed and unanimously endorsed by the Committee. The proposal was also reviewed by the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP). Senator Robert Mrtek (MED) noted that Committee officers reviewed the proposal and found that it had no policy issues or program provisions and recommended approval. Presiding Officer Kaufman noted that this is an administrative reorganization, and explained that there is essentially a time issue in which the proposal needs to go to the Board of Trustees in November. Senator Strom noted that the proposal was presented to the University Senates Conference at its meeting last week and was approved conditionally pending Senate approval. Senator Richard Mintel (COM-U) inquired about the name of the Graduate School of Business. He noted that he favored the proposal but not the name. John McDonald, Senior Associate Dean of CBA, noted that the Graduate School of Business will be named on November 13. In response to a question raised by Senator James Maharg (LAS), Dean McDonald noted that this is an endowment that will produce an annual income. There was no further discussion and upon voice vote the motion to approve carried.
Terms of Employment, Sanctions short of dismissal - Under the recent amendments to the University Statutes each campus is charged with developing its own implementation procedures. The Senate is charged with identifying two faculty groups: 1) to advise the provost that cause exists to initiate proceedings and 2) to specify an elected committee who will provide for a hearing and determine whether there is cause to impose sanction.

Senator Strom noted that this was discussed and debated at the last meeting of the Senate, spring semester 02-03 and tabled for further consideration during this semester. The Senate Executive Committee met in special session on October 29 and agreed to make a recommendation for Senate consideration. On behalf of the Committee Senator Strom moved that the campus Faculty Advisory Committee be designated to act as the consultation committee to advise the provost; and that the Senate Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee act as the hearing committee for such cases. In response to a question asked by Senator Inder Batra (LAS), Presiding Officer Kaufman noted that the Faculty Advisory Committee is an all campus committee composed of all tenured faculty who do not hold administrative appointments. If the administration wishes to impose sanctions other than dismissal they would consult with the first committee (consultative or in-take committee). If the first committee determines that there are grounds to continue the process the case would go to the second committee (hearing committee) who would have equal say in the final outcome. Both the Chancellor and the hearing committee must agree to impose sanctions. If either decides against sanctions then no sanctions would be imposed. Senator Charles Woodbury (PHARM) moved to amend the motion to reverse the order of the two committees to give veto power to the peer committee elected at large by the faculty as a whole. The motion was seconded. Senators Joseph Persky (BA) and James Maharg (LAS) spoke in favor of the amended motion to reverse. Senator Strom noted that the Executive Committee’s recommendation was based on the consensus that a parallel structure would be less confusing, and that the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee is already experienced in dealing with hearings and cases of dismissal and already has a process established. In response to a question raised by Senator Robert Sloan (ENGR), Presiding Officer Kaufman noted that the intake committee is basically advisory and could possibly stop the process. Senator Alan Schwartz (MED) moved to call the question and the motion was seconded and carried.

Presiding Officer Kaufman clarified that the new motion on the floor was to designate the Senate Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee as the intake or consultative committee, and the Campus Faculty Advisory Committee as the hearing committee. There was no further discussion and upon voice vote the motion carried. Senator Strom noted that the provost will develop implementation procedures for this process.

BUDGET, PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE (Donald Chamber, Chair)

Senator Donald Chambers noted that the Committee meets once a month and once every other month with the Provost. At its first meeting of this year the committee decided that its major focus is more of priority than budget and planning. The Committee will spend this year determining and discussing the issue of maintaining and enhancing excellence and quality at UIC in an era of budgetary restraints. He invited faculty to send comments or suggestions and urged them to help make this a real example of shared governance and shared interest.
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (Robert Mrtek, Chair)

10/30/03-11 Senator Mrtek presented the following new and revised programs for approval: **PR-04.04**, Revision to the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in English; Minor in English; Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of English; **PR-04.06**, Establishment of Four Rubrics (Subject Codes) in the College of Medicine: CELE (Chicago Clerkship Electives), PELE (Peoria Clerkship Electives), RELE (Rockford Clerkship Electives) and UELE (Urbana Clerkship Electives); **PR-04.07**, Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Civil Engineering; **PR-04.08**, Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Materials Engineering. There were no questions or comments and the motion to approve carried. Senator Mrtek presented an overview of the following educational policy statement for approval: **EP-04.01**, Policy Statement Regarding Grading Mode Assigned to Noncredit Courses at UIC. After a brief discussion the motion to approve carried with one opposed.

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE (John Shuler, Chair)

10/30/03-12 Senator John Shuler (LIB) noted that the reading day postponement was approved beginning in the spring semester 2004 pending a study by the Provost’s office. The issue will be discussed at future Senate meetings. The Committee has a continuing list of “building issues” from its subcommittee regarding reduction, deterioration, questions of service and building quality and fire safety. There is an ongoing series of questions that will be raised regarding the quality and quantity of teaching space in buildings on campus. Finally, the Committee is keeping an eye on the implementation of the UI-integrate system, specifically the next benchmark of that integration, the payroll system. There were no questions or comments.

OBSERVER AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

10/30/03-13 Presiding Officer Kaufman noted that Senate packets contained written reports from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE and the SURS Membership Advisory Committee. Questions or comments regarding these reports may be directed to the reporting representative.

OLD /NEW BUSINESS

10/30/03-14 There was no old or new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

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