MINUTES OF THE SENATE MEETING (2003-04)
DECEMBER 3, 2003, STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING (SSB), 3:15 P.M.

12/03/03-01 The meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M. by Presiding Officer Elliot Kaufman. Professor Jack Jones (LAS) served as Parliamentarian.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS (Sylvia Manning)

12/03/03-02 Chancellor Manning announced that the Graduate School of Business Administration, approved by the Senate at its last meeting, has been named the Liautaud Graduate School of Business Administration in response to a $5 million gift from the Liautaud family. Jim Liautaud has been a donor and founding member of CBA’s family business council for many years. The most recognized name in the Liautaud family is the son, Jim of Jimmy John Sandwiches. Jim Liautaud and his wife Gina are both alumni of the University of Illinois at Urbana. Chancellor Manning accredited Dean Wim Wiewel and congratulated him on this accomplishment. Chancellor Manning noted recent newspaper articles: an editorial, in the Chicago Tribune, encouraged UIC to go on making waves; an article in the Chicago Sun-Times reported on where UIC stands. Monday’s Tribune reported on the College of Medicine Rockford site. The Chancellor noted that these are positive articles that speak openly about how far UIC has come and is continuing to become.

12/03/03-03 Chancellor Manning noted that a lot of concern has surfaced about what is being done to communicate to legislators, and to the general public, key information about UIC and the value of higher education. She noted that a lot is being done at the level of the university-wide administration that is not being shared with the faculty, staff and students; she urged people to visit the President’s website at www.uillinois.edu where information can be found and questions related to administrative overhead are addressed. Chancellor Manning noted that this has been a difficult semester; she thanked everyone for their hard work and wished everyone an enjoyable winter break.

12/03/03-04 MINUTES of the meeting held on December 3, 2003 were approved as distributed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Gerald Strom, Chair)

12/03/03-05 Senator Gerald Strom (LAS) presented slates of student nominees for seats on Senate standing committees for approval. He encouraged nominations for eligible candidates willing to serve if elected. The slate was approved with the following nominations from the floor: Shumail Alam (s-BA) was nominated to serve on the Academic Services Committee; Yaniv Oz (s-CUPPA) was nominated to serve on the Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee; Norman Cheung (s-PHARM), Tatiana Podstavkova (s-A&A) and David Shin (s-LAS) were nominated to serve on the Educational Policy Committee; Christina Keegan (s-LAS) was nominated to serve on the Student Recruitment, Admissions and Retention Committee. There were no further nominations and the motion to close nominations was seconded and carried. Senators proceeded to cast written ballots for student membership on Senate committees. A tellers report is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.
12/03/03-06 Senator Strom presented the following report: Richard Schoell, Executive Director for Government Relations and chief lobbyist for the University in both Springfield and Washington, will attend the January Senate meeting to discuss how the University relates to state government. Chairs of the Executive Committees on all the three campuses have discussed the development of a joint resolution on state support for U of I and expects to present the resolution to the Senate in the spring. The Committee is attempting to facilitate a faculty letter writing campaign to allow faculty to communicate with their state legislators. A link to “Project Vote Smart” will be placed on the Senate homepage which will lead faculty to their congressional and state representatives. The Committee plans to hold a academic town hall meeting prior to the start of the January 29 Senate meeting to discuss issues related to faculty unionization. Several members of the Committee met with the 2010 Committee established by the Provost, and invited them to attend a Senate meeting in the spring to share their ideas. Senator Hannelore Loevy (DENT) noted that it would be appropriate for the Faculty Affairs Committee to work with the Executive Committee on developing a joint resolution on state support for the University. Senator Strom agreed and noted that he will contact the Faculty Affairs Committee in early spring. There were no further questions or comments.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (Robert Mrtek, Chair)

12/03/03-07 Professor Robert Mrtek, Chair, requested to removed EP–04.02, Establishment of Guidelines and Definitions for Degree Concentrations, from the agenda and noted that it will be presented to the Senate at a later time. He presented the following programs for approval: PR-04.05, Redesignation of the Center for Health Services Research to the Institute for Health Research and Policy; and PR-04.11, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. There was no discussion and the motion to approve carried. There were no questions or comments and the motion to approve carried. There was no discussion regarding the report for information.

OBSERVER AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

12/03/03-08 Representative David Bardack noted that the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE has drafted a large report that provides a clear definition of the broad activity of faculty in teaching, research and service. This report is in response to Jim Chaplan’s challenge that faculty come up with ways to measure faculty productivity. The report will appear as an agenda item for the next IBHE meeting, and will be posted on the Faculty Advisory Council’s website. He encourage faculty who wished to raise issues to the IBHE to send them to him via email. He indicated that he was glad hear that the Senate is becoming more active as a lobbying body and noted that the Faculty Advisory Council will also become more active next year.

OLD BUSINESS

12/03/03-09 There was no old business.
NEW BUSINESS

12/03/03-10 Senator Victor Margolin (A&A) commented on an email he received regarding paycheck stubs and noted all sorts of system decisions are being made that affect faculty as users but that faculty have no input on. Presiding Officer Kaufman noted that faculty were involved at some level in all decisions related to the new banner system. Senator James Maharg (LAS) noted that these kinds of decisions should come to this body before being implemented. Presiding Officer Kaufman noted that these decisions were made on the business end of the operation. He noted that there was much consultation with the Senate when changes were be implemented with regards to grade changes and grade notations. Senator Hannelore Loevy noted that the system does not always work, it is often down and does not provide complete information. She asked what faculty can do about these kinds of issues. Senator David Ucker and Primal De Lanerolle (MED) noted that the Senate is a governing body and should have input into decision that affect faculty and their ability to do their jobs. They suggested that there should be more faculty input on things that are purely not technical. Senator Gerald Strom noted that Gene Ruoff, Special Assistant to the Chancellor and Associate Provost for Info Mgmt Systems will be invited to the next meeting to address these issues. Chancellor Manning noted that business functions like purchasing, payroll and benefits are university-wide functions that affect all three campuses. The decision was made six years ago to have the same system for all three campuses. Faculty for all three campuses are consulted through the University Senate’s Conference. It is through the Senate’s Conference that the University administration sees itself as obligated to seek faculty input and response. On the other side, she noted that the issue regarding the paycheck stubs was mishandled in terms of communication. The communication was incomplete; some bad choices were made and the issue has been addressed with the appropriate people in the university administration. Senator Strom noted that he would be happy to provide a detailed description of how the Senate’s Conference operates. Senator Donald Chambers (MED) pointed out that the Senate Conference really has little to do with the issues of UI-Integrate and is more of a discussion/advisory body.

ADJOURNMENT

12/03/03-11 Due to the lateness of the hour the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

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