The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Catherine Vincent (NURS). Senators from the College of Medicine at Peoria regional site participated by teleconference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Catherine Vincent, Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Vincent welcomed everyone to the January 31 Senate meeting. There were no announcements.

**CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS** Paula Allen-Meares

Chancellor Allen-Meares explained that she spent time this week on the Rockford campus, where several endowed chair professorships were announced. The Chancellor reported that President Easter and she will meet with college faculty to talk about issues related to the university and the future direction of higher education. She announced that the Merit Board decided against removing the University’s position exemption authority. The Chancellor announced that the Senate and she are co-sponsoring a shared governance forum on April 17, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Thompson Rooms B&C Student Center West featuring speaker President Emeritus Larry Faulkner. She encouraged Senators to take advantage of the Chancellor’s Discovery Fund and the Chancellor’s Graduate Fellowship Program. She provided an update on the Chancellor’s Cluster Initiative to increase diversity and the interdisciplinary culture at UIC. In a PowerPoint presentation, she reiterated UIC’s six overarching goals. She also shared information about recent faculty and student honors. The Chancellor reported on recent events at UIC including: UIC’s partnership in $120 million energy project, dedication of ACTB, dedication of Mile Square, the UIC Urban Forum, and meetings of the Institute of Medicine and National Institute of Health at UIC. She concluded by sharing a video titled “Campus Insights: UIC Leading Innovation.” There were no questions for the Chancellor.

**PROVOST’S REMARKS** Lon Kaufman

Provost Kaufman began by recognizing the 90th Birthday of Professor Stanley Shapiro, who taught for decades in the Department of Biology at UIC and served as department head. The Provost shared a PowerPoint presentation about the Undergraduate Policy Council. The presentation provided an overview of the purpose, membership, and recent initiatives of the Undergraduate Policy Council.

Senator Hilbert (LAS) inquired about whether there is a dramatic decline occurring in undergraduate applications this year? Provost Kaufman responded by explaining that UIC began using the common application this year. Provost Kaufman explained that the total number of applications has not decreased this year, but the Colleges within UIC that students are applying to have changed.

**GUEST** David Merriman, Associate Director and Professor, Institute of Government and Public Affairs and Professor, Department of Public Administration

David Merriman shared a PowerPoint presentation titled “Update on Illinois’ Economic and Fiscal Challenges and Responses.”
Minutes of the Senate meeting held on November 29, 2012 were approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Philip Patston, Chair

Chair Patston reported that the Committee had recently met with Cynthia Herrera Lindstrom, CIO. In the future the Committee will examine issues related to campus safety, increasing the diversity of faculty involved in the Senate, and ways that the Senate can work together with the union.

Vice Chair Kay provided an update on an initiative to revise the promotion and tenure forms.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE Ilene Harris, Chair

On behalf of the Committee, Chair Harris, using PowerPoint, presented an overview of the following new and revised programs and policies for approval: PR-13.11, Establish a Joint B.A. in Urban and Public Affairs/MPA Program; PR-13.12, Establish a Joint B.A. in Urban and Public Affairs/MUPP Program; PR-13.13, Establish a New Concentration in Mathematics and Science Education within the PhD in Education: Curriculum and Instruction; PR-13.14, Revision of the Master of Science in Kinesiology, Concentration in Applied Exercise Physiology; PR-13.15, Revision of the PhD in Education: Curriculum and Instruction – Curriculum Studies Concentration; PR-13.16, Revision of the PhD in Education: Curriculum and Instruction – Literacy, Language, and Culture Concentration; PR-13.17, Revision of the PhD in Educational Psychology; PR-13.18, Revision of the PhD in Policy Studies in Urban Education – Educational Organization and Leadership and Social Foundations of Education Concentrations; PR-13.19, Revision of the PhD in Education: Special Education; PR-13.20, Revision of the B.S. in Kinesiology and Rename the Concentration in Exercise and Fitness as the Concentration in Exercise Science and Health Promotion; and CP-13.02, Revision of the Public Health Management Campus Certificate. There was no discussion and the motion to approve carried.

ACADEMIC SERVICES COMMITTEE Sandy De Groote, Chair

There was no discussion regarding the written report of the Academic Services Committee.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE Patricia O’Brien, Chair

There was no discussion regarding the written report of the Research Committee.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE Steve Brantley, Chair

There was no discussion regarding the written report of the Student Recruitment, Retention and Admissions Committee.
SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE  Albert Schorsch and Demetra John, Co-Chairs

1/31/13-14  Co-Chair Schorsch added a few comments to the written report of the Support Services Committee. He stated that the Committee has focused recently on customer service and staffing issues related to those units that support the academic enterprise. He reported that the Merit Board decided against removing the University’s position exemption authority. The Committee is looking at ways to simplify UIC’s burgeoning bureaucracy.

OBSERVER, REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1/31/13-15  IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Reporting Representative, David Bardack, added a few comments to his written report. He reported that the Illinois Board of Higher Education recently discussed online learning with the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council. He encouraged Senators to review the PowerPoint presentation referenced within his written report.

OLD BUSINESS

1/31/13-16  Presiding Officer Vincent stated that there was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1/31/13-17  Under New Business, Michael Ginsburg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, provided a summary of the TCF Bank student account problem and explained that the issue had been resolved to the satisfaction of the concerned students.

ADJOURNMENT

1/31/13-18  The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Prepared for the Senate by:  Elizabeth Dooley, Senate Clerk