The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Carol Massat (JACSW). Senators Moses (JACSW) and Kelley (SPH) agreed to serve as tellers for today’s meeting. Senators from the College of Medicine regional sites, Urbana and Peoria, participated by teleconference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Carol Massat, Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Massat welcomed everyone to the December 3 Senate meeting. She thanked Chancellor Allen-Meares for providing the cookies and coffee at this Senate meeting as an expression of gratitude for the Senators’ involvement this year. Presiding Officer Massat announced that the UIC Promotion and Tenure Committee membership roster was available online.

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

Chancellor Allen-Meares explained that she was unable to attend the October Senate meeting because she was in Springfield for the Veto Session, where she discussed the funding of higher education among other urgent and relevant issues. She was pleased with the attendance at the December 2 UIC Campus Forum conducted by the Search Committee to Assist in the Selection of a President. The Chancellor reported that UIC has received $56 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act federal “stimulus” grants. She announced that in response to a recent invitation coordinated by her office along with the Presidents of Northwestern and the University of Chicago, NIH Director Francis Collins has tentatively agreed to visit the University of Illinois in April of next year. Chancellor Allen-Meares stated that Dr. Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia will join UIC February 1st as the Vice Chancellor for Research. He also will hold an appointment as Professor of Medicine. As a consequence of her November 2 visit to Argonne National Laboratory with a group of twenty UIC faculty and administrators, partnership opportunities are being developed. Chancellor Allen-Meares stated that tours of the UIC campus will be provided as part of the January 21 Board of Trustees meeting. She concluded by sharing concerns about the budget. There were no questions for Chancellor Allen-Meares.

**PROVOST’S REMARKS** R. Michael Tanner

Provost Tanner reported on the State funding picture. State revenues were down by 13% in October. The University still has not received word from the State regarding changes in funding. Provost Tanner discussed the impact on UIC of the potential loss of MAP funds in the spring. Provost Tanner explained that a 6% rescission is the planning target for FY 2011. Provost Tanner reported on the Administrative Review and Restructuring Task Force that Interim President Ikenberry has put together. He shared information about the current staff restructuring process taking place in LAS social sciences departments. Provost Tanner explained that ongoing discussions are occurring regarding the effort reporting policies.
In response to a question from Senator DeJong (A&A), Provost Tanner discussed the consequence of a 6% rescission in FY 2011 in relation to the federal stimulus legislation requirements.

Senator Kenig (LAS) raised concerns about the influence of the effort reporting policies on faculty work in the summer.

MINUTES

12/3/09-5
Minutes of the Senate meeting held on October 29, 2009 were approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Philip Patston, Chair

12/3/09-6
Chair Patston provided an update on the proposed revisions to the Statutes and The General Rules intended to clarify the roles of the president of the University and the campus chancellors that were shared at the October Senate meeting. He explained that the earlier recommendation by the Board of Trustees had been withdrawn after concerns raised by the UIC, UIUC, and UIS Senates. The Board of Trustees’ new recommendation is to insert the word “executive” in the Statutes Article 1, Section 2. The sentence would read: The president is the chief executive officer of the University and a member of the faculty of each college, school, institute, division and academic unit therein. The proposed revision will be further reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee. Chair Patston reported that the Committee recently met with LAS representatives to discuss the formation of the new School of Literature, Cultural Studies and Linguistics. He explained that the issue of effort reporting and cost sharing is still in flux. The latest news he has is that Dean Flaherty is creating a working group to resolve the conflicts between the federal regulations and College of Medicine policies. Chair Patston shared concerns about the low faculty turnout at the December 2 UIC Campus Forum conducted by the Search Committee to Assist in the Selection of a President. He also reported that State Representative Naomi Jakobsson has introduced a bill, HB4688, which would change the composition of the Board of Trustees to include three faculty members, one from each University of Illinois campus, with voting privileges. In addition, it is proposed that faculty would have a voice in the selection of new Trustees. Chair Patston provided a report on behalf of the Chair of the Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee, Donald Chambers, that the Committee expects to evaluate the university and its plans for the future.

12/3/09-7
Senator Ayers (EDUC) inquired about the prevailing view of criteria for the credentials of the President. Chair Patston replied that a majority of people want the President to be a career academic, who has risen through the ranks to become a scholar of renown, who understands what a major university is about, and who has had administrative experience. Senator Ayers (EDUC) emphasized that the President should be a vocal spokesperson and advocate for the importance of public higher education. Senator Kay (LAS), a member of the Presidential Search Committee, agreed, and commented this was an important consideration for the committee. Senator Kay (LAS) reported that the search committee has met twice and is developing the advertisement.
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE  Richard Van Acker, Chair

12/3/09-8  On behalf of the committee, Vice Chair Huntington presented an overview of the following new and revised programs for approval: **PR-10.12**, Establish an Online Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Program and Revision of the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) (both Proposed Online and Face-to-Face Learning Options); **PR-10.12a**, Revision of the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Program; **PR-10.13**, Revision of the Master of Science and Master of Arts in Mathematics Concentration in Applied Mathematics; **PR-10.14**, a) Establish the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics; b) Establish the Department of French and Francophone Studies; c) Establish the Department of Linguistics; and d) Redesignate the Department Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese as the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies; **PR-10.15**, Establish a Literature, Cultural Studies and Linguistics (LCSL) Course Subject (Rubric); **PR-10.16**, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; **PR-10.17**, Revision and Redesignation of the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education as the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Education; **CP-10.03**, Revision of the IBHE Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; **CP-10.04**, Revision and Redesignation of the Optional Combined Doctor of Medicine (MD)/IBHE Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS Residency) Program as the Integrated IBHE Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)/Doctor of Medicine (MD) [Residency] Program.

12/3/09-9  Senator Chambers (MED) raised some serious concerns about the approval process for proposals on the Committee on Educational Policy report. He speculated that Senators did not read the entire report. He, also, recommended that there should be better distinction between items in which there are substantial changes in content versus those which are largely administrative in nature.

12/3/09-10  Senator Grossman (LAS) confirmed that the Committee on Educational Policy is a very hard working Committee. He reiterated that it is the Senators’ responsibility to review the proposals.

12/3/09-11  Astrida Tantillo (LAS), Visiting Associate Dean School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics, requested permission to provide comments regarding **PR-10.14**, and was granted. She noted that in creating the School the departments were not being eliminated and executive officers for each department will still exist. The administrative structure is being centralized.

12/3/09-12  Presiding Officer Massat asked if anyone wanted to pull an item from the motion for discussion. Senator Chambers (MED) requested that items **PR-10.12, 12a, 13, 14 and 15**, and **CP-10.03** and **04** be pulled from the motion for discussion. He stated that he was concerned about proposals that reflected substantial changes in content.

12/3/09-13  Presiding Officer Massat called for a vote on the two remaining items (**PR-10.16** and **17**). There was no discussion and upon vote the motion to approve carried with one abstention.

12/3/09-14  A departmental representative from the School of Public Health provided background information regarding **PR-10.12 and 12a**. There were no questions or comments, and the motion to approve carried with two abstentions.
12/3/09-15
Senator Nicholls (LAS), a representative from the Department of Math, explained that the proposal (PR-10.13) reflects a structural change. There was no further discussion and the motion to approve carried with one abstention.

12/3/09-16
With regard to PR-10.14 and PR-10.15, Senator Chambers (MED) asked what impact the formation of the School would have on the Department of Classics, and will the Department retain the same degree of autonomy as it had before? Astrida Tantillo, Visiting Associate Dean School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics, responded that each department will have an executive officer responsible for maintaining curriculum development, budgets, and personnel. She noted that the arrangement of the School will have no impact on the processes of the departments. There was no further discussion and the motion to approve carried.

12/3/09-17
With regard to CP-10.03 and .04, Senator Schwartz (DENT) explained that the proposal reflects a structural change and formalizes a relationship. There is a new department head and arrangements have been made with the College of Medicine and approved by the deans of both the colleges of Medicine and Dentistry. There were no further comments and the motion to approve CP-10.03 and 04 carried with one abstention.

12/3/09-18
There were no questions or comments regarding the Committee’s report for information.

12/3/09-19
Vice Chair Huntington noted that it is the Committee’s responsibility to thoroughly review the proposals. The floor of the Senate is the place to bring up major concerns or objections regarding a particular proposal. If there are none, then the Senate should trust the Committee to do its job.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE Timothy Shanahan, Chair

12/3/09-20
Chair Shanahan was unable to be at the meeting today. On behalf of the Committee, Research Committee member, Senator Stevenson (AHS) presented for approval the Resolution on Civil Service Job Classifications. There was no discussion and the motion to approve carried with two abstentions.

12/3/09-21
Presiding Officer Massat informed Senators that do to the lateness of the hour, they must vote to extend the meeting beyond 4:45 to complete the business of the Senate. A motion to extend was seconded and carried.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
John Cullars, Chair

12/3/09-22
There was no discussion regarding the written report of the External Relations and Public Service Committee.

OBSERVER, REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

12/3/09-23
There was no discussion regarding the written report of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council. There was, also, no discussion regarding the written report of the SURS Members Advisory Committee representative.
OLD BUSINESS

12/3/09-24  Presiding Officer Massat stated that there was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

12/3/09-25  Ken Thomas requested, on behalf of Undergraduate Student Government, that faculty submit their textbook requests early, which would reduce the financial burden placed on students by the cost of textbooks.

Senator Patston (DENT) reminded LAS faculty about the faculty meeting with the Dean on December 7 regarding the terminal contract situation.

Senator Chambers (MED) announced the death of Dr. Erminio Costa, Director of the Psychiatric Institute, Professor of Biochemistry, and Member of the National Academy of Sciences on November 28.

ADJOURNMENT

12/3/09-26  The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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