The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Carol Massat (JACSW). Senators Weller (LIB) and Schwartz (MED) 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 January 28 Senate meeting.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS Paula Allen-Meares

Chancellor Allen-Meares shared a chronology of how the University has tried to manage the financial crisis. She also discussed the activities the University is engaged in to try to address some of the issues confronting the University. Chancellor Allen-Meares stated that she has invited President (Interim) Ikenberry to talk with the Senators at the March 11 Senate meeting about where we are and our strategies to deal with the financial crisis. She mentioned that the Commercial Club of Chicago has created a website that is called, www.IllinoisIsBroke.com, which provides relevant information about the State’s fiscal problems.

Chancellor Allen-Meares responded to a concern a Senator raised about Positive Time Reporting and why we need to do it as it is not related to our core goals, yet is very costly to implement.

Senators Monaghan (LAS-Soc Sci) and Merriman (CUPPA) inquired about the differences between furloughs and voluntary pay cuts.

Senator Hui-Chan (AHS) thought the strategy of teaming up with the Chamber of Commerce was terrific. She said it would be valuable and powerful to have prominent businesspersons in the Chicago area provide data about the job and economic contributions of UIC to the region and state. Senator Hui-Chan (AHS), also, inquired about whether the hiring freeze extended to research personnel and was it necessary to get exemptions to hire research personnel.

Senator Buhse (LAS Nat-Sci) emphasized that doomsday dates need to be declared, and things like canceling graduation need to be done so that people are hurt.

Senator Camune (NURS) stated that the University has a lot of assets. The Chicago Health Department has data regarding the huge impact made by our healthcare professionals in Chicago and throughout Illinois that needs to be shared with the public.

Senator Ayers (EDUC) said that we need to find the points of unity where we can come together. The citizens of Illinois, faculty, students, and employees are all in
the same struggle. We need to find ways to assert our shared pain and to emphasize that this is a catastrophe, and we intend to act.

Senator Moruzzi (LAS Soc-Sci) emphasized that she and her colleagues are interested in learning what is being done in the direction of Springfield. Also, the public needs to understand about the University's impact on healthcare statewide.

MINUTES

1/28/10-4
Minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 3, 2009 were approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Philip Patston, Chair

1/28/10-5
Chair Patston reported that the Committee held a Special meeting on January 13 to discuss the budget situation with Chancellor Allen-Meares and Provost Tanner. At a January 22 Special meeting the Committee discussed at length with President (Interim) Ikenberry, Chancellor Allen-Meares, and Provost Tanner the University’s response to the financial crisis.

1/28/10-6
Chair Patston explained that at a January 27 Special meeting the Committee discussed with Profs. Dick Simpson and Maria De Torres the UIC Joint Faculty Furlough Day March 8 “A Day of Education in Defense of Public Education” event.

Professor Simpson encouraged participation in “A Day of Education in Defense of Public Education” the UIC Joint Faculty Furlough and Public Education Day March 8, 2010 event that is being organized. He distributed a handout about the March 8th event.

Senator Fantuzzi (AHS) shared information about events being planned at UIC for the “Day of Action in Defense of Public Education” on March 4.

1/28/10-7
On behalf of the Committee, Chair Patston presented the Resolution of the University of Illinois at Chicago Senate in Support of Activities to Defend and Save Public Higher Education in Illinois for approval.

Senator Ayers (EDUC) moved to make the following revisions to the resolution: that the word “public” be added before higher education in the resolution, that the March 4th “Day of Action in Defense of Public Education” event should be added to the resolution, and that the words “in particular” should be removed from the first paragraph. The motion was seconded and carried.

Senator Ucker (MED) moved to amend the first paragraph by replacing the word “and” with “including.” The motion was seconded and carried.

There was no further discussion and the motion to approve the resolution, as amended, carried. The amended resolution is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE Richard Van Acker, Chair

1/28/10-8

On behalf of the committee, Ilene Harris presented an overview of the following new and revised programs for approval: **PR-10.18**, Elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Economics; **PR-10.19**, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre (*Directing/Design and Performance Concentrations*) and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance; **PR-10.20**, Establishment of a Concentration in Hazardous Substances Management, Master of Science in Public Health; **PR-10.21**, Establishment of a Concentration in Occupational Safety, Master of Science in Public Health; **PR-10.22**, Revision of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program; **PR-10.23**, Redesignation of the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Electronic Visualization as the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in New Media Arts; **PR-10.24**, Revision of the Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Hispanic Studies; **PR-10.25**, Revision of the Master of Science in Medical Biotechnology. Senator Persky (LAS-Soc Sci) requested that **PR-10.18**, Elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Economics, be removed from the motion for discussion. Senator Patston (DENT) requested that **PR-10.24**, Revision of the Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Hispanic Studies, be removed from the motion for discussion. There was no discussion regarding the remaining proposals and the motion to approve carried.

1/28/10-9

With regard to **PR-10.18**, Senator Persky (LAS-Soc Sci) stated that the vast majority of the faculty in the Economics Department were opposed to eliminating the BS in Economics. The suspension of that program was a deal that was reached between two deans. In the future, deans change and people in the department may change their views, too. The justification of the proposal seems weak, and mostly comes down to administrative convenience. Many students who want to do economics want to have a business degree. It seems unnecessary at this point, because this program is currently suspended, to make it difficult to reintroduce this program.

Senator Grossman (LAS-Hum) inquired about whether the issues were raised at the college level. He indicated that the proposal had to go through the college EPC before it came to the Senate.

Senator Merriman (CUPPA), and Head of Economics, noted that the proposal went through the College of Business Administration, but not through the Department of Economics. He moved to table the proposal.

The motion to table **PR-10.18**, Elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Economics, was seconded and carried.

1/28/10-10

Senator Patston (DENT) inquired about the impact of the recent establishment of the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics and the corresponding redesignation of the Department Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese as the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies on **PR-10.24**. Rosilie Hernandez-Pecoraro, Visiting Assistant Dean School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics and Associate Professor Department of Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese, responded that when the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics is established the units remain intact in terms of curricular decisions, which means that the proposal will not need to be reapproved at a later time.
The motion to approve PR-10.24, Revision of the Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Hispanic Studies, carried.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
John Cullars, Chair

1/28/10-11
There was no discussion regarding the written report of the External Relations and Public Service Committee.

OBSERVER, REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1/28/10-12
IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Reporting Representative, David Bardack, requested assistance in finding specific examples that show how much money from out-of-state is brought into Illinois by our Universities and how these funds have added to the economy of the state. This information will be used by the Faculty Advisory Council of the IBHE as part of their efforts in support of higher education. Please contact Representative Bardack if you have information or questions.

OLD BUSINESS

1/28/10-13
Presiding Officer Massat stated that there was no Old Business.

IN MEMORIAM

1/28/10-14
Presiding Officer Massat recognized Karyn K. Chermel, BSN ’76, MD ’84 who passed away this past year. She was a member of Doctors Without Borders and memorials can be made to that organization.

NEW BUSINESS

1/28/10-15
Presiding Officer Massat stated that there was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

1/28/10-16
The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Prepared for the Senate by:
Elizabeth Dooley, Senate Clerk
Resolution of the University of Illinois at Chicago Senate in Support of Activities to Defend and Save Public Higher Education in Illinois

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois, including the University of Illinois at Chicago, are threatened by the state’s failure to provide the funds allocated to public higher education; and,

WHEREAS, this has resulted in cuts which will have a serious negative impact on the ability of the University to continue in its mission of providing high quality yet affordable higher education for the people of Illinois;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the University of Illinois at Chicago Senate encourages and applauds the efforts of the University community to organize and participate in activities which defend, promote and support public higher education in Illinois, such as the March 4th “Day of Action for Affordable Higher Education” and the March 8th “A Day of Education in Defense of Public Education;” and,

THEREFORE, be it finally resolved that this Resolution be transmitted to the Senates of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Springfield, to the University Senates Conference, and to the Chancellors and President in solidarity of efforts across the University to stop the erosion of support for the University.