The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Catherine Vincent (NURS). Senators Negrusz (PHARM), Stachnik (PHARM), and Jones (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 Catherine Vincent, Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Vincent welcomed everyone to the March 14 Senate meeting. She reminded Senators that March 22, 2013 is the deadline to submit Faculty Advisory Committee nominating petitions and April 1, 2013 is the deadline to submit petitions to serve on a Senate standing committee. Both petitions are available on the Senate website.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS Paula Allen-Meares

Chancellor Allen-Meares reported that President Easter and she have visited the colleges and schools. She reminded Senators that on March 18 and March 20 there will be Town Hall meetings to discuss the budget. 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.

PROVOST’S REMARKS Lon Kaufman

Presiding Officer Vincent explained that Provost Kaufman had a conflict and was unable to attend today’s meeting.

GUEST Nancy Sullivan, Director of Office of Technology Management

Nancy Sullivan shared a PowerPoint presentation about the Chancellor’s Innovation Fund.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 31, 2013 were approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Philip Patston, Chair

Chair Patston reminded Senators that the Senate and Chancellor 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. Chair Patston reported that the PR-13.05, Elimination of the Online Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Program proposal that the Senate approved at its November 29, 2012 meeting is still being discussed and was not reported to the Board of Trustees. The Committee reviewed AAU documentation. The Chair of the Senate Academic Services Committee, Sandy DeGroote, provided background information to the Committee on federal and state legislation regarding a Campus Open Access Policy.
On behalf of the Committee, Chair Patston presented for approval proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article I, Section 2 (c) to include an open nominating period before the election of Senators. There was no discussion and the motion to approve carried.

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-13.22, Revision of the Spatial Planning and Design Concentration, Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP);
- PR-13.23, Revision of the Master of Science in Architecture Program;
- PR-13.24, Revision of the Master of Arts in Linguistics;
- PR-13.26, Establish a Minor in Urban Planning and Policy;
- PR-13.27, Revision of the Undergraduate Programs in the College of Architecture, Design and the Arts to include the UIC First-Year Dialogue Seminar;
- PR-13.28, Establish the Minor in Disability and Human Development;
- PR-13.29, Establish the Minor in Instructional Design and Training;
- PR-13.30, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Education; and Elimination of the Education and Democratic Society Concentration;
- PR-13.31, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Economics; Revision of the Minor in Human Capital and Labor Markets; and Revision of the Minor in Economics;
- PR-13.32, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Classical Studies; and Revision of the Minor in Classical Studies;
- PR-13.33, Revision of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT);
- CP-13.03, Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Public Transit Planning and Management; and
- EP-13.01, Proposal to Replace the Policy on GPA Recalculation with the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy.

Senator Brezinsky (ENGIN) requested that EP-13.01, Proposal to Replace the Policy on GPA Recalculation with the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy, be removed from the motion for discussion.

Curtis Winkle, Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Policy, responded to a question Senator Mohammadian (ENGIN) raised about the course requirements for the proposal CP-13.03, Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Public Transit Planning and Management.

Upon vote the motion to approve the remaining proposals, except for EP-13.01, Proposal to Replace the Policy on GPA Recalculation with the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy, carried.

Robert Sloan, Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science, explained that EP-13.01, Proposal to Replace the Policy on GPA Recalculation with the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy, was the subject of extensive discussion at a meeting of the College of Engineering’s Department Heads and Associate Deans. He requested that the proposal be tabled and revised prior to approval. The College of Engineering is concerned that the proposal will punish some of the College’s good students relative to the current policy. The current policy is more generous for students, so the College of Engineering recommends that the current policy be revised to reduce the administrative work needed to implement it.

Emanuel Pollack, Senior Associate Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a member of the Committee for Associate and Assistant Deans, reported that the Committee for Associate and Assistant Deans had unanimously approved EP-13.01, Proposal to Replace the Policy on GPA Recalculation with the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy, be removed from the motion for discussion.
the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy prior to the proposal’s consideration by SCEP. He explained that this proposal is intended to reduce or eliminate many of the problems that have arisen since this policy was introduced about four years ago. There are about 2,000 student requests each year for GPA recalculation. The intention of the policy was to assist students who are close to graduation and have a low grade in a course. The proposed policy cleans up the system and gives an advantage to students who are graduating so that they graduate with the minimum 2.0 GPA. He reported that his understanding was that all the colleges had approved the proposed policy prior to the proposal being reviewed by SCEP.

3/14/13-14 Senator Gibori (MED) raised a concern that the proposed policy caters to mediocrity to resolve an administrative problem.

3/14/13-15 Senators Ladu (MED) and Kelley (SPH) requested that the proposal include a comprehensive rewrite of the grade calibration system.

3/14/13-16 A motion to refer the proposal EP-13.01, Proposal to Replace the Policy on GPA Recalculation with the Limited Grade Forgiveness Policy, back to the Committee was seconded and carried.

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE Albert Schorsch and Demetra John, Co-Chairs

3/14/13-17 There was no discussion regarding the written report of the Support Services Committee.

OBSERVER, REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

3/14/13-18 There was no discussion of the Board of Trustees Observer Reports, January 24, 2013 and March 7, 2013, submitted by Brian Kay.

3/14/13-19 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (External Relations and Public Service Committee, John Cullars, Chair)

3/14/13-20 Presiding Officer Vincent excused all non-Senators from the room. She reminded Senators that today’s proceedings are strictly confidential until an official announcement from the Board of Trustees. Chair Cullars presented brief biographies of the two nominees for honorary degrees and moved approval on behalf of the External Relations and Public Service Committee. The motion to approve carried.

OLD BUSINESS

3/14/13-21 Presiding Officer Vincent stated that there was no Old Business.
NEW BUSINESS

3/14/13-22  Presiding Officer Vincent stated that there was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

3/14/13-23  The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Prepared for the Senate by:  Elizabeth Dooley, Senate Clerk