The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Presiding Officer Catherine Vincent (NURS). Senators Hacker (NURS) and Breitmayer (NURS) agreed to serve as tellers for today's meeting. 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 September 26 Senate meeting. She announced that Senator Reddy (Undergraduate) agreed to be the Senate Parliamentarian. She explained that Chancellor Allen-Meares was unable to be at today's Senate meeting because she was at a retreat with President Easter in Monticello, IL. Presiding Officer Vincent reminded Senators that the next two Senate meetings will fall on Wednesdays. The Senate meetings are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays this academic year to allow more Senators to attend the meetings. She thanked Chancellor Allen-Meares for providing the coffee at today's meeting.

**PROVOST’S REMARKS** Lon Kaufman

Provost Kaufman responded to questions that the Senate had asked him to respond to prior to the meeting regarding how he views the current state of UIC, in particular in the areas of: student success and achievement; areas of future growth; areas of concern; and the current state of discussions regarding restructuring the health professions colleges.

Provost Kaufman reported that the six year graduation rate is flat at 58%, but the four year graduation rate is increasing. The first year retention continues to be 80%, and needs to be improved. The Undergraduate Success Center is open in Stevenson Hall. Provost Kaufman informed the Senate that the budget was not cut this year. The pension issue is still unsolved. Groundbreaking on ACT Building will take place this coming summer. Miles Square should be operational in January. Groundbreaking for the Curtis Granderson Stadium occurred recently. He reported on the tenth day student enrollment data. The Provost stated that UIC improved its U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" ranking. The ICR has decreased as a result of sequestration. He discussed the current state of discussions regarding the organization of the health science enterprise on campus.

Senator Jones (LAS) inquired about the low enrollment of African-American students on campus. Provost Kaufman explained that the enrollment of African-American students did increase this year.

Senators Persky (SPH) and Danziger (PHARM) raised concerns about assuring faculty input into the organization of the health science enterprise on campus.

**UIC SENATE STANDING RULES** Catherine Vincent, Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Vincent presented the UIC Senate Standing Rules. The Senate adopted the Standing Rules by a unanimous vote.
Minutes

9/26/13-8
Minutes of the Senate meeting held on April 25, 2013 were approved as submitted. Minutes of the Senate Organizing meeting held on April 25, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Nominating Committee Report

Brian Kay, Chair

9/26/13-9
Chair Kay, on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, presented for approval, the slate of nominees for vacant seats on the Senate Standing Committees. The following nominations were made from the floor: John Shuler (LIB) and Jennifer Obrecht (NURS) were nominated for open faculty seats on the Academic Services Committee; Charles Hoch (CUPPA) was nominated for the open CUPPA faculty seat on the Research Committee; Jeremiah Abiade (ENGR) was nominated for the open faculty seat on the Student Recruitment, Admissions and Retention Committee; and Meena Rao (MED) was nominated for an open faculty seat on the External Relations and Public Service Committee. There were no further nominations, and the motion to close nominations was seconded and carried.

9/26/13-10
The Senators proceeded to cast written ballots for membership on the Senate Standing Committees. The Tellers Report is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.

Executive Committee Report

Philip Patston, Chair

9/26/13-11
Chair Patston explained that information is sent to Senators via the Senate Facebook page, Twitter feed and the faculty voice listserv. He explained that the Committee is meeting with President Easter to discuss the organization of the health science enterprise on campus. He announced that the proposal, Unit Executive Officer Review, which was developed by the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee, will be shared with the members of the Deans' Council. Chair Patston announced that on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the UIC Student Center West, in Michele M. Thompson Room C a meeting regarding the Five Year Review of Chancellor Allen-Meares will take place.

9/26/13-12
Vice Chair Kay shared a powerpoint presentation about the structure of the Senate and future issues for the Senate to consider.

9/26/13-13
On behalf of the committee, Chair Patston presented for second reading and approval the proposed revisions to the Statutes, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the Statutes (USC ST-79/OT-296). Chair Patston provided background information about the proposed revisions. Upon vote, the motion to approve the proposed revisions carried.

9/26/13-14
On behalf of the Committee, Chair Patston presented for approval proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article I, Section 1 (a and b) to include lecturers as faculty members, remove contract codes and adjust percent time for faculty members. There was no discussion and the motion to approve carried.
Chair Patston, on behalf of the Committee, introduced for action the motion that the Senate Executive Committee provide advice to President Easter regarding the Five Year Review of Chancellor Allen-Meares in accordance with Article I, Section 5 of the Statutes. Chair Patston reported that he will send a letter to President Easter expressing the content of the motion. Upon vote, the motion was approved.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE Ilene Harris, Chair

On behalf of the Committee, Chair Harris, using PowerPoint, presented overview of the following new and revised programs and policies for approval: PR-14.01, Revision of the Minor in Physics; PR-14.02, Revision of the B.A. in Spanish-Economics; PR-14.04, Revision of the Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration, M.S. in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice; PR-14.05, Rename the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration as the Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration; and Eliminate the Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration (M.S. in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice); PR-14.06, Revision of the M.A. in Economics; Revision of the MBA/MA in Economics; and Revision of the Ph.D. in Economics; and PR-14.07, Establish the Concentration in Rural Pharmacy Services, Doctor of Pharmacy. Senator Reddy (Undergraduate) requested that PR-14.01, Revision of the Minor in Physics, be removed from the motion for discussion.

Upon vote the motion to approve the remaining proposals, except for PR-14.01, Revision of the Minor in Physics, carried.

Senator Reddy (Undergraduate) raised a concern that the proposal takes away the requirement that students take the calculus based physics sequence before taking advanced level courses in Physics. He is concerned that students will not be prepared for advanced level Physics courses.

Professor Hofman, Department Head for Physics, responded that the Department of Physics had considered these concerns raised by Senator Reddy. The proposed changes make it more flexible and open for students to minor in Physics. The problem is addressed by the department offering Physics 215, which is a more mathematically based pre-requisite course for advanced Physics courses. Physics 215 will be helpful for those students enrolled in 400 level Physics courses who have not completed calculus.

Upon vote the motion to approve PR-14.01, Revision of the Minor in Physics, carried with one audible no vote and one audible abstention.

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

Co-Chairs Schorsch and John provided an update on their written Committee report to the April 25, 2013 Senate. Co-Chair Schorsch reported that improvements were made to the SES building in response to concerns raised by graduate student Committee members. Co-Chair John reported that there is an increasing regulatory burden in light of diminishing funds from the state. The Committee supports the University’s efforts to seek regulatory relief. Co-Chair John also reported that the Committee has examined Civil Service hiring issues. Co-Chair John stated that Senate support of these efforts would be powerful.
9/26/13-22  Presiding Officer Vincent noted that due to the lateness of the hour, the Senate needed to vote to extend the meeting beyond 4:45pm to consider other business items. The motion to extend was seconded and carried with one audible no vote.

OBSERVER, REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

9/26/13-23  IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Reporting Representative, David Bardack, added a few comments to his written report. He announced that the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council sponsored a symposium at Urbana on "Delivering Higher Education in Five Years." He encouraged Senators to e-mail him ideas and suggestions about informing the public about the value added to students from higher education. Representative Bardack stated that a faculty fellowship at IBHE is being developed for the spring semester.

9/26/13-24  There was no discussion of the Board of Trustees Observer Report, May 29, 2013 submitted by Brian Kay.

OLD BUSINESS

9/26/13-25  Presiding Officer Vincent stated that there was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

9/26/13-26  Under New Business, Senator Persky (SPH) moved that the Senate charge a committee, either the Senate Executive Committee or an ad hoc Committee to be appointed, to assess the impact of alternative reorganization plans on the ability of the faculties in affected colleges to perform their academic duties. We request that the Board of Trustees defer final action until consideration of the report by the senate, administration, and Board itself. She distributed a handout sharing concerns the School of Public Health has with the alternative reorganization plans for the health science colleges.

9/26/13-27  Secretary Patston (DENT) suggested that Senator Persky (SPH) organize an ad hoc Committee to examine the impact of alternative reorganization plans on the ability of the faculties in affected colleges to perform their academic duties.

9/26/13-28  Upon vote the motion was approved and the issue was referred to the Senate Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

9/26/13-29  The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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1* Indicates one vote cast by the Clerk of the Senate