Members Present:

John Danley  Pug Edmonds (chair)  Jane Gillespie
Scott Gluntz  Julia Hansen  Jesse Harris
George Ladd  Joe Loring  Carl Mitchell
Susan Morgan  John Navin  Kathleen Tunney
Josh Smucker  Jay Starratt  Vaughn Vandegrift
Bill Winter

Members Not Present:

Guests: Paul Ferguson, Provost and VC for Academic Affairs; David Sill, Associate Provost and VC for Academic Affairs; Susan Thomas, Assistant Provost and VC for Academic Affairs; James Mannix, Director, Office of the Provost and VC for Academic Affairs; Kent Neely, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Carl Springer, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m.

II. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes of February 2, 2007

The minutes of February 2, 2007 were approved as amended.

IV. Announcements

A. Chancellor’s Announcements.

1. Board of Trustees. The proposed fee changes have been forwarded to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

2. University Marketing and Communication. SIUE has won seven awards for various marketing and communication projects.

3. State. There is no new information regarding a capital budget in the state.
4. **Enrollment.** Applications this year are up about 1,000 over this date last year. This is a substantial increase, from around 5,000 last year to around 6,000 this year. Applications are up in nearly all categories, including those identifying themselves as African-Americans and Hispanics.

**B. Other Announcements**

1. **Calendar Items.** The Chair reminded council members of the need to review the BRIDGE proposals in preparation for discussion later this month. The Council will turn its attention to RAMP 09 next week.

2. **Student Government.** Carl Mitchell explained that after a week of negotiations and discussion, the Student Government decided upon a “neutral” resolution regarding the proposed move to NCAA I. The students identified a number of student concerns that they believe should be taken into consideration if SIUE does indeed make the move.

**V. New Business**

Representatives from the Provost’s Office and from the College of Arts and Sciences Council led a discussion of the history of the New Freshman Seminar at SIUE as well as a status report regarding implementation.

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**VII. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UPBC is Friday, February 16, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chancellor’s Conference Room.