University Planning and Budget Council
Approved Minutes
February 29, 2008
Chancellor’s Conference Room

Members Present:
Susan Breck          John Danley          Jane Gillespie
Scott Gluntz            Julia Hansen         Jesse Harris
William Krause         John Navin (chair)  Tim Schoenecker
Dianne Slattery          Kyle Stunkel       Vaughn Vandegrift
Bill Winter

Members Not Present: Laurie Estilette

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:33a.m.

II. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2008

The minutes of February 8, 2008 were approved as amended.

IV. Announcements

A. Chancellor’s Announcements

1. Governor’s Budget. The Governor has presented his budget request to the legislature. The budget request for higher education is essentially for no increase in state funds.

2. Capital Budget. Although there has been optimism in the past, there is some reason again to hope that the state might see a capital budget bill this year. The SIUE science building is one of the items included in the bill, a number one priority for SIU. The bill would provide funding for the proposed Mississippi River bridge as well.

3. NIU Memorial Service. The Chancellor expressed appreciation for the appropriate and moving memorial service held on campus for the victims of the shootings at NIU.

4. Board of Trustees. At the most recently BOT meeting, SIUE presented proposals for increases in tuitions and fees. The wrestling/volleyball project has been put on hold.
B. Other Announcements

There were no other announcements.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

1. Update on the Governor’s Budget. Copies of relevant excerpts of the budget were distributed and briefly discussed.

2. Discussion of BRIDGE. A brief summary of the BRIDGE proposal was distributed and Susan Breck responded to questions from members. Although the new program may be revenue neutral in the long term, the committee is attempting to get information on the short-term costs.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UPBC is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2008 in the Chancellor’s Conference Room.