Joel Hardman, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:40 P.M.

Present: Michael Afolayan, Rita Arras, Susan Breck, Julian Bueno, Greg Fields for Sue Cataldi, Jen-Shiun Chen, Ivy Cooper, Kay Covington, Virginia Cruz, Debra Dixon, David Duvernell, Pug Edmonds, Bryon Ehlmann, Jameca Falconer, Carole Frick, Ralph Giacobbe, Jane Gillespie, Laura Hanson, Mark Hildebrandt, Julie Holt, David Kaplan, Joseph Keene, Martha Latorre, Rebecca Lindell, Yu Liang Liu, Mona Musa, John Pendergast, Terri Poirier, Anne Powell, Laurie Puchner, Allison Thomason for Anne Valk, Kathleen Tunney, Tammy Voepel, Eric Voss, Prince Wells, III, Bill White, Bill Whitson, and Susan Yager.


1. Announcements:
   a. The Faculty Senate has lost its secretary, Hope Austin. Faculty Senators needing access to Faculty Senate records can contact Joel Hardman who has a key to the Governance Office.
   b. Bill Whitson was appointed to take notes for this meeting
   c. Kay Covington distributed a list of Program Modifications (Form 91A) and New Courses (Form 90A) that had been approved by the Curriculum Council.
   d. New Senators were asked to introduce themselves.

2. Consideration of April 7, 2005 minutes.
   Julian Bueno moved, Carole Frick seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

3. Consideration of Action Items: None

4. Reports of Standing Committees:
   a. UPBC- Pug Edmonds discussed:
      1) Projected budget for FY-06 for higher education in the State of Illinois will likely be flat, and budget rescission of 2% as suggested by the Governor will not likely happen.
      2) The FY-05 2% constituency fund has been released for spending.
      3) Chancellor Vandegrift defended the SIUE budget before both Senate and House committees of the State Legislature.
      4) SIUE tuition increases as compared to other state schools of same size.
b. IBHE/FAC- Julian Bueno discussed Harper College meeting:

1) IBHE has requested 1% increase for higher education, the governor asked for a flat budget for FY-06.
2) Sources of revenue are a problem and the $2.5 billion deficit from last year remains unpaid.
3) Some 2-yr Community Colleges desire to give a 4-yr degree-potential problem for 4 yr. schools.

5. Reports from Council Chairs:

a. Curriculum Council- Kay Covington reported:
   1) Program reviews for Foreign Languages and Construction Management had been completed.
   2) Program reviews for Historical Studies, Geography and Anthropology remain under review.

b. Graduate Council- Bill Whitson reported:
   1) Approved two new graduate programs; a MS of Education in Learning, Culture and Society and a MS in Nursing with a specialization as a Clinical Nurse Leader.
   2) Funded University Grants were awarded to 24 faculty members totaling $99,738.
   3) Dr. Marvin Finkelstein, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies, was awarded the Paul Simon Distinguished Research Award on April 7 at the annual Graduate School Research Day.

c. Faculty Development Council- Susan Breck reported:
   1) The Excellence in Undergraduate Education Grants were awarded
   2) A new EUE Grant Chair will be needed for next year. The position will be filled during the fall semester.

d. Rules and Procedures Council- Eric Voss reported and discussed:
   1) Tabulated results of the 2005 Evaluation of the Chancellor.
   2) Tabulated results of the 2005 Evaluation of the Provost and Vice-Chancellor.

e. Faculty Welfare-Prince Wells reported:
   1) Emergency numbers will be present in every classroom by next fall in case of crisis.
   2) The operating papers covering faculty grievances have been revised by the Welfare Council and will be presented for discussion and approval next fall.

New business: none

Old Business: Updates on active committees were given by their chairs:
   a. Lesa Stern on the Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee
   b. Paul Brunkow on the Levels Committee.
   c. Eric Ruckh on the Bridge Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 P.M. Carole Frick-motion, Kay Covington- 2nd.