The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Tunney, President, in the Hickory/Hackberry Room at 2:30 p.m.


Not Present: AbuSharbain, Falconer, Harrison, Paris, Wanda

I. Announcements
   A. Vice Chancellor Ken Neher provided information on the implementation of a $6/credit hour IT fee for revenue enhancement. Vice Chancellor Nobby Emmanuel and students Kim Allen and Amanda Watson gave a presentation on the proposed Student Academic Success Center.
   B. The following Forms 90/91 have been approved by the Curriculum Council:
      Forms 90A
      KIN 418  Physical Activity and Public Health
      KIN 426  Advanced Physiological Effects of Motor Activity
      SPPA 351 Communication Disorders Associated with Genetic Syndromes
      PHEP 799c Pharmacy Internship: Community
      PHEP 799h Pharmacy Internship: Health Systems
      PHEP 799l Pharmacy Internship: Long-term Care
      PHEP 799o Pharmacy Internship: Other Practice Setting

      Forms 90C
      PHYS 111 – Concepts of Physics- change in course description

      Forms 91A
      BA or BS in Political Science- required minimum GPA of 2.5 for entrance for either the major or the minor in Political Science. Students must receive a grade of “C” or better in all Political Science courses for the major or minor.
      BA or BS in Economics- Changes in courses required in order to better prepare students to be able to interface economic theory with empirical applications. Also altered Senior Assignment.
      Earth and Space Science Education- Program will now be the responsibility of the Department of Physics.
      BS in Kinesiology- Previously a major in Kinesiology with two programs. Separate into two majors-
      Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) and Exercise and Wellness.
      BS in Kinesiology (Exercise and Wellness)- Increase admission GPA from 2.5 to 2.75. Require
      minimum of “C” in Biology 111 and Chemistry 120a and 124a, and minimum of “B” in KIN 316 before
      admission. Retention GPA changed from a 2.5 to 2.75
      BS in Health Education- Change in requirements to meet state of Illinois requirements for certification.

II. Consideration of February 2, 2006 meeting minutes
   Moved by Larry LaFond and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.
III. Consideration of Action Items

WC #5-05/06 Statement on Standard Increment Salary Increases

On behalf of the Welfare Council, Laurie Puchner presented a resolution pertaining to Salary Increases, which was recently passed by the Welfare Council. The question was called for approval by the Faculty Senate. A voice vote was taken. **Motion carried.**

FDC #1-05/06 Service Learning Award and Award Criteria

On behalf of the FDC/FRR, Gertrude Pannirselvam presented the Service Learning Award and Award Criteria, which was recently approved by the FDC/FRR.

Moved by David DeWeese a friendly amendment to replace the language in the bullets under paragraph 3 from “Practice navigating cultural differences” to “Provide opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of diversity”.

Moved by Bill Whitson a friendly amendment to revise the language of the fourth line under “The Selection Committee will consist of” from “…appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research” to “…appointed by the Chair of the Graduate Council”.

The question was called to accept the Service Learning Award and Award Criteria as amended. **Motion carried.**

IV. Reports from Standing Committees

UPBC – Pug Edmonds reported:
A. UPBC approved an IT fee with the objective of revenue enhancement.
B. UPBC endorses the concept of the Student Academic Success Center on the condition that Vice Chancellor Nobby Emmanuel provides evidence of student support of this proposal.
C. Planning of RAMP 07 continues.
D. RAMP 08 requests will be presented soon.

IBHE – Julian Bueno reported
A. The Governor has moved from a flat budget to requesting more funds for higher education.
B. The following handouts were provided:
   b. “Higher Education is a Question of Quality”- draft of a summary of the 8 theses above; Julian will provide the approved copy of this summary as soon as it is available.

Technology Advisory Committee – no report

V. Reports from Council Chairs

Curriculum Council – Martha Latorre reported:
A. The members of the Search Advisory Committee for the Director of Undergraduate Assessment and Programs Review are Karen Patty-Graham (chair), Kathy Ketchum, Ivy Cooper, Cathy Santanello, and Stephen Marlette.
B. Program reviews will continue through March and April.
C. The Council is currently revising its operating papers and reviewing the Academic Dishonesty Policy.
Graduate Council – Bill Whitson submitted the report and highlighted the following issues:
   A. Jean Harrison has been elected as Chair-elect of the GC.
   B. New program for a master’s in Criminal Justice was approved
   C. A new uniformed set of policies governing the 3 + 2 programs was approved
   D. Under consideration due to a decline in enrollment of graduate students is a freeze on the number of half-time graduate assistantships and tuition waivers for half-time GAs for next year.

Faculty Development Council – Marjorie Baier reported:
   A. Planning for the Fall Faculty Symposium is underway.
   B. Revisions to the FDC/FRR operating papers will be presented at the next FS meeting.
   C. There are two new subcommittees: Faculty Service and Student Evaluation of Teaching.
   D. The Council is working with Ellen Lavelle regarding ELTI programs.
   E. The Council has received 39 EUE proposals and is in the process of reviewing the proposals.

Rules & Procedures Council – Eric Voss reported:
   A. Kay Covington has been nominated for President-elect of the Faculty Senate since the last meeting; no other nominations were made from the floor.
   B. The Chancellor Evaluation will be posted on BlackBoard March 13-24.
   C. The Faculty Senate President election will be held March 27-April 7 and senator elections are currently being conducted within each school.
   D. The Council had meetings with Chancellor Vandegrift and Provost Hahs this month regarding the ongoing review of the Dean Search, Evaluation, and Retention Policies.

Welfare Council – Laurie Puchner reported:
   A. The Council is reviewing the use and administration of Student Evaluation of Teaching and Salary Equity issues.
   B. Revisions to the Grievance Procedure will be presented at the next FS meeting.
   C. The faculty survey of the OMBUDS service will be available in early April.

VI. New Business
   The All Faculty Meeting will be on April 7th from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The agenda is still in planning, and the theme will be shared governance.

VII. Old Business
   Eric Ruckh, chair of the BRIDGE Committee, presented an update on the general education reform process.

VIII. Other Business
   None

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Krista Barrett,
Secretary for President Kathleen Tunney