The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:39 p.m. on February 5, 2009 in the Morris University Center Hickory Hackberry Rooms by Duff Wrobbel, President.

Excused: Gillespie, Latorre, Sol
Absent: Milsk-Fowler
Bharati (arrived after minutes were approved)

Announcements: The Faculty Senate welcomed this semester’s new senators; Melissa Thomeczek (Curriculum Council), Anastasios Kaburakis (Curriculum Council), Susan Breck (Welfare Council), Catherine Seltzer (Welfare Council), Diane Sol (Graduate Council), Steffany Chleboun (Welfare Council) Christienne Hinz (Welfare Council) and Barbara Nwacha (Rules & Procedures)

Consideration of Minutes: The December 4 minutes stand as approved. as they stand.

Reports from Standing Committees
UPBC: John Navin reported that the Vice Chancellors gave their RAMP presentations. The state budget has been in the deficit and the SIUE budget is dependent on Governor Quinn’s State of the State address in March. The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors have been asked to go through the budget at this time and make observations of where changes could possibly be initiated to endure the budget deficit of the State of Illinois if need be. IBHE: Susan Breck reported about a system to track students.

TAC: no report.

Reports from Council Chairs:
Curriculum Council: Tom Foster reported that the Form 90s continue to flow and the Council will be involved in three program reviews over the next few months.

Graduate Council: Stephanie McAndrews reported the Graduate Council met January 16, and Steve Hansen announced a LINK conference held on February 2, 3 and 4. The Graduate Council is having brainstorming sessions regarding the budget. Nursing is giving up the SAGE money. Speech Communications is making changes to enhance their program. They had a discussion of the HERI (Higher Education Research Institute) report and the budget. The Graduate Dean’s evaluation will be on Blackboard.

Faculty Development Council: George Watson reported that about 18 % of faculty participated in the survey. The Faculty Conversations are scheduled for March 18.
**Welfare Council:** Tian Yu reported that the Faculty Grievance Committee operating papers will be an action item today. The Faculty Salary Equity operating papers are close to completion. The Family Friendly Task Force Report has been reviewed and recommends some changes be made to some existing University policies related to family. Some new policies are proposed. The Welfare Council is working on these. The committee is presently reviewing the Plagiarism policy before final approval.

**Past President:** no report

**President Elect:** Allison Fahsl reported that the E Tracks program is up and running. Allison plans to have feedback on the AQIP portfolio in February. The Freshman Seminar Implementation Committee has met a few times, and they are still in the planning process.

**New Business:**

**Levels Document with added Scope:** Tom Foster presented the Levels Document with the added text under the “Scope” section to the Senate. The Faculty Senate *passed* the added text unanimously. It will be posted close to the 90s forms.

**ACTION ITEM:** #WC 01-08/09 Faculty Grievance Committee Operating Papers. It was presented by Lisa Welch. There was a discussion for clarity. The Senate voted and *passed* to adopt the Operating Papers unanimously.

**Budget Issues:** There was a discussion about the budget and how it could possibly affect EUE, Bridge and salary. Belinda Carstens-Wickham expressed a concern of the faculty in CAS that budget exercises were not in equal degrees throughout and CAS was being hit much harder than other schools and colleges.

**Old Business:** The Teacher Scholar Philosophy was tabled until next meeting.

**Other Business:** none

**Adjournment:** Stephanie McAndrews made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

*Approved with corrections February 5, 2009*

*Vicki Kruse*

*University Governance*