Members present: President Squires, George Harvey, Jack Ramey, Bill Sweigart, Liam Felsen, Brian Harper, Chris Bjornson, Johnny Alse, Yan He, David Eplion, Tom Lamberti, Bill Jamski, Kathy Criswell, Melanie Hughes, Victor Waingeh, Elaine Haub, John Doyle, David Taylor, Sridhar Ramachandran, Pam Connerly, Jackie Reid, Bill Farrell, Donna Dahlgren, Jean Abshire, Kelly Ryan

Absent with Alternate: Rebecca Carlton (Jamie Kauffman), Robin Fankhauser (Cathy Shea)
Absent without Alternate: Jim Hollenbeck, Luz Huntington-Moskos, John Finnegan, Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Emmanuel Otu, Marty Rosen, Kathleen Norvell, Bill McGuire, James Bonsall, SGA, Saundra Gordon, Joe Wert, UFC

Guests: Sheying Chen

President Squires called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or indicate if you were attending for someone else. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved pending the following correction: 1st paragraph, page 2, first line should have read…Soon you will be receiving all the vision statements and not the mission statements.

Chancellor’s Report: 1) Vision statements - ten different statements will be sent out soon and the campus will be given an opportunity to choose three in no particular order. The top three will be discussed in Strategic Planning and the cabinet will come up with the final vision statement and this will be used in the Strategic Plan Rollover and also the NCA accreditation report. 2) Budget – With Indiana tax collections for the first quarter missing the forecast by a good 8% and September revenue falling $165 million short of projections she just doesn’t know how this is going to affect our current budget. Gov. Daniels is adamant that he does not want to raise taxes; our government relations teams thinks it is very likely that further cuts in education and particularly higher education will be made. Our base budget was cut and then made whole supposedly with stimulus money. It was projected that IUS would get approximately $2 million dollars but she doesn’t know when these one-time monies will show up and there may be directives as how to use it. The Chancellor said there is some planned use for this money and she asked Dana Wavle to talk about this.

Wavle reported that a list went through the budget committee and everyone who applied for these monies had a chance to come and make their presentations and see the enrollment projections. The lists seemed doable and the budget committee approved $1.2 million in planned use reserves. It is everything from academic projects, instructional fees, technology projects, facility projects and a broad range of projects that will affect every area of the institution. Wavle said he was pleased with the process they used but with some of these items there is a need to be careful and see how the numbers play out; the mood of the Trustees seems to be a wait and see attitude. The Chancellor concluded by saying that we are in very uncertain circumstances and it is a good thing that in comparison with other states Indiana is doing relatively well and so is IU because of good planning and budgeting. (3) The Education Purdue Technology building – She spoke to Gov. Daniels about the building when he was on campus; he knows it is important to the campus but he doesn’t know about the money situation. She stressed the much needed space for our growing programs, and up to date labs for our education students so they know the technology when they walk into the classroom. She reminded the Governor that collaboration with the Purdue Technology programs was exactly what the state is always encouraging …to collaborate with other institutions that would benefit the region. (4) Medical education for third and fourth year medical students is going forward and may be in place as soon as next year. There have been visits from representatives from IU, who have met with the CEO’s of our two local hospitals and there is a group of doctors who are willing and anxious to participate. (5) New Recycling Program – Wavle gave an overview of the new program, which is a new trend in recycling called single stream recycling and our vendor will be QSR Recycling in Kentucky. Wavle displayed a poster “Going Green is Easier than 1-2-3.” He said there is no need to sort your recyclables and there will be containers
all over campus along with information of the allowable items. There were several affirming comments about the program, which some thought was long overdue. (6) Wavle was asked to give a facilities update. He said Physical Science is done; the Activities Building is 85% completed; and masonry and roof work is currently underway on Knobview. A relatively new project that is still being funded out of 07-09 R&R money is Crestview’s masonry and windows, which should be finished in the next couple of months. The contract for lighting of the baseball field has been awarded and the funds are secure, courtesy of the local tourism bureau. Wavle said they are starting some of the preliminary work on the Technology Education Building. (7) A welcome was extended to Tanlee Wasson, Director of Institutional research. She has done some preliminary work on a campus profile, some of which the Chancellor shared, and also mentioned that she would be sharing this information in the next campus update.

VC Atnip’s report: Atnip discussed two items. First, was coverage for faculty members if they happen to be sick or have other circumstances that require their absence for an extended period of time. There is no policy per se on this issue; it is typically handled on a case by case basis. Atnip said to bring these situations to his attention through your dean and they will work out the details.

Atnip’s second point was a list for the criteria for accreditation which he passed to the group. There were five criteria with each having four or five components. Atnip said these are the standards that we need to demonstrate we meet in the self-study process and when the North Central team comes in March. He said they were almost finished with the self-study and are checking data to be sure it is all up to date including the most recent budget information and then put into a neat and concise document. He gave an overview of each of the five criteria which are: Mission & Integrity, Preparing for the Future, Student Learning and Effective Teaching, Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge. This concluded Atnip’s report.

The next item was the UFC report. President Squires asked for a motion to allow Joe Wert, UFC representative to speak. The motion was made to allow him to speak at each of the meetings during the 2009-2010 academic year. The motion was seconded, the vote taken and passed. Wert did not have a report for this meeting. He said the State of the University address has been postponed until January and the first UFC meeting is scheduled to take place February 27.

President Squires’ report: The UFC has been busy organizing committees and there are three committees to which we have to send persons from our campus. She also reported as an information item that AVC for Academic Affairs, Sheying Chen, is an ex-officio member of the International Committee complying with the by-laws. President Squires encouraged everyone, since you are the Faculty Senate, to debate and discuss things that come up. She said she would like to hear interesting topics and discussions.

President Squires introduced the next item on the agenda, Circular 10-3A from the Academic Success Center, a by-law change. This was the second reading. There was no discussion; the vote was taken and change was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was Circular 10-4A, the Academic Calendar. There was a brief discussion and the calendar was approved with a couple of editorial changes which will be given to the registrar for correction.

The next items on the agenda were new course requests, Circular 10-4B, Leadership SPCH-S 306; Circular 10-4C, Crisis Management SPCH-S 307; and Circular 10-4D, Family Communication SPCH-S 308 all from APC. A motion was made to take these three circular as one for voting. There was a brief discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lastly, the Chancellor was asked about using some of the projected $2 million dollars to do the design for the Education Technology Building since those funds have not been secured. She said she did not think that would be a good idea since we need the one time money for other things and also as a buffer if we have further cuts and don’t see the incentive money we were supposed to be getting.

President Squires asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned.