Members present: President Squires, George Harvey, Bill Sweigart, Rebecca Carlton, Liam Felsen, Debra Clem, Chris Bjornson, Johnny Alse, David Eplion, Tom Lambert, Bill Jamski, Jim Hollenbeck, Robin Fankhauser, Kathy Criswell, Melanie Hughes, Doug Darnowski, Elaine Haub, David Taylor, Sridhar Ramachandran, Pam Connerly, Jackie Reid, Bill Farrell, Todd Manson, Kelly Ryan, Jean Abshire

Absent with Alternate: Yan He (Jay White) Luz Huntington-Moskos (Laura McIlvoy),
Absent without Alternate: Jack Ramey, Victor Waingeh, John Finnegan
Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Gil Atnip, Emmanuel Otu, Jay White, Kathleen Norvell, Greg Roberts, Bill McGuire, Saundra Gordon
Guest: Ronald Finkbine

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 as read.

Atnip’s report: Atnip filled in for Chancellor Patterson-Randles who was attending a Trustees meeting in Kokomo. (1) Budget guidance has gone out to account managers asking them to submit their requests by Feb. 19, but since the snow hindered that work an extension of one week has been granted. Atnip said they asked account manager to submit items that they regard as critical to continue quality and in the face of recent budget cuts people are taking a serious look at that. (2) CBAG, which has been expanded considerably to have broader representation, has been meeting for the past several weeks talking about the budget process and now they have begun to talk about budget priorities. If you do not know who your CBAG reps are your dean is one and they can tell you who the faculty member is and this is in addition to the Faculty Senate Budgetary Affairs Committee.

The Chancellor will be doing a public budget presentation sometime in the near future. The exact date has not yet been set.

Atnip said they are working on a schedule for the NCA visit in March. There will be an open meeting for faculty probably on Monday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. There will also be open meetings for staff and students with the date and place to be announced later. A list and photo of NCA team members has gone out to all faculty to give an idea of who the team members are and their affiliations. This concluded Atnip’s report.

There was not a UFC report; they have not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting in January.

Circular 10-7A, Computer Science Department, Changes in Associate Degree was placed in motion and seconded. The question was asked if the associate degree was being phased out and Atnip said as part of an IU wide effort IUS has agreed to phase out most of the associate degrees including this one by 2013. He said in the meantime there doesn’t seem to be a good reason to just let them lay dormant. He doesn’t think the changes proposed here will have any effect on the ultimate phasing out of degrees. The vote was taken and the motion passed.
President Squires called for Circular 10-7B, Informatics Department, Approval of a Minor in Informatics to be placed in motion. Motion was made and seconded. She called for discussion or questions. There was none. The vote was taken and the motion passed with no opposition.

Circular 10-7C, Changes to Traditional Track in Communications was placed in motion and seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed with no opposition.

Two new course requests were from Arts & Letters. First, Circular 10-7D - SPCH-S246 Rhetorical Skills. The motion was made and seconded. The question was asked how this is different from S121? Carlton responded that these are courses for their majors and they are core courses. The vote was taken and the motion passed with no opposition.

Circular 10-7E, Arts & Letters, SPCH-S210 Survey of Communication Studies was placed in motion and seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed with no opposition.

There was neither any new or old business. A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.