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

Absent with Alternate: Luz Huntington-Moskos (Brenda Hackett), Doug Darnowski (Pam Connerly)
Absent without Alternate: Jack Ramey, Rebecca Carlton, Brain Harper, Yan He, Robin Fankhauser, John Finnegan
Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Kathleen Norvell, Bill McGuire, Saundra Gordon, Joe Wert

Guest:

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.

Chancellor Patterson-Randles: 1) Budget update: From the State Budget Agency for the first time in seventeen months monthly revenue collections exceeded the prior year. Total revenue collections were $908 million, which is $7 million above total collections for the same period last year. Collections were $2 million above the budget forecast and $48 million above the December 2009 revenue forecast. However, year-to-date collections remain $867 million below the May 2009 revenue forecast, which was the basis for the fiscal year 2010 budget and also $64 million below the December 2009 forecast. Through three quarters of the fiscal year revenue collections are 9% below prior year collections. You may have seen the information just out that in the Louisville metro region unemployment is now up to 12.1%, which is not good. 2) CBAG has completed their work and submitted their recommendations on 3/31. There is some overlay with Budgetary Affairs recommendations that we saw. These are CBAG’s recommendations: Resources to maintain program quality including improving the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty and giving preference to tenure track positions, faculty and staff salaries, financial aid programs, R&R funding, health and safety issues, supporting advancement in development related activities, pursuing revenue enhancement activity and cost reduction opportunities and expanding summer fellowships. The campus budget has been submitted to Bloomington for approval at the May Trustees meeting. A salary policy decision has been deferred and if you listened to the UFC meeting last week you would have heard from the president that he feels that the uncertain conditions in the State and not knowing what enrollments are going to be he deferred the decision on whether there would be salary increases until a later time. After the budget hearings and understanding that we may not be allowed to give salary increases she said they paid special attention to budget requests that would directly or indirectly benefit employees and helps you do your job here at IUS. There were requests totaling $2,838,100 and we approved $2,348,600. There is tentative approval for a number of faculty and staff positions and equipment requests. With final approval from the Trustees she thinks the campus will be pleased with what they have been able to do with that money. 3) Financial Aid Scholarships -There is a policy that if tuition goes up 4.5% then the scholarships are increased. Instead of $32,000 they were increased to $64,000 because she said our students need it. That was considered a priority and it also supports the new Strategic Plan and supports CBAG recommendations. 4) Property purchases - On the south side of the campus between the church and the other entrance, there are three houses, one of which we already own, one which we have just purchased and the third one is in the process of being purchased. She said the property is critical to a long term master plan for the campus. They were funded with one time money and are self sustaining from a financial standpoint.
5) Enrollment-Summer I our total undergraduate enrollment right now is up 17.7%; graduate enrollment is down 8.4%. Overall the campus is up 11.7% for summer enrollment. There has been a percentage increase of over 33% at the sophomore level. Credit hour enrollment is up 10.9%. For fall, total undergraduate enrollment at this particular time if up 740 students or 34%. Total graduate enrollment is down 9%. Overall the campus is up 27.4%. There is a 67% increase in freshmen and our credit hour enrollment right now is up 33.9%. She said we would not be bringing in students beyond our capacity. This will be monitored very closely through enrollment management.

There was mention of Purdue Programs getting a Master’s program in New Albany for leadership and the Chancellor was asked if she was aware of this. She said she was not and neither was Dr. Atnip.

The question was asked if the insurance premiums were going up this year. The Chancellor deferred to Dana Wavle for comment on this issue. Wavle said there will be an increase in the premiums but we don’t know exactly what that will be.

A concern was voiced about the safety of students walking along Grant Line Road to the fast food places and stores and if there were any plans for sidewalks. The Chancellor said she met with the Mayor two and a half years ago about the intersection, sidewalks and having cross walks around but she guesses it is time to have that conversation again.

VC Atnip’s report: Atnip did not have anything to report but said he would take questions. He was asked if the NCA report had been received. He said it had not but hopefully by next week he would have it.

Wert – UFC Report: 1) The Medical School in Indianapolis is looking at extending the promotion and tenure clock, which doesn’t affect us, to possibly nine years instead of seven. 2) There has been some talk about redefining the roles of the regional campuses according to some of the information coming out of ICHE. Apparently, there is going to be a committee formed of the Faculty Senate presidents of the regional campuses and he suspects when John Applegate is here next Tuesday that will be the beginning of discussions about redefining the role of regional campuses; 3) They are considering changing the structure of the UFC to basically what the agenda committee is, which includes the Faculty Senate presidents of all the campuses plus Bloomington and Indianapolis who have a few more people on it. There will be some more talk about that when the UFC meets at the end of April.

President Squires announced that the next meeting would be April 22, the fourth Thursday, at 2:45 p.m. in KV 230.

Under new business there was one item. From the Gen Ed Committee a request to approve W250 as a Gen Ed course in written communications. This was a simple request to add to the Gen Ed course list and the Gen Ed committee had already approved it. The motion was made and seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

President Squires called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.