Members Present: Fran Squires, president, George Harvey, Jack Ramey, Bill Sweigart, Virginia Anderson, Rebecca Carlton, Vicki Meredith, David Eplion, Tom Lambert, Walter Ryan, Jim Hollenbeck, Robin Fankhauser, Melanie Hughes, Doug Darnowski, Elaine Haub, John Doyle, David Taylor, Sridhar Ramachandran, Pam Connerly, Kathleen Free, Jacquelyn Reid, Bill Farrell, Greg Phipps, Donna Dahlgren, Jean Abshire  
Absent with Alternate: Ranida Harris (Jon Bingham), Johnny Alse (Jay White), Cathy Criswell (Cathy Shea), Vicki Meredith (Rick French)  
Absent without Alternate: Angela Salas, John Finnegan, Richard Kopp  
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Joe Wert, Jay White, Kathleen Norvell, Greg Roberts, Rick French, Saundra Gordon,  
Guests: Lee Morganett, Debbie Finkel

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.

A representative from the Horizon newspaper was present and asked to cover the meeting. This is a ruling that the Executive Committee makes and the reporter was not approved to cover the meeting.

Chancellor’s Report:  
1) Economic situation – The leading index for Indiana just came out and it is only marginally better than last month by one-tenth of a percentage point. Consumer confidence remains grim according to Timothy Slaper, Business Research Center at Indiana University’s Kelly School of Business. He says there is a growing consensus among economist and forecasters that economic growth in 2011 will be weak, less than 3%, insufficient to put a serious dent into unemployment. The Chancellor has asked the members of CBAG from last year to remain on the committee because serious continuity is needed since we are going into a tough budget session.  
2) Administrative Affairs is now working on personalized salary letters and those should be out by next week.  
3) As we go into our new Strategic Plan and also the Blueprint Committees that are working for a comprehensive Strategic Plan for regional campuses, there is also a Benchmarking Committee. It is important as IU Southeast is moved forward that we look very closely at new degrees and programs because they are being given very serious and very detailed scrutiny.  
4) There is another issue that is getting a lot of scrutiny and that is usage of classroom space. The thing we are hearing is that there is a problem because we don’t use Fridays sufficiently. It is not just IU Southeast it is IU as a whole. The politicians are saying if Fridays are not being utilized what need is there for new buildings. There is kind of a hold-up for new buildings and in particular our Education-Purdue Technology building, which is caught in the crossfire. The word that she has gotten is that politically it is dead in the water. It was supposed to be on the agenda both in September and October of the State Budget Commission for Higher Education but it wasn’t.  
5) Enrollment - Our full-time undergraduates are just about 65% of the undergraduate body; part-time is 35%; the female-male split is 60-40; of the undergraduate students 27.11% are reciprocity students from Kentucky; a little over 24% of those students come from Clark County; nearly 23% of those students come from Floyd County; 22.3% of our undergraduate students come from Jefferson County Kentucky. Of our graduate students 95% of them are part-time and the female population is even larger at 67%. Of the graduate students, 55% are reciprocity students with 49.2% coming from Jefferson County Kentucky. This is more than
we get from counties in Indiana...16.9% from Clark; and 15.2% from Floyd. Of our traditional age students 67.4% of our students on campus now, a little over two-thirds are traditional age students. 6) In Residence Life nearly 98% of the students are full-time in our lodges and about 19% of the students in the lodges are minority students with six international students; 21.4% of the students in the lodges come from Jefferson County Kentucky; 34.3% of the students from Indiana Counties other than the nine or ten in our service region. Only 9.6% of the students come from Floyd, 5% from Clark and 5.5% from Jefferson County Indiana. 7) The big Oak tree near the front of the campus that will be cut down will have a section 8 to 10 feet long saved and will be carved into a Grenadier and probably placed in the dining commons. 8) The Medallion Dinner at Horseshoe Casino on October 30 is almost sold out. She thanked everyone for their hard work and for the many gift baskets that have been donated for the silent auction and also encouraged everyone to attend.

There was a question regarding utilization and efficiencies and as one person said, “there is an illogic around this thing that just defies reason.” The Chancellor said she did not have a good answer because she has not spoken to legislators that are promoting this. She thinks one of the things she can say is we probably have not documented the use of our classrooms on Fridays. She said there are lots of things we do that we don’t have documented because they are not in the course schedule and this is apparently where the legislators are looking.

Atnip’s Report: He said another issue the policy makers are interested in is transferring articulation. One issue is why can’t we have a State wide general education program. He said they have been talking about this among the academic officers at IU and there is a good bit of interest of pursuing this by way of the LEAP initiative, which is Liberal Education America’s Promise, coordinated by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. They try to define the essential learning outcomes for college education. Atnip said the document he sent around is informational at this point but he thinks perhaps IU may take the position of using this framework without specifying the courses. He said our gen ed program fits this as do other IU campuses, so the thinking is if a student meets one outcome on a given campus that another campus would honor that. Another idea floating around is a common course catalogue so everyone uses the same course names and numbers. He closed by saying if anyone has any creative ideas about using Fridays he and the deans would be interested in hearing about it.

UFC Report – Rick French: French said in a memo from Craig Dethloff, Chief of Staff, UFC Office, that according to the by-laws a faculty member who is not a member of the UFC can be granted speaking privileges upon prior request of the agenda committee. The meetings are open to the public and are held on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The sessions are via video conference in Room 112 in Knobview Hall. French said the September 28 meeting consisted of the President’s State of the University address, which he highlighted. The full text can be accessed on a couple of websites.

President Squires Report: On a positive note she expressed her appreciation to the Senate for their willingness to serve and commended them on doing a good job.

Circular 11-4A, PSY P199 Planning Your Psychology Career was placed in motion and seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-4B INFO I441, Interaction Design Practice was placed in motion and seconded. During discussion Sweigart suggested that Ramachandran get the course number nailed down to avoid problems later. Ramachandran will look into the suggestion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.
Circular 11-4C Policy on Implementation of Newly Approved Academic Programs was placed in motion and seconded. Finkel explained the approval process and Atnip added that the Senate is approving a policy that the verbiage on policy on implementation for information but not for Senate approval and this policy will be in the bulletin. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-4D Major Change to Sociology Major was placed in motion and seconded. Bingham asked what will be the effects on the course. Phipps, from the Sociology Department, said that psychology will continue to offer the course for their major; it is no longer required for sociology. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-4E BS in Psychology was placed in motion and seconded. Finkel explained. Psychology went through a program review recently and one of the changes the program reviewer suggested is developing a BS degree in psychology. Our current BA in psychology is generalized and the BS would be greater depth in science, math and research background when they go to a Ph.D program. A discussion ensued about the foreign language requirements (or lack of) and the need for additional resources, which Finkel said would not be required. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Circular 11-4F Major Changes to the BS in Elementary Education was placed in motion and seconded. Connerly asked for a description of what is actually being changed. Ryan began the explanation and was joined by Shea and Morganett, from the School of Education. A long discussion followed. (A complete and verbatim transcript is available in the Senate office if anyone needs to review it). President Squires called for the vote on the changes in Circular 11-4F. The motion passed with 3 opposing votes.

Circular 11-4G Major changes to BS in Special Education was placed in motion and seconded. Taylor asked for an explanation of the major changes. Shea responded. We expanded some of the gen ed options that would count; reduced the requirement from 130 to 124 credit hours. The biggest impetus for change is the backbone for the program, which is the elementary ed program. As they changed and we used quite a bit of their course work, we had to adjust to it. Our students are licensed K-12 to work with students with all kinds of disabilities, cognitive, physical, emotional, etc. There were no other questions and the motion passed.

Circular 11-4H Major Changes to BS in Secondary Education: Majors was brought to the floor and seconded. Again, there was a long discussion with some of the same concerns as discussed earlier. (A complete and verbatim transcript is available in the Senate office if anyone needs to review it). Farrell made a motion to table the entire document with further discussion. The vote was taken and because of the closeness of the vote a hand count was taken. The results: 15 for and 10 opposed. The motion was tabled. Morganett then stated that his proposals have been tabled and he has no direction other than in history about what changes you are looking for. He asked, “what am I supposed to do?” Taylor recommended that he e-mail everybody and just ask for approval saying does this cover sufficiently?

President Squires called for a motion to extend time since it was 4:00 p.m. The motion was made to extend 10 minutes. The vote was taken and passed.

Circular 11-4I was placed in motion and seconded. A short discussion ensued. Sweigart posed the question of what this means in relation to the discussion they just had. There were some attempts to answer this question but Shea stated that the only person who could answer that had left the room. Connerly then made the comment that in the absence of explanation she did not feel the body should be voting on this item. She
then made a motion to table Circular 11-4I, Circular 11-4J and Circular 11-4K so they can be discussed further. The motion to table was seconded; the vote taken and passed.

The last Circular 11-4L was an information item, Minor Change to Master’s in Secondary Education. The motion was made and President Squires asked for discussion. Fankhauser made a clarification that it is a minor and masters in elementary or secondary education and not just a master’s in secondary education. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

President Squires called for new business. There was none. She then asked for a motion to adjourn and the meeting ended.