Members Present: Fran Squires, president, Leigh Viner, Rebecca Carlton, Bill Sweigart, Angela Salas, Ranida Harris, David Eplion, Johnny Alse, Tom Lambert, Jim Hollenbeck, Melanie Hughes, Elaine Haub, John Doyle, David Taylor, Sridhar Ramachandran, Pam Connerly, Jackie Reid, Bill Farrell, Greg Phipps, Donna Dahlgren
Absent with Alternate: Doug Darnowski (John Doyle), Jean Abshire (Deborah Finkel)
Absent without Alternate: Jack Ramey, Anne Allen, Vicki Meredith, Walter Ryan, Kathy Criswell, Robin Fankhauser, Kathleen Free, John Finnegan, Richard Kopp
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Dana Wavle, Emmanuel Otu, Greg Roberts, Amanda Denbo, Rick French, Brittany Hubbard,
Guests: 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 and seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

Chancellor Patterson-Randles: The budget forecast came in $115 million dollars more than the most recently revised updated forecast but it still trails the May ’09 forecast, which is the basis for the budget, by $335 million. It is anticipated that we will get a $900,000 to $1 million dollar cut in our State appropriation and that is even with the add ins from the special categories for enhanced performance. We received in our budget requests and hearings $3 million dollars in requests. $1 million was the base budget dollars and as she stated we will be lucky if we have half of that available. We have $2 million dollars in one time money requests and she said we would be lucky to have half of that. There has been no word at all about our tuition increase or anything in regard to salary policy.

In our enrollment we have had decreases in summer applications and summer admits and also fall applications and admits both at about 3%. Summer I is just slightly ahead of where it was last year at .6%. 146 days before classes begin for the fall, our fall applications have been down 12.6% and fall admits have been down 15.5%. Core 40 requirements are going into place in the fall which means we are denying a lot more students. Actual fall undergraduate enrollment is up 14.4% and a 4.5% decrease in graduate students, which is about a 12.5% increase in headcount and about a 13% increase in credit hours. We have had a decrease in our graduate enrollment and a lot of that has to do with the School of Education because of the fluctuating requirements. We have a very healthy request rate for rooms in our lodges with requests for 333 of the 399 beds already applied for. She was asked if a million dollar cut is somewhat punitive in the fact that they are focusing on the graduation rate. She stated that they are looking at a lot of things. They do a straight cut across the board and then they can give you money back; we got money back in some categories and some we did not. Wavle commented that in our case it is not a punitive cut, the formula has actually helped us and without those performance categories the cut would have been a lot worse than a million dollars. We are doing very well but we need to keep that going forward.

VC Atnip’s report: The UFC had the discussion at their last meeting of creating a rank called Professor of Practice. He got several question about what this rank is all about and particularly whether it was intended to replace the ranks of lecturer or clinical ranks and the answer to that question is no. As he understands, it is intended to be a new rank that would allow units to hire people who have achieved distinction in the
practice of some profession whose primary job would be teaching; they would have no research responsibilities. They would not be eligible for tenure. He feel that unless we have an outstanding candidate, we might want to let some of the larger campuses feel their way along as to how this rank should be appropriately used rather than jumping into it ourselves. The lecturer and clinical ranks would not go away if the Professor of Practice is approved.

French – UFC report: There were no action items at the last UFC meeting but there were discussions on some topics. 1) There has been some funding in an initiative that has been established to enable the regional campuses to potentially borrow money if necessary to fund employees that accept and are approved for the early retirement program that the University if offering.
2) The resolutions for adopting the LEAP program, and for those of you who are new, the LEAP Program is an initiative that we have been asked to approve on campuses for some of our general education requirements and we approved that at our last Senate meeting. Other campuses are at various stages of approval. The LEAP Program is on the UFC website.
3) Discussion of the creation of the Rank of Professor of Practice, is a proposal endorsed by the Bloomington Faculty Council on Jan. 18, 2011, and is basically when we have professors of practice that may be assigned instructional responsibilities, they are non research positions, but they may be assigned instructional responsibilities along with activities in support of teaching, student development and placement. The classification is for individuals who have achieved excellence in their field of practice and who have attained a position of regional, national and even international prominence. 4) The issue of the reform of the UFC was discussed. For those of you who have not been on this body this year know there has been discussion on restructuring the UFC and part of the question is should we actually shrink the size of the UFC to meet the request from the current administrative groups. There have been a couple of proposals that have occurred sequentially, not concurrently, and those recommended revisions are on the UFC website and you may want to look at that to update yourself on what is going on. There have been two recommendations so far and some discussion by the UFC. They are looking to use these recommendations and the work of the Faculty Council to inform the work of a new taskforce that is going to be working this summer and hopefully we will have a vote in the fall of 2011. 5) There was a discussion of the sunset of the family leave policy. The current policy is due to expire in June 2011. The policy is being reconsidered for continuation by the Board of Trustees. The family leave provides for eligible academic appointees up to 12 weeks of fully paid leave as needed for either the birth or adoption of a child, or the primary care of an eligible family member with serious health conditions. The UFC is supporting the current policy and there are some options being looked at. The number of people exercising their option of this has grown from 14 people in 2006 to 44 people in 2010 and that is out of 5,867 people who are eligible for this benefit.

Two questions were asked of French. 1) The disconnect between the limit of 12 weeks of paid leave and a semester typically being 14 weeks was asked? French said the only discussion he recalled was that it approximates close to a semester but it is not a semester. 2) The other question was in regard to the UFC reform. The proposal they were talking about would it still include representations from all the regional campuses or is there some consensus of what the new version would look like? French said it depends on what version you are looking at. One version has been that some of the positions from the Bloomington and IUPUI campuses would lose some of their representation and actually the regional campuses have quite good attendance at the meetings compared to Bloomington and IUPUI over the past several years. There is also concern about the ex officio members not being in attendance and many instances President McRobbie has not been there as well. The other direction would be to try and get it down to an executive committee that would shrink it even further. The agenda committee would comprise, maybe with some
additions, to come in and meet with President McRobbie as more of an executive advisory committee as opposed to an entire UFC.

The following items were passed by the Senate:
Circular 11-9A, Policy & Guidelines for Determining Units of Academic Credit
Circular 11-9B, MLS concentration: Applied Behavioral Sciences
Circular 11-9C Changes to BA Economics Admission requirements
Circular 11-9D Changes to BS in Finance

New Course requests passed:
Circular PSY P511 Seminar in Professional Skills
Circular PSY P512 Seminar in Grant Writing
Circular PSY P572 Organizational Psychology
Circular PSY P624 Principles in Psychopathology

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