Members Present: Fran Squires, president, Jack Ramey, Bill Sweigart, Rebecca Carlton, Leigh Viner, Anne Allen, Ranida Harris, Tom Lambert, Johnny Alse, David Eplion, Jim Hollenbeck, Melanie Hughes, John Doyle, Elaine Haub, Doug Darnowski, David Taylor, Sridhar Ramachandran, Jacquelyn Reid, Kathleen Free, Bill Farrell, Greg Phipps, Jean Abshire

Absent with Alternate: Angela Salas (Annette Wyandotte), Donna Dahlgren (Debbie Finkel), Pam Connerly (John Doyle)

Absent without Alternate: Robin Fankhauser, John Finnegan, Richard Kopp, Vicki Meredith, Walter Ryan, Kathy Criswell

Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Jay White, Emmanuel Otu, Joe Wert, Greg Roberts, Amanda Denbo, Rick French, Saundra Gordon

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: 1) A question from last time regarding housing was asked. At this time there are 161 for renewals compared to 117 last year. We have 266 new students signed up for lodges compared to 243 last year. 2) Enrollment management – admissions open house welcomed 225 prospective students along with their parents, grandparents and friends. 3) Both men’s and women’s basketball teams won their conference championships again. 4) Budget – If you recall the original recommendation from ICHE gave us a cut in our budget for around $600,000. The Governor came in with a cut of $1.3 million and now supposedly we have a budget bill on the House floor of $900,000 for IUS but nothing can be done with it because the impasse hasn’t been resolved. The Chancellor called on Dana Wavle for an update on facilities.

Wavle: Two issues about parking were discussed: 1) more space being made available, 2) students using the daily parking passes and parking in staff and faculty spaces. Wavle and the police chief will be meeting to discuss the latter and a firm out of Muncie, IN has been hired to do some planning and one of the areas will be the parking situation. 3) Wavle then addressed the many projects going on around campus beginning with the Ogle/Knobview roof project which is almost finished. 4) The dining area renovation is scheduled to take place May 16-July 29. Food services will continue to be provided in University Grounds and two caterers have also been chosen to provide food service during this time. 5) The Physical Plant will be getting a new equipment storage building that will be completed over the summer. 6) Two physical science labs, 206 and 210, will be renovated over the summer. 7) Hillside Hall windows will be replaced with energy efficient windows and UV resistant glass; this should address leaks and improve temperature management. 8) Hoosier Room lighting renovation involves new lighting to improve the functionality of the room. 9) University Center windows and doors upgraded with the installation of energy efficient glass. 10) The breezeway will be redesigned so that it looks and functions like a main entry point to campus. This includes new doors, new furniture, a redesigned information desk, and a permanent home for the newly sculpted Grenadier. 11) NMR replacement in Physical Science could be finished this summer if the vendor’s engineer makes a site visit very soon. 12) The Amphitheater needs a new canopy and they are looking at
alternatives that might include a permanent structure that could hold year around events. This will most likely be a 2012 project. 13) Speed bumps in some strategic areas are being planned to slow down cars.

The Chancellor had one other item to mention and that had to do with the early retirement initiative. She said they don’t have any definite information yet but they do know that HR will notify people who are eligible by April 1. Just because you are eligible by no means is this an automatic yes. It has to do with general finances of the University. You can look forward to more information but right now she had nothing official to share.

VC Atnip: Atnip spoke to the phasing out of the associate degrees. About three years ago IU entered into an agreement with the Higher Education Commission to phase out most associate degrees on regional campuses as Ivy Tech developed as a community college. The journalism faculty and the school of social sciences decided to phase out their associate degrees; the school of continuing studies will phase out its A.A. in general studies beginning this fall. IUS will only have two associate degrees, A.S. in business and the A.S. in computer science, which will still be available to students until the fall of 2013. Any student who started one of those degrees and stays enrolled will be able to finish the degree and conceivably you could see those degrees for 2-3 years beyond 2013. So the bulletin that comes out this year for the two degrees mentioned will contain a statement that explains the phase out and tells students that essentially if you want to pursue these degrees you need to get yourself enrolled before the fall of 2013.

UFC Report-French: French provided a summary of the UFC meeting. The retirement program had already been discussed and the LEAP program will be a voting item later on. The UFC passed a resolution on SB 475 Public Employee Health Plan eligibility and HJR 6 Constitutional Marriage. This resolution was a reaffirmation of a resolution from several years ago (3-5 years) and we wanted to make sure there was a reaffirmation to current and prospective employees of our opposition to these initiatives. That was passed by the UFC. There was some additional discussion about the proposals for the reform of the UFC. There were some additional recommendations and you were provided with some of these in November in our FS meeting. There are some additional recommendations that have come through from Craig Dethloff, the Chief of Staff of the UFC, and Erika Dowell the co-chair of the UFC. In further discussions with Craig after our UFC meeting, he mentioned that probably there were a couple of additional proposals that they made and this would probably be something that is up for discussion later on. What we need from our Faculty Senate and leadership is to know whether you are happy with the way things are now or if we want to make some changes. If you are interested in committee or group meetings, possibly during the summer, let Fran know so she can pass it on. There was some discussion regarding policies on Creation, Merger, Reorganization and Elimination. IUB and IUPUI have campus level policies regarding the program. The UFC wants to start a conversation among the campuses to determine if university-wide policies are necessary in this area or whether we want to leave this to the individual campuses to develop any potential policies. This would be a framework to give them some assistance when making any necessary changes in the organization with hopefully a focus on new or growing programs.

President Squires: I want to thank all of you for being so faithful to your committees and for being here.
The first item came from Faculty Affairs, Circular 11-8A, Policies & Procedures pertaining to Non-Tenure Academic Appointees. The motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

From Budgetary Affairs, Circular 11-8B, BAC recommendations for FY 11-12 were introduced. The question was asked if base salaries in the first item of the circular could be altered to specifically include staff members. The Parliamentarian pointed out that this is a recommendation and we cannot change the committee’s proposal but we can suggest a resolution. There was a lengthy discussion and the motion to table the item failed. Later, under new business, a resolution was worded by Wyandotte as follows: As a showing of solidarity I would like to move that the Faculty Senate resolve to recommend that campus budgetary planning include increases in base salaries for staff. The motion was seconded; there was no further discussion. The vote was taken and passed.

Circular 11-8C, General Education Committee, Proposed Resolution-LEAP Essential Learning Outcomes was placed in motion and seconded. Atnip, as a non-voting member of the Senate, pointed out that it is the General Education Committee’s recommendation that the Faculty Senate endorse the resolution from said committee; that is probably the motion that should be on the floor so it is clear what you are voting on. The motion was amended as stated in Atnip’s remarks. There was no discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-8D, Standardized Schedule for Friday Classes from APC was placed in motion and seconded. There was no discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-8E, Change in MLS Admission Requirements from APC was placed in motion and seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-8F, Change to International Studies Major from APC was placed in motion and seconded. After a brief discussion of the 39 credit hours the vote was taken and passed.

Circular 11-8G, Proposed Change in the B.S. in Mathematics was placed in motion and seconded. Lang said the primary purpose is to make it easy for math majors, B.S. students in mathematics to do double degree; math with secondary education math or math with computer science. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

The new course requests were considered. Circular 11-8H, BUS A414 Financial Statement Analysis and Modeling was placed in motion and seconded. Finkel had a correction to the form on line #26. This is not required for the major; it is an elective course. The correction has been made on the electronic copy. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 11-8I, EDUC L520 Adv Study Foreign Language Tch was placed in motion and seconded. Finkel had another correction. Line #15 lists a bunch of pre req’s and there are no pre req’s for this course. #15 should be blank and the electronic form has been corrected.

Circular 11-8J, EDUC L524 Lang Iss in Bi/Multi/Educ was placed in motion and seconded. Finkel had the same correction as above. Line #15 should be blank. The vote was taken and the motion passed.
Circular 11-8K, EDUC X461, Children’s Literature, was placed in motion and seconded. A correction to lines 11 and 12 should be variable 0 to 3 credits to match the text in #16, which says 0-3 credits. Corrections have been made on the electronic copy. Vote was taken and passed.

Circular 11-8L, HIST B312 History of the European City in the Modern Era was placed in motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting ended.