Members Present: Fran Squires, President, Diane Russell, Bryan Hall, Michael Abernethy, Vijay Reddy, Virginia Anderson, Paul Pittman, Alan Wong, Michael Harris, Brian Atwater, Mary Bradley, Bradford Griggs, Joanna Durham-Barnes, Melanie Hughes, Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Elaine Haub, Glenn Mason, John Doyle, Aaron Setterdahl, Clint Franklin, Donna Bowles, Jacquelyn Reid, Todd Manson, Yu Shen, Rhonda Wrzenski, Stephen Bowman, Absent with Alternate: John Doyle (Aaron Setterdahl), Brian Jones (Michael Hutchins) Absent without Alternate: John Finnegan, Jim Hollenbeck, Terrence O’Connor, Donna Bowles, Debbie Finkel, Ron Endris, Kathleen Bailey, Greg Roberts 
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Dana Wavle, Jay White, Greg Roberts, Rebecca Turner 
Guests:

President Squires called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or initial if you were attending for someone else. The minutes were approved as written.

Chancellor’s Report: First, the Chancellor provided updates from the recent Trustee’s meeting. I.U. has been asked to submit budget data for the next six years. Despite the inherent difficulty of doing so, a 2% increase was been plugged in for each upcoming biennium. The trustees had to approve this tentative budget, as required by I.C.H.E. Another huge topic was student debt. Default rates, especially, were a major concern. I.U.’s default rates are significantly lower than those of Ivy Tech or other for-profit institutions. The 2009-2010 average student debt for graduates was about $17,000, and now it is about $18,600 (up approx. 10%). There is an I.U.-wide initiative to educate students and parents over this concern, and there will be more of this in the future. In addition, Student Services hired a consultant to locate certain cost-cutting measures. They came up with an estimated savings of $21 million, a number that seemed out of reach for those at the campuses. After further examination and meetings, the trustees were presented with a revised amount of $7.7 million for Student Services. This is going to impact our staffing in significant ways, but it is unclear at the moment how exactly this will impact us. The good news is that we are already halfway through that $7.7M cut. Another concern is Enterprise Risk Management, thus a centralized chief risk manager will be hired. Parking: There has been talk about outsourcing the parking at Bloomington and I.U.P.U.I., which has caused a great uproar. The Faculty and other leaders at these two locations are completely opposed to this. The trustees and president investigated this matter further, and found out that the consultants who were hired will only get paid for their work if the outsourced parking deal goes through. There has been more discussion about the online initiative. $40,000/year will be removed from our budget to go towards this, and if we do everything right, we should receive $55,000 back. Although it is not the case that all institutions that implement an online curriculum succeed right away, it is a move that I.U. must take to keep up with the trends of higher education. Certain private institutions, which often are at the forefront of implanting this online method, encounter certain setbacks. The state universities, I.U. among them, that have often been slower to implement these changes regularly benefit from those who have gone before, and quite often see great and lasting benefit from making this change. 120-hour degrees: We’re moving forward with this, and having success getting our programs in line with this new
requirement. There are two exceptional programs, and these are the B.F.A. and Education, because they require more credit hours. The nursing faculty was regarded highly for the work they have accomplished with regard to online education.

With regards to President McRobbie’s State of the University address: a tuition freeze has been discussed, but the exact details of how this will work are still forthcoming. Blueprint: At the end of the year, we need to give an update about Academic Advising, and how we’ve been doing with regards to that. We should be in good shape in this area. The other key topic is Career Advising.

**Summer Session:** Because the 25% discount was not a major success, we are investigating other ways to attract students in the summer. Far from the 10% increase the President was hoping for, I.U. Southeast actually had a decrease in enrollment. Overall, the majority did not benefit from this initiative. When asked whether this should continue, the Chancellor noted that it did not seem to benefit us. Nevertheless, the President has ordered that we try it again next summer. It is worth noting that the campuses that had the most success were those campuses that changed their summer schedules to offer essential, core courses. (Some of the campuses were unable to do this, since the summer schedule had already been posted prior to the initiative being announced.) Some of the common problems that were found related to the availability of financial aid, the need for students to work during the summer months, and the efficacy of the marketing campaign to disseminate this information. The solution seems to be this: offer high demand courses, and offer them in a predictable way. We may also be able to bolster summer enrollment by marketing directly to local students who have taken summer classes at Bloomington. Bloomington has once again agreed to provide I.U.S. with a list of local students who have taken courses at Bloomington, and this information could prove rather valuable.

**Blueprint Priorities:** Developing secondary metrics, library resource sharing, and degree qualification profiles.

**Dana Wavle:** (Several updates) Delays continue for Timber Lodge, but the appropriate agencies are working on granting approval and we are moving closer to getting that approved. The new parking lot is coming along well, and we’ve received several compliments on it. The new amphitheater is on hold, mainly for budgetary reasons. The new education technology building is still in play, and we are third on the list. It is ultimately up to the legislators to determine what is or is not approved. Mr. Wavle recently delivered a speech entitled “Show me the Money,” in which he laid out the primary financial concerns for the campus. In sum, I.U.S. presently needs a 4.5% non-compensation budget reduction across the various schools and departments before the end of FY13. Although we need to finish this fiscal year strong, we already know the upcoming biennium doesn’t look good. There will need to be a $600,000 reduction in FY14 and a $700,000 reduction in FY15.

The Chancellor added that although our capital campaign will continue for two and a half more years, our campaign total is within only $400,000 of our goal because of two substantive gifts received in the last 4 months – one of $2.5 million and the other of $1.5 million, for a total of $4M. Also, the Medallion dinner has almost sold out already. The dinner can seat approx. 650 people, and over 630 tickets have been sold to date. This is the largest Medallion dinner so far.

A brief discussion was held about obtaining the necessary funds to support faculty members next summer who would prepare online courses for the fall semester. With Curt Peters’ approval, money has been borrowed ahead to ensure that resources are available to pay 20 faculty members this
upcoming year. Specifically, this is I.L.T.E. money. Because over 60 faculty members have signed up to develop courses, other avenues for funding are being pursued.

The Chancellor responded to Bryan Hall’s question about the 120-credit hour programs, noting that the BFA and Education programs are the only ones being looked at as possible exceptions to this policy.

There was no UFC Report, and no President’s report.

By-law Change for the Honors Council – 2nd reading: The 2nd reading passed without incident.

There were several program changes discussed during this meeting. The first program discussed was the **B.S. in Chemistry (Circular 13-4A)**. The major point of concern raised by multiple faculty members was the removal of the foreign language requirement from the required courses to the elective category. Elaine Haub provides the rationale behind this, indicating that students will still be strongly encouraged to take a foreign language (esp. pre-med students), but this will also afford students the flexibility to take other courses (in particular, computer courses requisite for getting into pre-med/graduate school) as needed. Finally, there is the 120 credit hour requirement to contend with. The motion ultimately passed with a majority of votes, but there were some who opposed the motion.

**Circular 13-4B – B.S. in Biology**: After this circular was brought to the floor, another discussion was held about the 120 credit hour requirement and the removal of the foreign languages from the required courses. Again, justification was provided, indicating that students who anticipate going into a field that will require foreign language training will be instructed to take those courses as their electives. The motion ultimately passed with a majority of votes, but there were some who opposed the motion.

**Circular 13-4C – B.S. in Biochemistry**: No comments or questions. The motion ultimately passed with a majority of votes, but there were some who opposed the motion.

**Circular 13-4D – B.S. in Computer Science**: There was a very brief discussion about the various facets of the proposal, but ultimately the program was passed with only minor opposition.

**Chancellor’s New Business**: The Chancellor brought forward a recent issue someone raised concerning the number of persons eligible to serve on the VCAA search committee. The handbook states that one faculty member from each of the degree-granting schools – creating a total of six – as well as three non-faculty members must be a part of this committee, ensuring a 2/3 representation by the faculty. Because the library was not represented in this scenario, the Chancellor has asked Marty Rosen to serve on this search committee, which changed the percentage from 66.6% to 70%. Although this change does not follow the letter of the law, it has been proposed that this change serves the heart of the matter, while also providing due representation from the library and library faculty as well. The faculty voted and accepted this change to the search committee, enabling Marty to continue in this capacity.

The meeting then adjourned.