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 Patterson-Randles: The Chancellor noted how extensive the Agenda was, and thus intentionally kept her comments brief. First, she reminded the Senate that both VC searches have been reopened. There have been over 38 applicants for the VC for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs position. Phone interviews will take place next Tuesday (3/26), and on-campus interviews will take place the week of April 8 (and possibly also during the week of April 15). The VC for Academic Affairs position has had 36 applicants. Phone interviews will take place after a meeting to determine whom to call is held on April 3.

The budget continues to be a very closely watched topic. The current model proposes a 2% increase in tuition. Also factored in is a 1.36% decrease in credit hours in fall 2013. However, current numbers show our credit hours down 5.8%. If this trend continues, it will become necessary to reevaluate the budget. Despite lots of good work by VC Peters and others, the summer budget continues to be about $200,000 away from where it needs to be in order to be balanced.

Facilities: With regards to Timber Lodge, bidding will take place by the end of April, and the hope is that we can commence with that in June. We are moving forward with installing a kiln pad for Fine Arts, given the safety issues involved. A new amphitheater (pavilion) behind the Ogle Center is on hold for the next couple of years given the current budget situation.

Capital Campaign: The campaign is supposed to run until the end of June, 2015, and the goal is $11M. However, the Chancellor happily reported that by the end of December, 2012, we had met that goal. At present, we have raised $11,236,000. Although we are not setting a new goal, we will continue the campaign in order to address other significant needs on campus.
VC Curt Peters: He mentioned to the Senate about the passing of Dr. Brian Hill, the very first science professor of I.U. Southeast. After providing some kind words about Dr. Hill, he noted that the visitation hours were later on that day.

Dr. Peters also commented on summer salaries/faculty expenses. Although good work has been done to cut back, it is not enough. This is particularly important because the extra money that is spent on summer pay diminishes the school’s capacity to give appropriate merit raises across the campus.

Finally, because of the tight budget, and because the first summer session falls at the very end of the current fiscal year, there is extra pressure to make sure that overall General Fund balances.

Glenn Mason: Two items from a recent meeting with John Applegate et al. are of interest. Those from Bloomington were very interested in regional campuses offering more Master’s programs as a way of remaining more competitive with surrounding schools. The General Education, 30-hour requirement was also discussed. In addition, the importance of on-line courses was also talked about.

President Squires: One faculty member has volunteered to be a part of the Vigilance committee, but more were encouraged to join, with the proviso that not all would necessarily have to go to every meeting. If there were multiple volunteers, they could opt to rotate in and out amongst themselves.

Action Items: New Course Requests

Circular 13-8A – ENG-L 395: British and American Film Studies – Michael Abernethy inquired into why this course was listed as an English course, rather than something else. Debi Finkel noted that there are other film studies courses listed under the ENG designation, and Virginia Anderson noted that this is simply how I.U. designates these classes. The circular then passed. Circular 13-8B – NURS-B 236: Developmental Issues in Nursing – passed without incident. Circular 13-8C-8F – PSY-P 341, 342, 363, 477 – John Doyle proposed to examine all four Psychology classes together, and this was done. All four classes passed without incident. Circular 13-8G – SOC-S 203: Sociological Concepts & Perspectives – passed without incident. Circular 13-8H – BUSE-F 541: Not-for-profit Accounting – passed without incident. Circular 13-8I – FINA-A 404: Modern Art 1863-1945 – passed without incident. Circular 13-8J – MICR-M 420: Environmental Microbiology – passed without incident. Circular 13-8K – 2013 SOE Secondary Ed. 120-hour plans – This item was tabled during the February 21, 2013 meeting, and was un-tabled at this meeting so as to be discussed and voted on. It went on to be passed without incident. Circular 13-8L – BFA 125 credit hour plans – passed without incident. Circular 13-8M – Changes to Marketing Concentration & Courses – passed without incident. Circular 13-8N – Fine Arts Studio Minor – passed without incident. Circular 13-8O – General Studies Proposals – Virginia Anderson asks about certain requirements for the major, and Chris Kimmer gave an explanation for the standards that were put in place. Finally, it was noted that the pre-requisite for the capstone should read W290, not W231. This amendment was accepted, and the proposal was accepted.
Circular 13-8P – IOM to SCIM Concentration Change – Michael Harris clarified for everyone that IOM stands for Information and Operations Management, and the name is to be changed to SCIM, or Supply Chain & Information Management. The proposal was then accepted without incident.

Circular 13-8Q – Modern Language Name Change – passed without incident.

Circular 13-8R – Nursing 120 credit hour plan – After a brief inquiry by Bryan Hall about the relationship of a certain topic in the broader curriculum, and Jackie Reid’s response, the proposal passed without further incident.

Circular 13-8S – Pre-expressive Therapy Minor – passed without incident.

Circular 13-8T – Pre Music Therapy Concentration – passed without incident.


Circular 13-8V – Paul Pittman inquired about the way by which the listed religious holidays were chosen, it was noted that Bloomington had determined this list. One amendment was also made that faculty should include in their syllabi a notation stating that students must make it known within the first two weeks of the semester if they require any reasonable accommodations for religious observances. The circular was then passed.

Circular 13-8W – Promotion and Tenure Proposal – after ‘un-tabling’ this item, a handout with the original wording was distributed. A great deal of discussion ensued, with the resolution once again being that the item should be tabled until the next meeting, and that a Faculty Affairs representative must be present to respond to the many questions that faculty members still have.

The meeting was then adjourned at 3:36 PM.