The Senate was called to order at 10:00 am.

**Approval of the day’s agenda**

The meeting began as Chair Ting asked to add a report by the Committee on Committees to the agenda. A motion to amend was made by Martin and seconded by Helton. All were in favor of the amended agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from meeting of: August 27, 2010**

Ting asked for any corrections, deletions, or modifications to the minutes from August 27, 2010. Fisher stated the beginning of line 353 the sentence should start with “For example,” and requested that a quotation mark be inserted before the word exceptions. In line 446, the word faculty should be inserted before “development,” and the phrase “for scholarship” could be stricken from the sentence. Salela remarked that on line 121 COLORS is actually COLRS and Cope-L is all capitalized. Additionally, Salela referred to the previous meeting and stated that Anthony had also provided data for the library. Consequently, Salela asked that line 297 include “library had 50%” at the end of the sentence.

Martin announced the Friday Night Star Parties begin Friday September 10th through October 22nd, weather permitting.
Ting stated she was about to call for approval of the minutes with corrections. All were in favor.

**Announcements**

Martin now announced the Star Parties and the Campus Observatory.

Helton raised a point of order. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cassinova and seconded by Martin.

**Reports**

**Chair - T. Ting**

Ting reminded the senators to attend the Chancellor’s reception, in honor of senators. The event will be held at 4:30 on September 17th, in the Visual Arts Gallery at UIS. She hoped everyone will attend. Chair Ting reported that she met with the CARR committee on Tuesday. During the meeting, a decision was made to suspend the committee for AY 2010/2011 for the purpose of re-examining the structure and charges of the committee. However, based on the CARR report presented to the senate in the spring of 2010, a recommendation had been made to create an academic advising task force. Through discussion with CARR members, it was decided that undergraduate advising is a necessary focus for the task force. Ting stated that the SEC will act quickly to finalize membership and charges for the undergraduate advising task force.

Ting also reminded senate committee chairs to submit meeting schedules to Rutherford by September 24th, 2010. According to the Open Meeting Act, all governance meetings are open to the UIS community.

Chair Ting reported that she, as Campus Senate Chair, and Fisher, as AIC chair, were informed by the Chancellor that Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Tim Barnett, has assumed responsibility for the Athletic Department. Associate Chancellor for Constituent Relations Wojcicki had previously assumed this responsibility. V.C. Barnett will oversee day to day operations; however, the Athletic Department will continue to report directly to the Chancellor.

**Provost – L. Pardie on behalf of H. Berman**

Vice Chancellor Pardie reported that the census and headcount for the Fall 2010 had been completed. The total number of students attending UIS this fall equaled 5,174. She added that the total headcount is up by a little more than 4%. More specifically, undergraduate student headcount rose approximately 5% and graduate enrollments rose approximately 2%. Pardie acknowledged what a success this is for UIS, especially in such difficult economic times. The success was realized due to collaborative efforts across campus, between faculty and staff. Furthermore, retention efforts through faculty advising made a significant difference. When looking at 1st time, 1st year students, 1st time transfer students, and 1st time graduate students the numbers are more variable. Such variability is consistent between other institutions. Our 1st time, 1st year student enrollments are up slightly, new transfer students also rose approximately 3 1/2 %, and new graduate students
are down. Online numbers are very strong. At the graduate level, admissions are up approximately 20% and registrations for online courses have increased by about 15%. Overall online enrollments continue to be strong across the board. Online majors represent more than 26% of the total headcount, which has increased by 5%. 34% of credit hours are now generated by online courses. Pardie highlighted that online offering allow UIS to extend beyond Illinois borders. Approximately 38-39% of students taking online courses reside outside of Illinois.

Pardie reported that the Provost and Deans have implemented a new strategy for sharing information regarding new curriculum. A Notice of Intent will become a part of the regular Deans Council meetings and allow for information about new curriculum proposals to be disseminated.

Fisher asked V.C. Pardie about the anticipated patterns of growth and long term goals for the campus. She was curious about how the administration is thinking about further growth, recognizing that housing is completely full. Fisher noted that when talking about budget planning, we would be planning for enrollment increases and was unsure how this is possible when UIS seems to be at capacity. Pardie deferred to the Provost.

Helton asked Pardie about goals relating to finding balance between online and on-ground courses. She noted the positive effects of online revenues and asked if the “pie” is shifting as a result. Pardie said she would defer to the Provost to answer this question. She stated that some percentages depend on the base numbers that are being investigated. Additionally, Pardie noted that the vast majority of graduate students are still on-ground.

Moranski asked to draw attention to today’s SJR front page article. In the article, the Chancellor talked about reaching a maximum on-ground student headcount number of 5,000, though he did not mention goals for online students. Also, the article stated a goal of having 2,000 residential students which would necessitate more housing. Ting reminded everyone of the 2006 strategic plan. The goal was to attain 2,000 students in residence FY 2012. Wassenberg stated that she has been working with Schroeder on a presentation for the BOT. Distinguishing between online and on-campus students is increasingly more difficult because many residential students are also taking online classes. For full-time undergraduate students, students taking online and on-ground courses complete sooner than those who do not. Ting stated that undergraduate students taking online courses seem to graduate faster probably has a lot to do with the ability to take online summer courses.

**Student Government Association – M. Van Vossen**

Van Vossen reported that he and Melchin at the last SGA meeting introduced a resolution calling for a moratorium on student fee increase for FY 2012. The second reading will happen on September 12th and a vote will be called at the 3rd reading on September 19th. SGA meetings are now being broadcast on youtube.com for anyone who would like to watch the meetings.

**Committee On Committee report – T. Ting**
Ting stated SEC recommends Don Morris to serve as ex-officio member of the General Education Council. According to the Campus Senate Bylaws for the General Education Council, when none of faculty serving on GECo are from a particular college, the college can put forward a name to the Senate. Morris is representing the College of Business and Management. A motion was made by Kline and seconded by Fisher. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Old business**

**Resolution 40-6 Amendment to Resolution 31-1, Section III [2nd reading]**

Van Vossen made a motion to discuss Resolution 40-6 and Bogle seconded the motion. Wang asked whether regulations exist to prevent students from taking courses at community colleges. Bapat stated that no regulations exist; however, students are only allowed to transfer a limited number of credit hours toward a degree.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution 40-7 Science of the Environment Concentration in Chemistry and Biology [2nd reading]**

Martin moved the discussion of resolution 40-7. Melchin seconded the motion. Senators were ready to vote without questions. The vote yielded unanimous favor.

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Salela to adjourn the meeting. Cassinova seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:25.