Call to Order

Information Items

A. Administrative and Financial Affairs Update – Mr. Alan Robertson provided an overview of the written financial reports related to revenue, investments, bond indebtedness, student receivables, expenditures, facilities, grants and contracts, Performance Contract, and the Business Enterprise Program. He noted that tuition and fees were up by ten percent because of an eight percent increase in tuition. Grants and contracts increased because of the Ghana Initiative. State appropriations were flat.

B. Budget, Facilities and Risk Management – Dr. Dean Justmann provided an update on the operations and capital budget requests submissions to the Illinois Board of
Higher Education. He noted that the capital budget had been revised because of the revenue for $5 million for the renovation of Douglass Hall for the new Pharmacy Program. However, he noted that operating funding is still needed for the Academic Library and the Convocation Center. Dr. Justmann informed the Trustees that the University took possession of the Academic Library without completion of the punch list. He noted that there are some legal issues involving the general and subcontractors. The Capital Development Board is involved with the litigation. The unresolved issues impact the University. Trustee Tolliver requested a list of the unresolved items that are in litigation and other issues that have been agreed upon. Dr. Justmann informed the Board that the Convocation Center construction is on course. Commencement 2007 is expected to be held in the new facility. Renovations of the bathrooms are underway.

C. Academic and Student Affairs – Dr. Beverley Anderson informed the Trustees that several accreditations have been granted for Health Sciences, Community Health, Pre-Physical and Occupational Therapy. Music accreditation is underway.

D. Enrollment and Admissions Updates

Dr. Anderson informed the Trustees that the ACT will be increased to 18 and a 2.5 GPA 2.5 for fall 2007. Fewer students were admitted and enrolled for the fall 2006 Term. The yield rates are down for transfer students. Six-hundred applicants were denied admissions because of the increased in admission standards. Trustees requested data on the number of Katrina students who left the University and re-enroll at their respective universities.

E. Westside Campus Update – A study is underway for the Westside Campus.

F. Sponsored Programs – Dr. Kenneth Koroma presented a report.

G. Foundation Update – Mr. Marquis Miller presented an overview of activities. He informed the Trustees that “An Evening with the President” with potential donors is underway. A $400,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation is being planned. A direct mail piece has been sent to “Friends of the University”. Also, the University has been informed that initially less will be received from the $1 million Walgreen grant because of issues related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Mr. Miller encouraged all Trustees to support a year end commitment to the University. Dr. Tolliver was asked to take the leadership on this initiative. It was noted that more needs to be done to provide scholarships to low-income students.

H. Technology Update – Ms. Diane Conatser provided an update on the banner system upgrade. She informed the Trustees that the major system is completed. A computer based program has been purchased to assist with development of reports to assist with decision making. The Telecommunication system report has
been completed for Fiscal Officers. The directory can be accessed electronically. I-Wire is being implemented.

6. Other Matters and Public Comments

Dr. Laurie Walter informed the Trustees that a settlement has occurred on collective bargaining. A four year agreement has been settled. Rev. Doyle Wadley thanked President Daniel for her vision of the capital development programs for the campus.