Call to Order: Ken Fansler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mark Adams, April Davenport, Judi Doubet, Ken Fansler, Marijane Galvin, Jan Murphy, Bob Piker, Eric Ruud, John Tuttle, Valerie Wilder, Barbara Jacobsen, and Dr. Dean.

Absent: Clark Brooks

Additions to the agenda: None.

Introductions and Acknowledgement of Visitors: Lester Hampton, member of the University High School faculty, was welcomed by the Chair. Lester is one of the members of the diversity committee at U-High.

Minutes: Prior regular meeting minutes are approved and posted on the web at 
http://www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/cac/index.htm

Review of Committees:

Legislative Forum – Eric Ruud suggested that the committee consider hosting area legislators to speak to the CAC and other interested laboratory school stakeholders on educational issues this coming spring if schedules can be coordinated with our legislators.

Technology – Ken Fansler and Dr. Dean reported that the technology conference held at ISU was a great success and well attended. The purpose of the conference was to assist teacher education students to become more familiar with how to effectively use technology in the classroom. It is anticipated that many U-High and Metcalf faculty will be attending the conference next fall.

Report from Administrative Representative:

- Stroud Auditorium – The completion of the Stroud renovation has been delayed, primarily as a result of HVAC complications. On the positive side, the delay is providing us with time to install a new sound system that wasn’t originally part of the project. It is anticipated that the first show will be performed during the first week of April, 2011.

- Personal Fitness Space – The space that was created about the Technology and Engineering Center is being considered for a personal fitness area. Personal fitness is a strong emphasis in the physical education program and thus, the school would like to provide the necessary equipment and space to support it. Since the new ISU Fitness Center is restricted to students who are 18 and older, this will be a nice addition for our students.
• **Student Diversity Survey** – The survey results were handed out by Dr. Dean. The survey was conducted online two weeks before the Thanksgiving holiday. U-High students appeared to be very focused in their responses. The survey was provided by Shane McCreary from the Ethics & Diversity Office at ISU. While results revealed that U-High is very demanding on its students, it appeared that students were up to the challenge and comfortable with the learning environment.

Dr. Dean and Mr. Hampton discussed the challenge of interpreting the survey results when no local, state, or national benchmarks are available for comparison. CAC suggested the following for consideration: 1) conduct guided "exit" interviews with students who leave U-High prior to graduation; 2) conduct focus group interviews with students in an effort to gain more insight into their responses on the survey; and 3) expand the membership of the Diversity Committee to include students and parents.

• **Grants** – At the request of the committee, Dr. Dean presented a comprehensive overview of a diverse number of grants that have been and will continue to be acquired by the laboratory schools. Many are state grants earmarked for K-12 schools. In addition, the laboratory schools created and initially acquired funding for the region’s alternative school (now run through the Regional Office of Education), successfully lobbied for state funding of its drivers education program, and was one of the first schools to participate in the Illinois Virtual School program. The schools have worked very closely with local legislators to secure funding for the schools. For example, Representative Dan Brady helped the schools secure some funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for lighting improvements in Stroud. Senator Brady and Representative Brady have been instrumental in helping the schools remain eligible for state grants. Finally, State Farm’s "Good Neighbor" grants have contributed thousands of dollars to the lab schools over the years.

**Items for Next Agenda on March 15, 2011:** Topics for the next meeting include the Netbook student survey results.

**Adjournment** : Ken Fansler adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.