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

Present:  Ken Fansler, Eric Ruud, Marijane Galvan, Clark Brooks, Judi Doubet, Jan Murphy, Mark Adams, Sarah Ray, Lynn Shook, Bob Piker and Bob Dean

Absent:  Barbara Jacobsen, Val Wilder and Gretchen Zaitzeff

Guests:  None

Additions to the agenda:  None

Minutes:  Minutes from the meeting held on January 10, 2012 are approved and can be accessed at: [http://www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/cac/jan2012minutes.pdf](http://www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/cac/jan2012minutes.pdf)

Review of CAC Applications:  Dr. Dean advised that the Committee will have five vacancies after this meeting. Specifically, there are three vacancies for a three-year term, one vacancy for a two-year term, and one vacancy for a one-year term. He presented the Committee with copies of several applications from qualified people interested in being appointed to the CAC. He recommended that the Committee review the applications and select five persons to fill those vacancies.

After reviewing the applications, the Committee selected five new members to fill the vacancies and directed Chairman Fansler to notify them of the committee’s decision.

Report from Administrative Representative:

Dr. Dean advised the Committee that this was his last CAC meeting. He will be retiring as Superintendent of the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools on June 30. He shared some reflections of his experiences after serving for 26 years in the schools, the last 18 as superintendent. He stressed the importance of instruction, curriculum and assessment as the key factors in student learning, at any level of education. It takes highly skilled and talented people to make things happen in schools; Dr. Dean referred to these as four critical “pillars” – students, parents, teachers and leaders.

He expressed his appreciation to the parents for their contributions to the positive culture of the lab schools. He also praised the teachers who, when provided with professional autonomy, have excelled in their ability to fulfill the mission of the lab schools – teaching, teacher education, research and service. He said that teachers should be trusted to make instructional decisions so that good things can happen for students in our classrooms.
Dr. Dean praised the “culture of success” that exists in the lab schools. Several key elements contribute to that culture: maintaining high expectations, valuing individuality, fostering creativity, being flexible and, most importantly, trusting our students so they can learn to be responsible, independent citizens when they graduate. The unique culture of the lab schools produces marvelous results and should be protected at all costs. Dr. Dean ended his remarks by stating that great things happen when schools are places of passion and joy.

After Dr. Dean’s remarks, he presented the five retiring CAC members with service award certificates and thanked all of the members for their dedication and service to the laboratory schools. Chairman Fansler and members of the CAC also thanked Dr. Dean for his many years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

For FY13, the CAC will meet on September 11, November 13, January 8 and March 19.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.