UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

Full transcript


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Arado, Block, Campbell, Carey, Cordes, Doederlein, Jacob, Jemison, Joseph, Kreml, Naples, Penrod, Schoenbachler, Thomas, Wagenecht, Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Clemens, Kaplan, Phillips, Pickett, Stoddard, Streb, Weldy

OTHERS ABSENT: Coryell, Falkoff, Hoffman, Konen

I. CALL TO ORDER

President D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

P. Vohra moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by K. Thu. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2016 MEETING

K. Thu moved to accept the minutes, seconded by G. LaGioia. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

V. CONSENT AGENDA
VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws Articles 15.5 and 15.6
Undergraduate Coordinating Council and
Standing Committees of the Undergraduate Coordinating Council – Pages 3-24
SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM
Presentation – Chris McCord

W. Pitney moved to approve the proposal, seconded by S. Farrell. Motion passed 46-2-2.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. NIU Constitution, Article 2.9, Removal from University Council Membership
Discussion and Fall 2016 Implementation – Page 25

P. Liberty-Baczek moved to endorse the implementation of NIU Constitution,
Article 2.9, seconded by R. Scherer. The plan is to contact the absent member after
two consecutive absences and bring the matter to University Council for final
decision following the third consecutive absence. Motion passed by voice vote.

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VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
Greg Long, Dan Gebo, Rebecca Shortridge,
Leanne VandeCreek, Steve Builta, Holly Nicholson

C. Academic Policy Committee, Chris McCord, Chair

1. Approve Five-Year Review of Student Evaluation of Instruction
Academic Policies & Procedures Manual, Section II, Item 14 – Pages 26-31

C. McCord moved to approve the proposed revisions contained in the
review, seconded by A. Hanley. Motion passed by voice vote.

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.
D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Mark Riley, Chair


   M. Riley moved to approve the 2016 Budget Guidance Letter with one change ($113 to $113 million on page 2), seconded by D. Domke. Motion passed by voice vote.

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E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – no report

F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborio, Chair

1. Approve 2025-26 academic calendar – Pages 36-38

   L. Saborio moved to approve the 2025-26 academic calendar, seconded by A. Hanley. Motion passed by voice vote.

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G. Student Association – report
   Giuseppe Lagioia, Student Association
   Dillon Domke, Speaker of the Senate

H. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – report

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Steve Builta, President – report

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Program Prioritization Update
   PPTF Chairs: George Slotsve, Alan Clemens, Michelle Pickett, Matt Streb

   For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Admissions Policies and Academic Standards Committee
C. Minutes, Athletic Board
D. Minutes, Board of Trustees
E. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
F. Minutes, Committee on the Improvement of Undergraduate Education
G. Minutes, Committee on the Undergraduate Academic Experience
H. Minutes, Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum
I. Minutes, General Education Committee
J. Minutes, Graduate Council  
K. Minutes, Graduate Council Curriculum Committee  
L. Minutes, Honors Committee  
M. Minutes, Operating Staff Council  
N. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council  
O. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council  
P. Minutes, University Assessment Panel  
Q. Minutes, University Benefits Committee  
R. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs  
S. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure  

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.