UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 3 p.m.  
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2016 MEETING

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   A. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the President of Faculty Senate/ 
      Executive Secretary of University Council – Cathy Doederlein

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
   A. Recognition of University Council members whose terms are completed, who have 
      been re-elected and who are newly elected – Pages 3-4

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. J. Dennis Hastert honorary degree rescission follow-up

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Student Grievance Annual Report per NIU Bylaws Article 12.6 – Greg Long
   B. Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver request per NIU Bylaws Article 19.5.2.2 
      Chalermsee (Ete) Olson, Interim Dean, University Libraries – Pages 5-6
   C. Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver request per NIU Bylaws Article 19.5.2.2 
      Edward Klonoski, Associate Vice Provost – Pages 7-8
   D. Resolution in support of divestment from fossil fuel companies – Pages 9-10

IX. 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 – no report

D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Mark Riley, Chair – no report

E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair
   1. Election of 2016-17 Executive Secretary of University Council per NIU Bylaws Article 14.5 – Page 11

F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborio, Chair – no report

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

X. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

XI. 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
   T. 2016-17 Meeting Schedule – Page 12

XII. ADJOURNMENT
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL SERVICE RECOGNITION  
May 4, 2016

Faculty who have completed their service:  
Chih-Chen Lee, College of Business  
Todd Gilson, College of Education (served as alternate, 2015-16)  
William Pitney, College of Education  
Ibrahim Abdel-Motaleb, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology  
Elvia Arriola, College of Law  
Therese Arado, College of Law (served as alternate, Spring 2016)  
George Slotsve, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (served as alternate, Spring 2016)  
Sien Deng, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Robin Moreman, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Diane Rodgers, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (served as alternate, 2015-16)  
Brad Sagarin, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Billie Giese, College of Visual and Performing Arts  
John Novak, College of Visual and Performing Arts (served as alternate, Spring 2016)

Students who have completed their service:  
Nathan Lupstein, Student Association, Fall 2015  
Robert Kreml, Student Association, Spring 2016  
Dillon Domke, Student Association  
Greg Lezon, Student Association, Fall 2015  
Devin Joseph, Student Association, Spring 2016  
Giuseppe Lagioia, Student Association  
Aaron Vazquez, Student Association  
Jack Barth, Student Association, Fall 2015  
Christine Wang, Student Association, Spring 2016  
Adolfo Sto. Domingo, Student Association  
Timi Adeboje, Student Association, Fall 2015  
Matthew Holt, Student Association, Spring 2016  
Emily Carey, Student Advisory Committee, College of Business  
Bethany Wood, Student Advisory Committee, College of Education  
Jorge Jemison, Student Advisory Committee, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology  
Kylee Wagennecht, Student Advisory Committee, College of Health and Human Sciences  
Stuart Nissenbaum, Student Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Shawn Thomas, Student Advisory Committee, College of Law  
Sougata Dhar, Student Advisory Committee, Graduate School
Supportive Professional Staff and Operating Staff who have completed their service:
Deborah Haliczer, Supportive Staff Council President, Fall 2015
Steve Builta, Supportive Professional Staff Council President, Spring 2016
Catherine Doederlein, Supportive Professional Staff Council
Holly Nicholson, Operating Staff Council President
Patricia Liberty-Baczek, Operating Staff Council

Deans who have completed their service:
Denise Schoenbachler, College of Business
Mark Cordes, College of Law
Paul Bauer, College of Visual and Performing Arts

Faculty who have been newly elected:
Jon Briscoe, College of Business
Michael Haji-Sheikh, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
Wendy Bostwick, College of Health and Human Sciences
Therese Arado, College of Law
Amy Newman, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Andrew Krmencic, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Judith Chitwood, College of Visual and Performing Arts
Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver – NIU Bylaws Article 19.5.2.2
Ete Olson, Interim Dean, University Libraries

*From the President:*

Dr. Ete Olson was appointed to the position of Interim Dean, University Libraries, on February 1, 2016. Per Article 19.5.2.2, I now request a waiver of the time line restrictions outlined in Article 19.5.2. Besides the tenuous budget situation, we were in process with four dean searches during spring 2016, and would have started the search late in the normal cycle which would have made it difficult to attract highly qualified candidates.

Olson joined NIU Libraries in 1991 and has served as the associate dean of Collections & Technical Services Division in NIU’s University Libraries since 2009. She has been responsible for library materials budgeting, library collection and management, and managing Technical Services (acquisitions and cataloging), Rare Books and Special Collections, Southeast Asia Collection, Government Publications, the Music Library and Faraday Library. She is also a faculty associate of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

Olson received a master’s degree in Library and Information Studies from NIU and a master’s degree in Linguistics from the University of Pittsburgh as a Fulbright Scholarship recipient.

The relevant bylaw article can be found on the next page:
NIU BYLAWS
Article 19.5 Acting and Other Temporary Administrative Appointments

19.5.1 If it is necessary to fill an administrative office, either because the incumbent is on leave of absence or because the office must be filled on a temporary basis while the search procedures specified in section 19.3 of these bylaws or in other university regulations are being completed, the administrative officer to whom the person to be appointed will report may appoint a temporary, acting replacement. This appointment shall be made only after consultation with the principal faculty committee and other committees routinely involved in advising the administrative office being filled. Questions regarding the appropriate committees for such consultation in any particular instance shall be resolved by the University Council Rules and Governance Committee.

19.5.2 When a vacant administrative office is being filled with a temporary or acting appointment, search procedures to secure a permanent incumbent for the office must be instituted within six months of such an appointment. Temporary or acting appointments made under such circumstances shall be for a term of no more than one year, and may not be renewed unless the subsequent search to fill the position fails to produce a permanent appointee.

19.5.2.1 This section of these bylaws may be waived when the office responsible for making the acting or temporary appointment is itself filled by an administrative officer holding office on an acting or temporary basis. In such instances, this section shall become operative on the date that an administrative officer who has a regular appointment as the incumbent in the appointing office assumes the responsibilities of that office.

19.5.2.2 This section of these bylaws may be waived if approval for such a waiver is obtained by the officer making the acting or temporary appointment from appropriate advisory committee and subsequently from the University Council. Questions about the appropriate advisory committee for any position shall be resolved by the University Council Rules and Governance Committee.
Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver – NIU Bylaws Article 19.5.2.2
Edward Klonoski, Acting Associate Vice Provost

From the President:

Dr. Edward Klonoski was appointed to the position of Acting Associate Vice Provost on January 1, 2015. Per Article 19.5.2.2, I now request a waiver of the time line restrictions outlined in Article 19.5.2. This was an emergency appointment due to a mid-year departure of the previous employee. Professor Klonoski was selected for the temporary appointment because of his involvement in the general education reform, and the critical timing of Professor Kolb’s departure. The position was not searched for subsequently, because of a desire to align refill with the outcomes of Program Prioritization and any relevant impact on the organizational structure of the Provost office. Following the recommendations from the Task Force and the completion of the Program Prioritization process, a decision will be made regarding this position and a search could commence in Fall 2016.

The Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Curriculum is responsible for assisting the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs with the undergraduate curriculum committees and student issues. In particular, the Associate Vice Provost is responsible for overseeing the general education program, First- and Second-Year Experiences, the University Writing Center, the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS), and the Bachelor of Science in Applied Management (BSAM). The Associate Vice Provost serves as the contact person for the undergraduate commencement ceremonies in December and May. The Associate Vice Provost serves as a spokesperson for academic excellence and is a strong advocate for student career success.

Klonoski, an Associate Professor in the School of Music, has been at NIU since 1995. Over the course of his career, he has won multiple CIUE Instructional Improvement Grants. Additionally, in 2008, he won the award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. He has been actively involved with the NIU general education revision since 2009. Klonoski has a Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in Music Theory.

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RESOLUTION TO THE NIU UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
In support of Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies for Northern Illinois University

WHEREAS, Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal. We have already raised the global temperature 1°C, and that has caused far more damage than most scientists expected. A third of summer sea ice in the Arctic is gone, the oceans are 30 percent more acidic, and since warm air holds more water vapor than cold, the occurrences of devastating floods and drought are predicted to increase; and

WHEREAS, Carbon dioxide (CO$_2$) levels surpassed 400 ppm for the first time in recorded history and even if we stopped increasing CO$_2$ levels now, the temperature would still rise another 0.8°C above the amount we’ve already warmed, which means that we are already three quarters of the way to the 2°C limit; and

WHEREAS, Coal, oil, and gas reserves of the fossil-fuel companies, collectively equal about 2,795 gigatons (a unit of explosive force equal to one billion tons of TNT) of CO$_2$, five times the amount we can release to maintain a 2°C of warming limit. If extracted and utilized, these reserves will only intensify the damage caused by warmer temperatures, creating a multitude of global challenges; and

WHEREAS, The student and faculty of the Northern Illinois University community has expressed the desire to combat climate change within the recent months, and our Board of Trustees has indicated that our university values “Commitment to a public purpose addressing regional, state, national, and global challenges and opportunities”. However the Northern Illinois University Foundation currently holds investment with the very fossil-fuel companies that contribute to climate change. The foundation’s mission is “To energize and connect the private sector with the NIU community to secure and steward resources that support the future and growth of NIU”; and

WHEREAS, By investment in fossil fuels, the NIU Foundation is not meeting its mission by only considering the stewardship of monetary resources, while ignoring the importance of natural resources. Our university has the opportunity to lead the way in Illinois. By divesting from fossil-fuel and reinvesting in other companies, we can influence the industry that has a significant effect on global well-being. Divestment from fossil-fuel companies and reinvestment in globally responsible companies are the actions that will best align with our values as a university and foundation by supporting president Baker’s vision to make NIU “an incredible place” not only intellectually, culturally and socially but economically and physically, by meeting the three pillars: Ethically Inspired Leadership, Thriving Communities and NIU Financial and Program Viability.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
The University Council recommends action and change on this issue to the Board of Trustees and to the NIU Foundation Board, asking that the issue be brought up before the Trustees at its next scheduled meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That Northern Illinois University immediately stops and instructs asset managers to stop any new investment in fossil fuel companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That Northern Illinois University ensures none of its directly held or commingled assets include holdings in fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within 5 years as determined by the Fossil Free Indexes list of 200 public companies based on CO emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That Northern Illinois University releases quarterly updates, available to the public, detailing progress made towards full divestment and reinvestment.
NIU BYLAWS
ARTICLE 14: UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

14.5 Officers

14.5.1 The executive secretary of the University Council shall be elected by the voting members of the University Council from the elected faculty members of the University Council in accordance with Section 3.2 of the University Constitution and Section 1.3 of these Bylaws. The Executive Secretary of the Council shall also serve as President of the Faculty Senate. The Senate shall elect such other officers it may consider essential for the performance of its duties.

14.5.1.1 The initial selection of candidates for the office of Executive Secretary of the University Council shall take place at the second spring semester meeting of the Faculty Senate. Any faculty senator may suggest or second the suggestion of a candidate. To be qualified to serve, the candidate must be an elected faculty member of the University Council for the current and for the ensuing year.

14.5.1.2 Suggested candidates for the office of Executive Secretary shall submit a letter of intent to be included with the agenda for the third and fourth (last) spring semester regularly scheduled meetings of the Faculty Senate.

14.5.1.3 An election of the final candidate for nomination shall be conducted by secret ballot at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the normal academic year of the Faculty Senate. All Faculty Senators present may cast a ballot for the candidate. If there are more than two suggested candidates, the final nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority, subsequent ballots will be taken removing the candidate receiving the fewest votes until a candidate is selected.

14.5.1.4 The voting members of the University Council will vote by secret ballot to accept or reject the nominee at the last University Council meeting of the spring semester.

14.5.2 The election of a vice president shall take place at the first Faculty Senate meeting of the academic year.

14.5.3 The term of office for all officers shall begin August 16 and shall be for one year. An officer may serve successive terms.
### 2016-2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

#### STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

**FS-STEERING COMMITTEE**
- 1 – 2:30 p.m.

**UC-STEERING COMMITTEE**
- 3 – 4:30 p.m.

**Location:**
- Altgeld Hall 225

#### FACULTY SENATE
- 3 – 5 p.m.
- Clara Sperling Sky Room
- Holmes Student Center

#### UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
- 3 – 5 p.m.
- Clara Sperling Sky Room
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Spring Break March 12-19, 2017