UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

Full transcript


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Arriola, Barth, Bond, Campbell, Cordes, Dhar, Elish-Piper, Farrell, Freeman, Hedin, Jemison, Lagioia, Lezon, Pitney, Schoenbachler, Sto. Domingo, Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Coryell, Falkoff, Klapier, Konen, Phillips, Weldy

OTHERS ABSENT: Armstrong, Kaplan, Levin

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

R. Scherer moved to adopt the agenda; C. Doederlein seconded. D. Baker noted two additions under VII. New Business: C. Temporary Appointment Waiver Request for Gerald Blazey, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships; and D. Temporary Appointment Waiver Request for Harlan Teller, Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communications. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2015 MEETING

D. Domke moved to approve the minutes; C. Doederlein seconded. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.
V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee roster per NIU Bylaws Article 2.2.1 – Page 3

V. Naples moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Janet Hathaway seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws, Article 15.8.1, University Assessment Panel – Pages 4-6
SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM

D. Haliczer moved to approve the proposed revisions; V. Naples seconded. Motion failed.

YES – 40
NO – 2
ABSTAIN - 0

B. Proposed revisions to NIU Constitution, Article 2.2.3, Membership on the University Council – Page 7
SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM

H. Nicholson moved to approved the proposed revisions; P. Vohra seconded. Motion passed.

YES – 43
NO – 2
ABSTAIN – 0

C. Reconsideration of proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws, Article 15.8.1, University Assessment Panel – Pages 4-6
SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM

D. Domke called for a point of order to reconsider Item A. as there were now 45 voting members present; D. Haliczer seconded. Motion passed.

YES – 37
NO – 7
ABSTAIN – 1

P. Vohra moved to approve the proposed revisions; D. Domke seconded. Motion failed.

YES – 37
NO – 7
ABSTAIN - 2
VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws Article 14.5, University Faculty Senate Officers – FIRST READING – Pages 8-9

B. Review of NIU Constitution and Bylaws – refer to Rules, Governance and Elections Committee

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J. Hathaway moved to approve the proposed referral; H. Nicholson seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

C. Temporary Appointment Waiver Request per NIU Bylaws 19.5.2.2 – walk-in
   Gerald Blazey, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships

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R. Scherer moved to approve the waiver request; J. Hathaway seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

D. Temporary Appointment Waiver Request per NIU Bylaws 19.5.2.2 – walk-in
   Harlan Teller, Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communications

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H. Nicholson moved to approve the waiver request; D. Domke seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – report – Page 10

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

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 – no report

F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborio, Chair – no report
G. Student Association – Nathan Lupstein, President – report

For complete oral report, see the meeting transcript.

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

For complete oral report, see the meeting transcript.

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Deborah Haliczer, President – report

For complete oral report, see the meeting transcript.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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, Faculty Sena
J. Minutes, General Education Committee
K. Minutes, Graduate Council
L. Minutes, Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
M. Minutes, Honors Committee
N. Minutes, Operating Staff Council
O. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council
P. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council
Q. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
R. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
S. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
T. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

XI. ADJOURNMENT

S. Nissenbaum moved to adjourn; D. Haliczer seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.