

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 3 p.m.**  
**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

**[Meeting Transcript](#)**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, D. Baker, G. Baker, Barth, Bishop, Block, Boughton, Briscoe, Carlson, Chen, Chitwood, Chung, Cibrian, Collins, Cuautle, Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Farrell, Freeman, Haji-Sheikh, Hanley, Hathaway, Hoffman (for Bond), Irwin (for Chakraborty), Jemison, Kassel, Khoury, Kreis, Long, Macdonald, McCord, McHone-Chase, Mogren, Naples, Newman, Nicholson, Olson, Pavkov, Penrod, Reynolds, Riley, Rodgers, Russell, Saborío, Siegesmund (for Staikidis), Sto Domingo, Thu, Torres (for Wilson), Towell, (for Rajagopalan), VanderSchee, Wang, Wyzard

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bond, Campbell, Chakraborty, Dannenmaier, Ghrayeb, LaGioia, Nobling, Rajagopalan, Staikidis, Tan, Wilson, Zaucha

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Birberick, Bryan, Coryell, Douglass, Edghill-Walden, Falkoff, Klaper, Klonoski, Phillips, Stang (for Weldy), Subramony

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Johns, Kaplan, Stoddard, Weldy

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**W. Penrod** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2016 MEETING**

**T. Arado** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Bishop**. Motion passed.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**S. Farrell** moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by **S. McHone-Chase**. Motion passed.

- A. Periodic Evaluation of the Ombudsperson per NIU Bylaws Article 20.4 – Linda Saborío, Chair, University Affairs Committee

## V. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

- A. Higher Learning Commission and Faculty Qualifications Requirements – Carolinda Douglass, Vice Provost for Academic Planning & Development  
Draft Faculty Credentials [Policy](#)  
NIU Faculty Qualifications Policy [Presentation](#)

[Note: the agenda, minutes and transcript associated with the Nov. 30, 2016 University Council meeting contains a numbering error with no VI.]

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

- A. Program Prioritization update – Lisa Freeman, Provost

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

- A. [Proposed amendment](#) to NIU Bylaws Article 15.9  
Committee on Multicultural Curriculum Transformation – Pages 3-6  
**FIRST READING** – Vernese Edghill-Walden, Chief Diversity Officer
- B. [Resolution](#) regarding accommodations for students with disabilities – Pages 7-10  
  
**C. Doederlein** moved to approve the proposed resolution, seconded by **V. Collins**.  
Motion passed.

## IX. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

- A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – no report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report  
Cathy Doederlein, Greg Long, Holly Nicholson,  
Rebecca Shortridge, Kendall Thu, Leanne VandeCreek
- C. Academic Policy Committee – no report
- D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Sarah McHone-Chase, Chair – report

- E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – report
- F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborío, Chair – no report
- G. Student Association – report  
Giuseppe LaGioia, President  
Christine Wang, Speaker of the Senate
- H. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – no report
- I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Cathy Doederlein, President – report

**X. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

- A. United Faculty Alliance update – Virginia Naples, UFA President

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.