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

**Meeting Transcript**


**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 Doerderlein, 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.