
N. Castle attended for J. Blaschak; T. Smith attended for J. Holt; S. Holmes attended for L. Jeris; L. Smart attended for J. Hillery

THOSE FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Balamuralikrishna, Bishop, Bisplinghoff, Booth, Butler, Ciesla, Coller, Cordes, Doederlein, Factor, Gandal, Grall, Hamlet, Hubbard, Rollman, Karonis, Kolb, MacFarlane, Markowitz, Peters, Ridnour, Rosenbaum, Scherer, Schoenbachler, D. Smith, S. Song, X. Song, Straver, Tatum, Tolhurst, Tollerud, Wade, Walton

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved, with the addition of a report from the Economic Status of the Profession committee, and an item regarding the Academic Advising Center under Unfinished Business.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2005 FS MEETING

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The minutes were approved with the addition of K. Gallagher attending for C. Markle.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard announced he would be attending the upcoming meeting of the Computer Facilities Advisory Committee. B. Baker and M. Morris requested that mention be made of the slowness of email on- and off-campus.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA
None.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Kendall Thu, Chair – no report

B. Economic Status of the Profession – Radha Balamuralikrishna, Chair – report – walk in

R. Balamuralikrishna reported on the most recent University Benefits Committee Meeting (no more negative impacts on pensions this year, but there is still need to be monitoring this issue, as further tinkering is always possible). SURS is moving to replace Jim Hacking who left as Executive Director. Dan Slack, who was Jim Hacking’s deputy, is now the acting director.

The NIU Domestic Partner Benefit Program is awaiting the President’s signature.

Human Resources will be actively working on providing us with information as to how the various 403(b) management companies (e.g., TIAA-CREF, Valic, Lincoln) have performed.

R. Balamuralikrishna also mentioned two websites that deal with the pension situation: www.saveourpension.org and www.suaa.org.

C. Resource, Space, and Budget – C. T. Lin, Chair – no report

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Joseph “Buck” Stephen, Chair – no report

E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – no report

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Nord, Chair – no report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Academic Advising Center – report – walk-in

P. Stoddard and J. Stephen reported on their discussions with the Provost’s office regarding the establishment of the Academic Advising Center. Considerable discussion about the Center, its establishment, its role, and the faculty’s role in overseeing the Center ensued. Participants included P. Henry, J. Stephen, K. Thu, P. Stoddard, and N. Castle.

J. Stephen proposed the following as a resolution: “As a result of recent procedural improprieties concerning the development and formation of the Academic Advising Center, the faculty wishes to reaffirm its confidence in the shared governance system and to protect the constitutional rights of the faculty. The faculty of Northern Illinois University adjures that no officer of the university, the various colleges or departments shall alter, create or transfer responsibilities nor shall they alter policies which are reserved or assigned to the faculty without
or before completing the requirements necessary for such changes through the shared governance process.”

After further discussion by P. Stoddard, J. Stephen, J. Johnson, and P. Henry the resolution was reworded to read, “As a result of recent procedural improprieties concerning the development and formation of the Academic Advising Center, the faculty wishes to reaffirm its confidence in the shared governance system, in order to protect the constitutional rights of the faculty and to ensure that the best interests of the students and the university community are served.”

D. Wade moved the resolution. J. Stephen seconded.

The resolution passed.

K. Thu moved that the resolution be forwarded to the University Council for their consideration and affirmation. L. Gregory seconded the motion.

J. Pierce proposed rewording to say the Faculty Senate of Northern Illinois University and then invite the University Council to add “and the University Council,” to which the motioner and seconder agreed.

The motion to bring the resolution to University Council passed as amended.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. G.A. for Faculty Advisory Committee representative

It has been suggested that since acting as representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee to the IBHE requires a fair amount of time off campus, some form of support, such as a graduate assistant, be provided. The precise form of that support was discussed at some length by P. Henry, J. Stephen, C. Smith, J. Newman-Ryan, L. Gregory, R. Orem, P. Stoddard, B. Baker, K. Thu and S. Holmes. No obvious solution forthcoming, J. Wolfskill moved that this matter be referred to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee. J. Newman-Ryan seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHAE – Sharon Holmes – no report

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee – Joseph “Buck” Stephen and Ferald Bryan – no report

C. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Xueshu Song – no report
D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Donna Smith and Shey Lowman – no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

J. Stephen asked if other senators have been hearing about massive increases in the amount of paperwork for NCATE this year. R. Orem replied in the affirmative. M. Morris said that NCATE is in the midst of a complete paradigm shift and they’re looking for massive amounts of data.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board minutes
C. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality
D. Minutes, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
E. Minutes, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
F. Minutes, Graduate Council
G. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council minutes
H. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
I. Minutes, University Benefits Committee minutes
J. Relay for Life (Pages 7-8)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.