FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 30, 2016, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

Full Transcript


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Bujarski, Campbell, Chakraborty, Chen, Farrell, Jaffee, Khoury, Lee, Mooney, Penrod, Rodgers, Schatteman, Scherer, Shin, Than, Thu

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Clemens, Doederlein, Falkoff, Holt, Jacob, Pickett

OTHERS ABSENT: Builta, Hoffman, Nicholson, Shortridge, VandeCreek

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President G. Long called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

J. Manning moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by J. Hathaway. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2016 FS MEETING

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the minutes, seconded by J. Manning. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Presentation of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award to Therese A. Clarke Arado
VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

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

X. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Paul Stoddard, Chair – no report

B. Academic Affairs Committee – Jimmie Manning, Chair – no report

C. Economic Status of the Profession Committee – no report

D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – report

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

1. Letter of acceptance of nomination for President of Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council;
   Faculty Senate will vote at the April 27, 2016 meeting.
   a. Greg Long – Page 3

2. Election of NIU representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – 4-year term
   See excerpt from NIU Bylaws, Article 17 – Page 4
   a. Paul Stoddard – Page 5
   b. J. Mitchell Pickerill – Page 6

   Paul Stoddard – 30 votes
   Mitchell Pickerill – 10 votes
   Abstain - 7
E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Laura Beamer, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

1. Approve 2016 Budget Guidance Letter – Pages 7-10

   J. Stephen moved to endorse the letter, seconded by W. Pitney. Motion passed.

   For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Program Prioritization Update
   Task Force Chairs: George Slotsve, Alan Clemens, Michelle Pickett, Matt Streb

   For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

B. Faculty Unionization

   For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

   J. Manning moved that Facility Senate move forward in arranging some sort of town hall meeting that will allow questions to be answered about the unionization process. This meeting is intended to be information in nature. Seconded by J. Hathaway. Motion passed.

XII. 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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

J. Stephen moved to adjourn, seconded by P. Stoddard. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.