I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 FS MEETING

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION
   A. NIU PLUS
      Ed Klonoski, Acting Associate Vice Provost
      Renique Kersh, Associate Vice Provost, Engaged Learning
      Chad Glover, Director, Jobs Plus
   B. 2016-17 Proposed University Libraries Dean Search Committee Structure – Page 3

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. Program Prioritization update
      Matt Streb, Program Prioritization Liaison/Facilitator

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Proposed resolution regarding College of Visual and Performing Arts’ Art Annex – Page 4

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES
   A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report
   B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
      Cathy Doederlein, Greg Long, Holly Nicholson,
      Rebecca Shortridge, Kendall Thu, Leanne VandeCreek

X. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
   A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – no report
B. Academic Affairs Committee – John Novak, Chair – no report

C. Economic Status of the Profession Committee – Paul Stoddard, Chair – no report

D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Rebecca Hunt, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Jimmie Manning, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

XII. 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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
**2016-2017 Proposed University Libraries Dean Search Committee Structure and Explanations**

**Proposed Search Committee Structure**

Ex-Officio Chair (Lisa Freeman, Executive Vice President and Provost)

Co-Chair (Anne Kaplan, Vice President, Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development)

One faculty representative from each department of the libraries (up to 3 faculty representatives)

One faculty representative from the Library Council (similar to a College Council)

One representative from the Library Administration (similar to a College Senate)

Three faculty representatives from the University Library Advisory Committee

One faculty representative of the Libraries to the Faculty Senate

One representative from the Friends of the Libraries

One representative from Operating Staff (selected by Libraries’ Operating Staff body)

One representative from Supportive Professional Staff (selected by Libraries’ SPS body)

One graduate student representatives (nominated by the Student Association)

One undergraduate student representative (nominated by the Student Association)

**Additional Information**

- Last time when the search was conducted for the dean of the libraries, the first search failed, and therefore, a second search was conducted. The proposed structure is mostly similar to the second search conducted last time and ensures that faculty are still the majority in the search committee.

- The following minor changes were made to the last search committee structure based on the feedback from and experience with the last search:
  - The ex-officio member slot in the last search committee has been replaced with a representative of the library administration (similar to the college senate) to ensure there is a committee member who is familiar with library administration, budgets, personnel, facilities, fund-raising, shared governance, etc. This is similar to other college deans’ search committees.
  - Number of student representatives have been reduced from 4 to 2 as the library does not have its own students like colleges and the student members didn’t participate very much last time.

- According to the libraries’ interim dean and associate deans, library considers its “divisions” same as academic “departments”. There are 3 divisions (departments) but only 2 of them have faculty. But similar to last time, 3 faculty representatives are proposed to participate from the “departments”.

- Provost Freeman will be ex-officio, and Vice President Anne Kaplan, who co-chaired the search last time, will bring that experience to this search and coordinate various aspects of the search process.

- After Faculty Senate’s advice on and consent of the proposed structure, nominations will be solicited from the various groups for the search committee.
October 21, 2016

To: Greg Long, President of Faculty Senate  
Re: Environmental Health and Safety of Students, Faculty, and Staff.  
From: John Siblik, School of Art and Design, College of Visual and Performing Arts

The faculty of the School of Art and Design has asked that at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for October 26, the following resolution, related to the College of Visual and Performing Arts’ Art Annex (located at 2211 Sycamore Rd, behind the strip mall that houses the Ellwood Steak House) be considered:

Whereas, the College of Visual and Performing Arts Art Annex is a three-story building at 2211 Sycamore Rd, DeKalb.

Whereas, the Annex serves as costume and set storage for the School of Theater and Dance and currently provides academic workspace for approximately 30 graduate students and 11 faculty members from the School of Art and Design.

Whereas, in July 2015, the Annex experienced flooding of its first floor resulting in significant damage to costumes, sets, and studios.

Whereas, in November 2015 the first floor of the Annex was evacuated, due to potential health issues.

Whereas, School of Art and Design students and faculty members continued to retain workspace on the second and third floors because there are no other available spaces.

Whereas, since July 2015 the School of Art and Design has been working with NIU administration to resolve the problem yet to date, there has been no ability to identify alternative environmentally safe, adequate programmatic spaces.

Whereas, the indoor air quality problem in the Annex is worsening, creating a difficult physical environment throughout all floors of the building that can affect students, faculty, and staff.

Whereas, the current environmental conditions in the College of Visual and Performing Arts Art Annex pose a significant threat to the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, as well as poses a significant liability for the University.

Be it therefore resolved that the University administration should move to immediately provide safe, adequate programmatic space for students and faculty of the School of Art and Design.