

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

[Meeting transcript](#)

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Alarcon, Arado, Baker, Bateni (for Chung), Bishop, Briscoe, Buck (for Staikidis), Carlson, Chitwood, Collins, Cordell (for Olson), Demir, Doederlein, Freeman, Haji-Sheikh, Hathaway, Henry (for Block), Hernandez, Johnson, Kassel, Khoury, Krmeneć, LaGioia, Long, Macdonald, Martin (for Wilson), McCord, McHone-Chase, Mogren, Naples, Newman, Nicholson, Novak (for Boughton, Pavkov, Pitney (for Elish-Piper, Pluim, Reynolds, Riley, Russell, Saborío, Slotsve (for Chakraborty), Smith, Tahernezehadi (for Ghrayeb), Thu, Torres, Towell (for Rajagopalan), Wang, Wyzard

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Block, Bond, Boughton, Chakraborty, Chung, Cibrian, Dannenmaier, Elish-Piper, Farrell, Ghrayeb, Hanley, Kreis, Olson, Penrod, Rajagopalan, Scherer, Shin, Staikidis, Tan, Williams, Wilson, Zaucha

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Falkoff, Grush, Klaper, Pinkelton, Stoddard, Wesener Michael (for Stang),

OTHERS ABSENT: Coryell, Hoffman, Johns, Kaplan, Stang

I. CALL TO ORDER

D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **A. Smith**. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2017 MEETING

C. Doederlein moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Martin**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- A. NIU Annuitant Association and State Universities Annuitant Association
Joseph Grush, President, NIU Annuitants Association
Senate Bill 11 Summary – [Work in Continuous Progress](#)

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- A. Program Prioritization – Lisa Freeman, Executive Vice President and Provost
- B. Follow-up on Faculty Senate response to December 22 Baker Report – Greg Long

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

- A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – [report](#) – Pages 3-5
- 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
 - 1. Approve [Annual Budget Report](#) – Pages 6-8

S. McHone-Chase and **T. Arado** moved to approve the annual budget report, seconded by **H. Nicholson**. Motion passed.
- E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – no report
- F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborío, Chair – report
 - 1. Approve [2026-27 academic calendar](#) – Pages 9-11

L. Saborío moved to approve the proposed 2026-27 academic calendar, seconded by **M. Haji-Sheikh**. Motion passed.
- 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

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

X. 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
- Q. [Annual Report](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

XI. ADJOURNMENT

C. Wang moved to adjourn, seconded by **J. Novak**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.