MINUTES
University Council Steering Committee
Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Barnhart, Bateni, Burton, Chen, Collins, Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Millhorn, Nicholson, Siegesmund, Wilson

No voting members were absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Council (UC) Executive Secretary T. Arado called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

T. Arado verified that a quorum was present.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

R. Siegesmund moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by F. Barnhart. Motion passed by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 18, 2018 MINUTES

C. Doederlein moved to approve the minutes, seconded by F. Barnhart. Motion passed by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Arado asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

VI. ITEMS FOR UC STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

T. Arado reminded everyone to complete OMA training.

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DRAFT AGENDA

Consent Agenda – T. Arado presented the various consent agenda items. There were no questions.
UCIEL – T. Arado reported that Associate Vice Provost Jenny Parker will introduce this proposed bylaw update regarding the University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure at the September 12 UC meeting.

Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver requests – CEET Dean Don Peterson will introduce these two timeline waiver requests at the September 12 UC meeting.

FAC-IBHE NIU’s FAC-IBHE representative, Linda Saborío, will present a report on the June FAC-IBHE meeting at the September 12 UC meeting.

UAC-BOT – T. Arado will give a brief verbal report at the September 12 UC meeting, including a summary of remarks made at the recent BOT meeting by NIU’s state legislative liaison, Jenna Mitchell, and NIU’s director of federal relations, Anna Quider. Also her report will include information on NIU-RIPS’ work toward participation in the Discovery Partnership Initiative program with University of Illinois.

Academic Policy – No report for the September 12 UC meeting.

Resources, Space and Budget – No report for the September 12 UC meeting.

Rules, Governance and Elections – No report for the September 12 UC meeting.

University Affairs – No report for the September 12 UC meeting.

Student Association – No SA spokesperson was present, but it is likely SA President Khiree Cross, and/or Speaker of the Senate Tristan Martin will have a verbal report for the September 12 UC meeting.

OSC – H. Nicholson will have a verbal report for the September 12 UC meeting.

SPSC – C. Doederlein will provide an update at the September 12 UC meeting on the current transition of select NIU employees from Supportive Professional Staff to Operating Staff status.

SURSMAC representatives – T. Arado noted that NIU is recruiting two people to serve as NIU representatives to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee.

2018-19 Goals – G. Chen asked T. Arado if she has any particular goals she hopes to accomplish during her term. T. Arado hopes to work on the transfer of some of the curricular oversight from UC to Faculty Senate. Also she hopes to work with newly-appointed policy librarian, Rebecca Hunt, as that position and activity gets underway, since this project was initiated in shared governance.
H. Bateni moved to approve the UC draft agenda per above discussion, seconded by J. Wilson. Motion passed by voice vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

V. Collins moved to adjourn, seconded by R. Siegesmund. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.