I. CALL TO ORDER

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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A. President Lisa Freeman – Page 5
   B. Draft Budget Guidelines
      Sarah McGill, Chief Financial Officer

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee update – Jeffry Royce
   B. Student Fee Advisory Committee update – Therese Arado
      1. Note update in RSB liaison to SFAC from Greg Beyer to Therese Arado
      2. Update – Therese Arado

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Future RSB meeting dates: Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3.
President Lisa Freeman is tentatively scheduled to meet with the RSB on Dec 6, Jan 10, Mar 6.
MINUTES
Faculty Senate-University Council Resources, Space and Budget Committee
Friday, September 6, 2019, 10 a.m.
Altgeld Hall 125
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Beyer, Bohanon, Bolden, Creed, Duffin, Dymond (for Doederlein), Ingram, Johnson, Martin, Millhorn, Royce, Schraufnagel (for Schatteman), Shi, Slotsve, Subramony (for Riley),

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Doederlein, Riley, Schatteman

OTHERS PRESENT: Hochstatter, Kassel, McGill, Pearson

I. CALL TO ORDER

RSB Committee Chair T. Arado called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

No objections were noted, and the agenda was adopted by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 5, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

No objections were noted, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RSB designee to the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee. The CSEQ Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., Lowden Hall 304.

J. Royce volunteered to serve, and he was approved by voice vote.
B. RSB designee to the Student Fee Advisory Committee

Tentative schedule:
- Onboarding meeting – mid-September
tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m. (conflicts with UC-Steering)
- Fee presentations and discussions with departments – last week of September or early
the week of 9/30-10/4
tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1
- Discussion of group and final recommendations – week of 9/30-10/4
- Send recommendations to EVP/Provost and VP/CFO 10/4 or 10/7
- Senior leadership review and approval 10/7-10/14
- Draft FACFO item – after call for items goes out late September; add final, approved
figures once known from President/EVP/VP
- Submit FACFO item for VP/CFO review by 10/22
- Regular FACFO schedule commences
- Send communication to fee managers prior to public posting of FACFO materials on
11/11

G. Beyer volunteered to serve, and he was approved by voice vote.

C. Projects for the year

Facilities Master Plan
The following questions and comments were brought by the committee regarding the
development of the FMP:
- RSB will continue to be included in related dialog
- Investment in deferred maintenance
- Active learning spaces
- Is there a place where we can deposit stories of space experiments taking place in
NIU’s various local units? T. Arado will look into this.
- How does time allocation fit in to the Facilities Master Plan?
- Student Association would like to be part of the conversation regarding future use of
Campus Life Building. S. McGill will follow up on this.
- Faculty Club space
- Will RSB members have opportunity to provide feedback on the Campus Facility
Project Updates presented to the BOT-Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and
Operations (FACFO) Committee at its August 15 meeting? S. McGill will look into
this.

Multi-year budgeting
- Investing in students continues to be a priority, but also a focus on investment in
faculty and staff.
- Concerns about debt service were expressed by the committee. S. McGill noted that
NIU will have opportunity to refinance next year.
- Committee members expressed concerns about difficulty in receiving up-to-date
budget information, which negatively impacts faculty grant applications and
requested this be looked at in any budgeting scenarios.
Decentralizing budgets
- How do we move control back to the local level?

Campus communication
- How do we provide information that’s understandable and at the appropriate degree of aggregation?

Capital projects
- $53 million for general campus capital funding
- Research is still needed to determine potential spending restrictions
- RSB input will be sought on what investments should be addressed

What is the role of the RSB?
- Serve as a liaison between administration and the constituency we represent
- Provide advice on how best to communicate with campus
- Bring feedback from our constituencies to administration
- Help administration understand what is needed at the local levels.

President Freeman will attend the October RSB meeting. Anyone with specific questions and/or topics they’d like to be addressed, should send those to Pat Erickson. J. Royce offered to set up SharePoint for RSB, but there are concerns that any electronic communications would be in non-compliance of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. T. Arado reminded everyone that OMA prohibits any type of email or other electronic discussion. She will look into an environment where documents can be shared electronically, absent any OMA-prohibited discussion.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

G. Slotsve moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Arado. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Future RSB meeting dates: Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3.
President Lisa Freeman is tentatively scheduled to meet with the RSB on Oct 4, Dec 6, Jan 10, Mar 6.
Questions for Discussion
FS-UC Resources, Space and Budget Committee
October 4, 2019

1. Would you provide additional information regarding the proposed new health sciences building. Specifically:
   - Where will it be located?
   - If in the far west campus, why?
   - Is it possible to tear Wirtz down and put up a new facility in the heart of campus, which would have an added benefit of beautifying central campus?
   - Who will be moved to the new building?
   - What is the timeline?

2. Would you speak to providing additional resources and funding to DRC and other disability services?

   Specific areas of concern include:
   - The elevator in Adams Hall that has been broken for years.
   - The elevator in the Holmes Student Center across from the information desk has been broken since, minimally, November 2018. (affected 2018 polling place)
   - The elevator in the Health Services building, where the Disability Resource Center is located on the fourth floor, has broken down for extended periods of time in the past.
   - City of DeKalb/TransVac merger not meeting the transportation needs of students with disabilities.
     - Lack of communication from TransVac
     - No drivers available for requested times.
     - Drivers late for pickup times causing students to be late for classes, internships, appointments etc.

3. Would you please speak to ways students with disabilities on campus can be provided more authority in the DRC or alternatively to the possibility of creating a disability identity/cultural center led by students and faculty with disabilities.

   - The inability (due to conflict of interest concerns) of DRC to employ graduate assistants who identify with the individuals served by the DRC has a negative impact on those the DRC serves. This occurs through decisions affecting students with disabilities on campus being made without appropriate input from affected parties.

4. With the minimum wage increase affecting us in January for our student employees, what budget supports or plans have been discussed to increase salaries of those who are very close to that but still making more than the minimum?

5. What is being done to rectify the leaks in newly remodeled Wirtz 326? The leaks raise concerns regarding the possibility of mold and the overall integrity of the room. It is necessary to use the room to meet CACREP accreditation audio/video recording requirements.