PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

University Council
Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2019 MINUTES – Pages 3-5

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
   Jeffry Royce, Catherine Doederlein, Kendall Thu
   Alex Gelman, Sarah Marsh, Jason Hanna

C. Academic Policy Committee – Vicki Collins, Chair – report

D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – report

E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Richard Siegesmund, Chair – report

F. University Affairs Committee – Hamid Bateni, Chair – no report

G. Student Association – report
   Naomi Bolden, President
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H. Operating Staff Council – Jeffry Royce, President – report

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Catherine Doederlein, President – report
IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 15.9.1 Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence – Composition – Page 6
SECOND READING/ACTION
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Chief Diversity Officer

B. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 15.6.4.2 Committee for the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience – Duties – Page 7
SECOND READING/ACTION
Ed Klonoski, Associate Vice Provost, Undergraduate Curriculum

C. Update: Rethinking Faculty Senate and Shared Governance

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 17.2.1 University Benefits Committee Composition – Pages 8
FIRST READING

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Policy Library – Comment on Proposed Policies (right-hand column on web page)
B. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
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E. Minutes, Board of Trustees
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J. Minutes, Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
K. Minutes, Honors Committee
L. Minutes, Operating Staff Council
M. Minutes, Student Senate
N. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council
O. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
P. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
Q. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
R. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
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XII. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES
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VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Barnhart, Binderup, Block, Branch, Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Freeman, Kim, Millhorn, Mooney, Peterson, Rajagopalan, Scherer, Woodruff

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Douglass, Falkoff, Ghrayeb, Hsu, Jensen, Klaper, Klonoski, Stang (for Wesener Michael)

OTHERS ABSENT: Blazey, Ferguson, Gelman, Groza, Hanna, Kortegast, Marsh, Wesener Michael

I. CALL TO ORDER

Provost B. Ingram called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

J. Wilson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by P. Skarbinski. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 MINUTES

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by S. Farrell. Motion passed.

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   FIRST READING
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   FIRST READING
   Ed Klonoski, Associate Vice Provost, Undergraduate Curriculum
C. Approval of Proposed University Holidays for 2020

O. Chmaissem moved to approve the Proposed University Holidays for 2020, seconded by J. Wilson. Motion passed.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.
The Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) recommends the following changes to the CAEIE to streamline the work and eliminate redundancy: The removal of the college team leaders and the addition of the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL).

1. Since taking the leadership of the committee, the college team leaders are the same representatives. Faculty from each of the colleges acted as faculty and members of the Equity Team, thus creating redundancy in representation.
2. OSEEL is a major partner to the committee and a valued stakeholder, which promotes faculty and student research on diverse topics through the READ Grant. The CDO wants to add Destiny McDonald from OSEEL to the committee.

ARTICLE 15: ACADEMIC COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

15.9 Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence (CAEIE)

15.9.1. Composition Membership of the committee shall consist of the following:

- Chief Diversity Officer, ex officio, nonvoting;
- Director, Center for Black Studies, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Disability Resource Center, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Asian American Studies Certificate, ex officio, voting;
- Representative from the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, nonvoting;
- Representative from the Division of Student Affairs, nonvoting;
- Representative from the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning;
- One faculty member from each degree-granting college, voting;
- One equity team leader from each degree-granting college, voting;
- Director, Testing and Academic Affairs Research Support, ex officio, nonvoting;
- One supportive professional staff member, voting;
- One curricular associate dean, nonvoting;
- One undergraduate and/or graduate student, voting.

Faculty and staff members shall be appointed to serve three-year staggered terms beginning in the fall semester, not to exceed two consecutive terms. All other members, or their designees, shall serve continuous terms. Members shall be appointed by the Provost.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NIU BYLAWS ARTICLE 15.6.4.2:
COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE – DUTIES

Rationale:
The Committee for the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience (CIUAE) is a standing committee of the Baccalaureate Council and, as such, reports its activities and recommendations regarding improving the academic experience to the Baccalaureate Council, not the University Council.

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15.6 Standing Committees of the Baccalaureate Council

15.6.4 Committee for the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience

15.6.4.2 Duties

(A) To monitor and evaluate the campus environment from the perspective of its compatibility with, and support for, the learning process and the development of an appreciation for learning, and to recommend to the University Baccalaureate Council policies and programs to strengthen that environment.

(B) To act as an advisory board for the First- and Second-Year Experiences.

(C) To establish policies and procedures and select the recipients for the annual awards recognizing innovative teaching practices and outstanding undergraduate educators at NIU.

(D) To monitor and evaluate undergraduate mentoring programs as well as initiatives involving NIU alumni and students and recommend appropriate changes as necessary.

(E) To report its activities and recommendations related to purpose and duties to the Baccalaureate Council.
Currently, the University Benefits Committee (UBC) includes one representative from the Faculty Senate Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession.

Since the Faculty Senate recently approved the elimination of its Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession, this proposal intends to update the UBC composition to include a representative of the Faculty Senate Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

17.2 University Benefits Committee

17.2.1 Composition

17.2.1.1 The University Benefits Committee is directly responsible to the president and shall consist of:

(A) A chair, elected by and from the committee;

(B) Two faculty members appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Faculty Senate;

(C) Two operating staff members appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Operating Staff Council;

(D) Two supportive professional staff members appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Supportive Professional Staff Council;

(E) One representative of the administration, appointed by the executive vice president and provost;

(F) Senior administrator responsible for human resource services or designee;

(G) One member from the retired employees, appointed by the NIU Annuitants Association;

(H) One member from the Faculty Senate Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession, as liaison;

(I) The manager of insurance and employee benefits and others who may be directly involved in the administration of employee benefits may assist the committee as resource personnel.