
VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Briscoe, Chitwood, Chung, Dugas, Farrell, Manning, May, Penrod, Rodgers, Shibata

OTHERS PRESENT: Baker, Bryan, Doederlein, Falkoff, Hulseberg (for Nicholson), Klaper, Reynolds

OTHERS ABSENT: Hoffman, Johns, Nicholson, Shortridge, VandeCreek

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President G. Long called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M. Haji-Sheikh moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by L. Beamer. G. Long requested an amendment to the agenda in order to move VIII. A. to immediately following the consent agenda. Motion passed as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 FS MEETING

D. Chakraborty moved to approve the minutes, seconded by L. Saborío. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.
V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Presentation of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award honoring Professor Donna Munroe – Page 4

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. NEW BUSINESS [taken out of order per motion to approve agenda]

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Articles 2.3 and 2.4 – Page 43
   Clarification of election timeline and terms of service for Faculty Senate officers
   FIRST READING

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Conversation with President Doug Baker

   Dec. 22 Baker Report – Pages 5-12
   President Baker’s response to Steering Committee questions – Pages 13-20
   Michael Haji-Sheikh’s report – Pages 21-32
   President Baker’s response to additional questions – Pages 33-36
   Articles/Links regarding votes of no confidence – Page 37
   March 29 Faculty Senate discussion guide – Page 38-42

Discussion with Faculty Senate regarding potential resolutions or motions in response – Faculty Senate members are requested to submit proposed resolutions or motions to Greg Long at glong@niu.edu by noon Tuesday, March 28.

1. Proposed Resolution to collaborate with Board of Trustees to develop an inclusive evaluation process
   
   P. Stoddard moved to approve the resolution, seconded by G. Slotsve. Throughout discussion, numerous friendly amendments were offered and accepted resulting in a revised resolution. The revised resolution was approved by a vote of 51-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain.

2. Proposed resolution to demonstrate confidence in President Baker

   M. Haji-Sheikh moved to postpone action on this resolution to the following meeting, seconded by P. Stoddard. Motion passed.
3. **Proposed resolution** to request information from the Office of Executive Inspector General

The original resolution submitter, K. Millis, withdrew resolution.

B. Program Prioritization – Matt Streb, Program Prioritization Liaison/Facilitator

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

B. University Professionals of Illinois “Teach Out,” April 27 – Paul Stoddard

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

1. Letter of acceptance of nomination for President of Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council; Faculty Senate will vote at the April 26 meeting.
   a. **Linda Saborío** – Pages 44-45

2. Letters of self-nomination for Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor. Faculty Senate will vote at the April 26 meeting.
   a. **David Valentiner** – Pages 46-47
   b. **Sarah McHone-Chase** – Page 48
   c. **Christine Kiracofe** – Pages 49-50
   d. **Hamid Bateni** – Page 51
   e. **Kirk Miller** – Pages 52-53
   f. **Jorge Jeria** – Pages 54-55
   g. **Mark Van Wienen** – Pages 56-57
E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Jimmie Manning, Liaison/Spokesperson – no report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR
A. United Faculty Alliance update – Virginia Naples, President

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

J. Stephen moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.