

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL
Third Meeting/ 2020-2021 Academic Year
November 12, 2020
Remote via Microsoft Teams**

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Voting Members: A. Ferguson (BUS), S. Ehsani (BUS), N. Andzik (EDU), R. Caughron (EDU), J. Ryu (EET), L. Guo (EET), E. Myung (HHS), A. McCarthy (HHS), D. Gorman (LAS), M. Lenczewski (LAS), A. Durik (LAS), A. Bennet (LAS), D. Fernandez (LAS), R. Houze (VPA), A. Devroye, W. Finley (Libraries), M. Myles (Advisor), R. Ibrahim (HHS, Student), C. Hernandez (LAS, Student)

Present

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members O. Ghrayeb (Vice Provost), D. Young (Registration and Records), J. Montag (Registrar), K. Saalfeld (Acting Director, Enrollment Management), C. Garvey (Admissions), J. Evar Strid (UCIEL), E. Armstrong (Student Affairs), D. Halverson (Curriculum Coordinator/Catalog Editor)

Present:

Agenda Item Andrea Radasanu (Director Honors Program), Steve Estes (Academic Advising Director, CLAS), Margee Myles (Academic Advising Director, CBUS)

Presenters:

The Baccalaureate Council (BC) meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Senior Vice Provost, Academic Affairs and Chair Omar Ghrayeb.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Ghrayeb called for a motion to approve the agenda for November 12, 2020. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Gorman with a request to move items VII.A-E after III. Caughron amended his motion and the agenda was **APPROVE unanimously** for the November 12, 2020 BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL MEETING.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes for the 10.08.2020 meeting of the Baccalaureate Council were approved via electronic vote. They have been distributed to the Faculty Senate and Teams for general access.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Cecilia Hernandez is the student representative from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the academic year 2020-2021.
- B. Amanda Durik will sit for the remaining fall 2020 meeting for Steve Daskal for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Daskal has a teaching conflict but will sit for spring 2021.
- C. David Gorman was nominated by Caughron to replace Amanda Ferguson as the Assistant Chair of the Baccalaureate Council for spring 2021. Gorman's nomination was approved by acclamation. Ferguson will be on sabbatical in spring 2021.
- D. Christine Mooney will sit for spring 2021 for Amanda Ferguson for the College of Business.
- E. The electronic voting for the Baccalaureate Council will now utilize the voting button feature in Microsoft outlook.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Andrea Radasanu presented the proposal to change the requirements for Honors Transfer Credit. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on the proposal.

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Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Ferguson. The purpose of the proposal is as follows:

- To allow those pursuing Associate University Honors (AUH) to count a maximum of three points toward program completion. Currently, unlike those pursuing Full University Honors (FUH), they are not allowed to transfer any honors credits.
- To specify the number of points allowed to count for transfer students pursuing FUH. Current catalog language does not impose a maximum on Honors courses that can be transferred for FUH, nor does it stipulate that capstones and Honors seminars should be completed at NIU.
- To allow co-curricular activities to count towards NIU UHP points. Currently, it is not possible to transfer credit for co-curricular points.

The proposal was **APPROVED unanimously**.

- B. Steve Estes presented the proposal to expand and clarify the Foundational Studies Quantitative Literacy language to include IAI non-equivalents. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on the proposal. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Devroye. The language clarification at issue is (for complete language please see Section D):

This requirement can be satisfied by:

- passing MATH 101 or equivalent course (including Illinois Articulation Initiative Foundational Studies Quantitative Literacy courses that do not have a direct NIU course equivalent), or

The proposal was **APPROVED unanimously**

- C. Steve Estes presented the proposal to re-envision Academic Recovery via GPA reset. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on the proposal. Myles so moved and this was seconded by Caughron. This proposal creates a one-time option for recalculation of GPA under the new academic recovery policy. This proposal shortens the ten-year rule to two years and eliminates the 60/80 rule.

The proposal was **APPROVED unanimously**

- D. Margee Myles presented the proposal to delete the course withdraw limits from the undergraduate catalog. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on the proposal. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Ferguson.

The proposal was **APPROVED unanimously**

- E. Halverson presented the Change of Grade catalog language. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on the proposal. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Myles. This is language that operationalizes the new process approved by the Curricular Deans for moving change of grade processing paperless.

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The proposal was **APPROVED unanimously**

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Ghrayeb called for a motion to approve the consent agenda section A. Gorman so moved and this was seconded by Caughron. The consent agenda section A was **APPROVED unanimously**.
- B. Ghrayeb called for a motion to approve the consent agenda section B. Durik so moved and this was seconded by Caughron. The consent agenda section B was **APPROVED unanimously**.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

- 1. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on section A.1. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Durik. Section A.1 was **APPROVED unanimously**.

B. College of Health and Human Services

- 1. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on section B.1. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Devroye. Upon an amended motion section B.1. Item CHHS20.21.06.03 was **Tabled** for clarity from CHHS on the GPA requirements for admission. The vote on this item will be sent electronically. Item CHHS20.21.06.02 was tabled with approval upon electronic vote.

The electronic vote was sent 11.18.2020 via email with the rationale expanded by CHHS. Quorum was reached on 11.19.2020 and section B.1 was **APPROVED**.

C. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- 1. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on section C.1. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Ferguson. Section C.1 was **APPROVED unanimously**.

D. College of Visual and Performing Arts

- 1. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on section D.1. Durik so moved and this was seconded by Caughron. Devroye presented the Music B.A. revision. Section D.1 was **APPROVED unanimously**.

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Ghrayeb presented Northern Illinois University's response to the Higher Learning Commission Quality Initiative Proposal. This was made available to the Council members for review and feedback to the Provost's office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Ghrayeb call for a motion to adjourn. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Myles. The third meeting of the Baccalaureate Council for the academic year 2020-21 was adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Halverson
Curriculum Coordinator/ Catalog Editor