

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 3 p.m.**  
**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

[Full transcript](#)

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Allori, Arado, Azad, Baker, Brubaker, Bujarski, Cefaratti, Chakraborty, Chen, Chmaissem, Chung, Conderman, Feurer, Fredericks, Glatz (for Martin), Grund, Hathaway, Henning, Hoffman (for Macdonald), Hou, Hunt, Irwin, Jaffee, Johnson (for McHone-Chase), Khoury, Koren, Lenczewski, Lichtman (for Than), Long, Mackie, McGinn (for Demir), Millis, Moraga, Moremen, Naples, Novak, Patro, Pitney, Riley, Ryan, Ryu, Sagarin, Shin, Siegesmund, Slotsve, Stephen, Stoddard, Un

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Abdel-Motaleb, Arriola, Bateni, Briscoe, Campbell, Demir, Deng, Giese, Hedin, Konen, Lee, Macdonald, Manning, Markowitz, Martin, McHone-Chase, Mogren, Mohabbat, Montana, Plonczynski, Rush, Schwartz-Bechet, Sirotkin, Than, Tonks, Xie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Armstrong, Bryan, Doederlein, Haliczzer, Monteiro, Stafstrom, Streb

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Gebo, Falkoff, Shortridge, Waas

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**W. Pitney** proposed moving items IX.F. (Elections and Legislative Oversight report) and Item X. (Unfinished Business) up in the agenda to just before Item V. Executive Session.

Agenda was approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE MARCH 25, 2015 FS MEETING**

Richard Siegesmund motioned and Paul Stoddard seconded. Motion was approved.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**G. Slotsve** presented W. Pitney with a token of appreciation form the Faculty Senate.

A. [NIU Financial Landscape](#)  
Alan Phillips, Vice President for Administration and Finance

**A. Phillips** provided an overview of the finances at NIU including the overall budget picture and the proposed state allocations and questions from the floor were addressed.

**W. Pitney** provided a statement of program prioritization and shared governance at NIU. He also clarified how a previous motion from faculty senate was handled.

B. [Program Prioritization Update](#)

Lisa Freeman, Executive Vice President and Provost

Carolinda Douglass, Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Development

Jeff Reynolds from the Office of Academic Analysis and Reporting

**C. Douglass** provided an overview of the academic and administrative program prioritization at NIU. C. Douglass and L. Freeman addressed questions from the floor from T. Ryan, J. Stephen, K. Lichtman, B. Jaffee, G. Slotsve, V. McGinn, R. Feurer, and R. Moremen. W. Pitney and A. Phillips also participated in answering questions.

C. [Recognition](#) of faculty members who have completed their terms – Page 5

**W. Pitney** acknowledged members who have served on Faculty Senate this past year.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

A. CFAC Learning Space Ad Hoc Team – report

Therese Arado, Michael Konen, Sarah McHone-Chase, FS liaisons

**T. Arado** provided an update on the Learning Space Ad Hoc Team.

B. [Request from COIA](#): Faculty Senate consideration of support for U.S. House Bill H.R. 275 – a bill to create a presidential commission to look into issues facing intercollegiate athletics – Pages 6-17

**W. Pitney** presented a request from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) to support House Bill 275. **P. Stoddard** moved to support this bill. G. Slotsve seconded. Motioned passed.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve [list of candidates](#) running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – Pages 18-20

A motion to approve the consent agenda was received from the floor and seconded. Motion Passed.

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

- A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – [report](#) – Page 21

**S. Armstrong** identified that the report was brief and offered to answer questions about the written report.

- B. University Benefits Committee – Brian Mackie – no report

- C. Computing Facilities Advisory Committee – George Slotsve, Brian Mackie – report

**B. Mackie** provided a verbal report highlighting that CFAC decided to create a subcommittee to update the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). The AUP has been approved by CFAC and it will come forward in the fall for approval.

- D. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee –  
Dan Gebo and William Pitney – no report

- E. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee –  
Jay Monteiro and Rebecca Shortridge – no report

- F. BOT Legislative Affairs, Research and Innovation Committee –  
Deborah Haliczzer and Dan Gebo – no report

- G. BOT Compliance, Audit, Risk Management and Legal Affairs Committee –  
Deborah Haliczzer and Greg Waas –no report

- H. BOT Enrollment Ad Hoc Committee – William Pitney – [report](#) – Page 22

**W. Pitney** provided a brief report, primarily noting that the committee voted to endorse NIU’s program prioritization.

- I. BOT Governance Ad Hoc Committee – Deborah Haliczzer and William Pitney – no report

- J. BOT – William Pitney and Greg Waas – no report

## **IX. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Richard Siegesmund, Chair – no report

- B. Academic Affairs – Sarah McHone-Chase, Chair – no report

- C. Economic Status of the Profession – George Slotsve, Chair – no report

- D. Rules and Governance – Gary Baker, Chair – no report

- E. Resources, Space and Budget – Stephen Tonks, Liaison/Spokesperson – [report](#) – Pages 23-25

**W. Pitney** provided an overview of the RSB report which included the RSB statement of budget priorities. G. Slotsve moved to approve the statement of budget priorities; R. Seigesmund seconded. The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes – 26

No – 2

Abstain – 0

## **IX. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

- F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Tonks, Chair; Therese Arado, Alternate [Brought forward in the order of business.]

1. Nomination of the 2015-16 Executive Secretary of University Council, who shall also serve as President of Faculty Senate per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.1

[Greg Long](#) – Pages 26-27

[Virginia Naples](#) – Page 28

**T. Arado** led the distribution of the paper ballots and the ballots were collected and tallied by members of the Elections and Legislative Oversight committee.

Greg Long received the highest number of votes and was nominated to serve as the 2015-2016 executive secretary of University Council and president of Faculty Senate.

2. Election of University Council Personnel Committee representatives for terms to begin 2015-16 – Ballots will be distributed at Faculty Senate meeting; voting will be by college (COB, COE, CHHS, and CLAS) have vacancies to fill this year); votes will be counted following the meeting and newly-elected UCPC members will be notified – walk-in

**T. Arado** distributed the ballots for the University Council Personnel Committee.

3. Committees of the University 2015-16 – Election of candidates who are running opposed and must be selected by Faculty Senate – Ballot packets will be distributed at Faculty Senate meeting; votes will be counted following the meeting and those elected will be notified – walk-in

**T. Arado** explained the process for voting members to select candidates from the various committees of the university.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** [brought forward in order of business]

- A. Proposed revisions to Faculty Senate Bylaws [Article 3](#) – Pages 29-32  
Rules & Governance Committee and  
Elections & Legislative Oversight Committee  
**SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM**

**W. Pitney** asked for a motion to postpone this vote because there would not be enough voting members present to represent a two-thirds majority. G. Slotsve moved and J. Novak seconded. Motion to postpone passed.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council  
B. [Minutes](#), Admissions Policies and Academic Standards Committee  
C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board  
D. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee  
E. [Minutes](#), Committee on Advanced Professional Certification in Education  
F. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Improvement of Undergraduate Education  
G. [Minutes](#), Committee on Initial Teacher Certification  
H. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Undergraduate Academic Experience  
I. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum  
J. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee  
K. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee  
L. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council  
M. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council  
N. [Minutes](#), Undergraduate Coordinating Council  
O. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel  
P. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee  
Q. [Meeting Schedule](#) – 2015-16 – Page 33

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.