

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

[Full transcript](#)

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Arado, Baker, Beamer, Bishop, Brubaker, Carlson, Cefaratti, Chakraborty, Demir, Downing, Dugas, Farrell, Fredericks (for Rosenbaum), Gilson, Grund, Hathaway, Hou, Irwin, Jaekel, Jaffee, Kidder, Kim, Konen, Long, Macdonald, Manning, Martin, May, McHone-Chase, Millis, Mirman, Montana, Moraga, Naples, Nejd, Novak, Patro, Pavkov, Pitney, Riley, Ryu, Sagarin, Schatteman, Shin, Siegesmund, Slotsve, Staikidis, Stoddard, Streb, Subramony (for Mooney), Than, VanderSchee, Xie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Allori, Bateni, Bujarski, Campbell, Chen, Conderman, Deng, Glatz, Goldenberg, Hunt, Khoury, Lee, Mooney, Penrod, Rodgers, Rosenbaum, Saborio, Scherer, Stephen, Thu,

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Doederlein, Falkoff, Haji-Sheikh, Holt, Jacob, Klaper

OTHERS ABSENT: Builta, Gebo, Hoffman, 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

S. Farrell moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **R. Siegesmund**. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE MARCH 30, 2016 FS MEETING

T. Arado moved to accept the minutes, seconded by **J. Hathaway**. Motion passed.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

G. Slotsve moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by **S. McHone-Chase**. Motion passed.

A. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the President of Faculty Senate/
Executive Secretary of University Council – Cathy Doederlein

B. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor –
Katy Jaekel

G. Slotsve moved to close the Executive Session, seconded by **S. Farrell**. Motion passed.

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

V. Naples moved that the Faculty Senate recommend that the initial release of the Program Prioritization reports on May 3 be made to the NIU community only, and not to the public. The motion was seconded by **J. Novak**.

Throughout debate, alternate language was suggested, but none of these potential amendments to the original motion received a second.

The motion failed.

Yes – 14

No – 35

Abstain – 0

J. Manning moved the following language: The Faculty Senate raises its concern regarding the release of the categorized program prioritization report. Although we appreciate that the release of the report will be semi-public, at least initially, we also recognize that the release of the reports, especially during the feedback period, will create an environment that is especially vulnerable to misunderstanding, misexplanation, or other miscommunication. We ask that the university leaders and stakeholders be mindful of these potentials and be ready to respond and educate as needed, especially when or where such discourse threatens to undermine the program prioritization process itself. The motion was seconded by **B. Jaffee**.

D. Chakraborty proposed a friendly amendment to change the word, “misexplanation,” to “misinterpretation.” The friendly amendment was accepted.

The motion passed.

Yes – 27

No – 20

Abstain – 0

A. [Recognition](#) of faculty members who have completed their terms – Page 4

VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve [list of candidates](#) running unopposed to serve on committees of the university –Pages 5-8

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **T. Arado**. The motion passed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

P. Stoddard moved that the Faculty Senate of Northern Illinois University, as representatives of the faculty of that institution, express our concerns to the governor and the Illinois State Senate, that this appointment does not reflect the will of the faculty, that this individual would not properly represent the intent of the faculty, the wishes of the faculty of the public institutions in the State of Illinois; and that we would recommend that the senate reject this nomination. The motion was seconded by **J. Hathaway**.

B. Jaffee proposed a friendly amendment that the title of the position in question, “faculty representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education,” and the governor’s appointee’s name, “John Bambanek,” be added to the originally moved language. The friendly amendment was accepted.

The motion passed.

Yes – 36

No – 5

Abstain – 1

- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
Greg Long, Dan Gebo, Rebecca Shortridge,
Leanne VandeCreek, Steve Builta, Holly Nicholson

XI. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Paul Stoddard, Chair – no report
- B. Academic Affairs Committee – Jimmie Manning, Chair – no report
- C. Economic Status of the Profession Committee – no report
- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair

1. Nomination of the 2016-17 Executive Secretary of University Council, who shall also serve as President of Faculty Senate per NIU Bylaws [Article 14.5](#) – Page 9

[Greg Long](#) – Page 10

T. Arado noted that Greg Long was the nominee for Executive Secretary of University Council/President of Faculty Senate. Voting took place by secret ballot (clickers).

Yes – 37

No – 2

Abstain – 0

Greg Long was elected as the final nominee for the office of Executive Secretary of University Council/President of Faculty Senate for a one-year term.

2. Election of University Council Personnel Committee representatives for terms to begin 2016-17. Ballots will be distributed at Faculty Senate meeting. Voting will be by college; CEDU, CEET, CLAS, and CVPA have vacancies to fill this year. Votes will be counted following the meeting and newly-elected UCPC members will be notified – walk-in
 3. Committees of the University 2016-17 – 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 running will be notified of the outcome – walk-in
- E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Laura Beamer, Liaison/Spokesperson – no report

XII. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

M. Irwin moved that Faculty Senate approve a resolution of support for the Green Paws initiative to petition the administration of Northern Illinois University to divest from fossil fuels. The motion was seconded by **M. Riley**.

A friendly amendment was proposed to add “investments in” to the language between “from” and “fossil.” The friendly amendment was accepted.

Motion passed.

Yes – 29
No – 8
Abstain - 0

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council
- B. [Minutes](#), Admissions Policies and Academic Standards Committee
- C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board
- D. [Minutes](#), Board of Trustees
- E. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- F. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Improvement of Undergraduate Education
- G. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- H. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum
- I. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- J. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- K. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
- L. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- M. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- N. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- O. [Minutes](#), Undergraduate Coordinating Council
- P. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- Q. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- R. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- S. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- T. [2016-17 Meeting Schedule](#) – Page 11

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.