

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2015 FS MEETING

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Student Athlete Academic Success – Matt Streb, Faculty Athletics Representative

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Program Prioritization Update – Lisa Freeman, Provost

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee [roster](#)
per NIU Bylaws Article 2.2.1 – Page 3

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed revisions to Faculty Senate Bylaws [Article 2](#),
Officers of the Faculty Senate –Pages 4-5
FIRST READING

- B. Review of NIU Constitution and Bylaws –
refer to Rules, Governance and Elections Committee

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – no report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees
Greg Long, Dan Gebo, Rebecca Shortridge, Leanne VandeCreek,
Deborah Haliczzer, Holly Nicholson – no report

X. 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 – no report
- E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Laura Beamer, Liaison/Spokesperson – no report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Continued discussion and problem solving regarding faculty concerns

XII. 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. [Annual Report](#), Office of the Ombudsperson

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Faculty Senate-University Council Rules, Governance and Elections Committee (Bylaws, Article 2.2)

<u>FS-STEERING: 11-11-15</u> <u>UC-STEERING: 11-11-15</u> <u>FACULTY SENATE: 11-18-15</u> <u>UNIVERSITY COUNCIL: 12-02-15</u>

2.2.1 The FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee shall consist of the following members:

(A) Eight faculty members, four of whom shall be members of the University Council, and shall be appointed by the executive secretary of the University Council (with the advice and consent of the University Council). The remaining four shall be members of the Faculty Senate and shall be appointed by the president of the Faculty Senate (with the advice and consent of the Faculty Senate). No two faculty members shall be from the same department. Faculty members shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(B) One student appointed by the Student Association. The student shall be a member of the University Council. The student member shall serve a one-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(C) One Supportive Professional Staff member and one Operating Staff member who shall be members of the University Council. They shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(D) One nonvoting member selected by and from the deans of the degree-granting colleges, who shall serve a one-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment.

The committee chair shall be appointed by the executive secretary with the advice and consent of the University Council.

MEMBERSHIP	2015-2016
UC-LIB	Jana Brubaker
UC-BUS	Chih-Chen Lee
UC-EDU	Cynthia Campbell
UC-EET	Gary Chen
FS-HHS	Xiaolin Xie
FS-LAS	Keith Millis
FS-LAW	Therese Arado, Chair
FS-VPA	Richard Siegesmund
Supportive Professional Staff	Steve Bulta
Operating Staff	Patricia Liberty-Baczek
Student	Oluwatimilehin (Timi) Adeboje
Dean (nonvoting)	Denise Schoenbachler

1. Article 2.1 – The current language is inaccurate. In accordance with NIU Constitution Article 3.2, and consistent with Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 2.1.1, the executive secretary of University Council (who also serves as the president of Faculty Senate) is selected from among the elected faculty members of the University Council.

2. Article 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 – In the distant past (spring 1998 and prior) the process used by the Faculty Senate to select its final nominee for the office of President of Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council has involved a variety of formats including a one-, two-, or three-meeting procedure. In the more recent past (spring 1999 to present), the process used by Faculty Senate has consistently followed a three-meeting procedure:

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| Meeting 1 | Call for nominations from the floor; |
| Meeting 2 | Letter of acceptance from each nominee included in FS agenda packets; |
| Meeting 3 | Vote to select final nominee to be put forward to University Council for final approval. |

The current bylaw language does not reflect this current three-meeting procedure. In addition, the current language refers to “...the March meeting...” which can be confusing during years when two Faculty Senate meetings might be held during the month of March. The revised language is proposed in order to accurately reflect the currently accepted procedure used by Faculty Senate to select its final nominee and to eliminate the confusing reference to the month of March.

3. Article 2.1.4 – Research of meeting minutes dating back to 1995 fails to provide any evidence that the procedure described in Article 2.1.4 has been implemented in this election process. Indeed, the current language is in conflict with NIU Constitution Article 3.2 which states, “The executive secretary of University Council [who also serves as the president of Faculty Senate] shall be elected by the voting members of the University Council from the elected faculty members of the University Council...” In current practice, and in accordance with NIU Constitution Article 3.2, all voting members of University Council vote to accept or reject the Faculty Senate’s final nominee.

4. Article 2.2 – We have no awareness of a job description or duties for the Faculty Senate Secretary. In order to make the most efficient use of our human resources, it is proposed that this position be eliminated.

5. Article 2.3 – Current practice is for the election of other Faculty Senate officers (such as vice president) to take place at the first Faculty Senate meeting of the fall semester. The current language does not reflect current practice. Also, the current language is confusing as to whether the incumbent president is to call a meeting of the newly-elected Faculty Senate or the incumbent Faculty Senate body. And, finally, the time line imposed in this article can be unmanageable since the incoming Faculty Senate president would not be officially elected until the last University Council meeting of the year, often held less than two weeks prior to the May 15 faculty contract date. The revised language is proposed in order to accurately reflect the more manageable procedure currently used by Faculty Senate to elect its other officers.

FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS

ARTICLE 2: OFFICERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

2.1 The Executive Secretary of the University Council shall also serve as President of the Faculty Senate. The Executive Secretary is nominated by the Faculty Senate from the elected **faculty** members of the University Council and is elected by the University Council.

2.1.1 The initial selection of candidates for the office of Executive Secretary of the University Council shall take place at the ~~March~~ **second spring semester** meeting of the Faculty Senate. Any faculty senator may suggest or second the suggestion of a candidate. To be qualified to serve, the candidate must be an elected faculty member of the University Council for the current year and for the ensuing year.

2.1.2 Suggested candidates for the office of Executive Secretary shall submit a letter of intent to be included with the agenda for the ~~last~~ **third and fourth (last) spring semester** regularly scheduled meetings of the ~~normal academic year of the~~ Faculty Senate.

2.1.3 An election of the final candidate for nomination shall be conducted by secret ballot at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the normal academic year of the Faculty Senate. All faculty senators present may cast a ballot for the candidate. If there are more than two suggested candidates, the final nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority, subsequent ballots will be taken removing the candidate receiving the fewest votes until a candidate is selected.

2.1.4 ~~Faculty Senators who are elected~~ **The voting** members of the University Council will vote by secret ballot to accept or reject the nominee **at the last University Council meeting of the spring semester.**

2.2 The Faculty Senate shall elect from its voting members a vice president ~~and secretary~~. The President of the Faculty Senate shall appoint a parliamentarian with the advice and consent of the Senate. The parliamentarian shall be a member of the faculty but need not be a voting member of the Faculty Senate.

2.3 The election of officers **a vice president** shall take place at ~~a meeting called by the incumbent president as soon as possible after the composition of the Senate for the ensuing year has been determined and no later than the last Senate meeting of the academic year~~ **the first Faculty Senate meeting of the academic year.**

2.4 The term of office for all officers shall begin August 16 and shall be for one year. An officer may serve successive terms.