

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

[Full Transcript](#)

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Azad, Baker, Bateni, Beamer, Bishop, Boughton, Carlson, Cefaratti, Chitwood, Chomentowski, Chung, Clark (for Streb), Conderman, Creed (for Dugas), Demir, Farrell, Ferguson, Garcia, Glatz, Grund, Haji-Sheikh, Hathaway, Hou, Hunt, Irwin, Jaekel, Khoury, Liu, Long, Macdonald, Manning, McHone-Chase, Millis, Naples, Nejd, Newman, Novak, Patro, Pavkov, Riley, Rosenbaum, Ryu, Saborío, Shibata, Shin, Slotsve, Staikidis, Stephen, Stoddard, Than, Thu, VanderSchee, Xie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Allori, Briscoe, Bujarski, Chakraborty, Collins, Dugas, Hanley, Konen, Krmenec, May, Mogren, Montana, Moraga, Penrod, Rodgers, Scherer, Streb, Tan

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Coryell, Doederlein, Edghill-Walden, Falkoff, Hoffman, Holmes, Klaper, Monteiro (for Nicholson), Reynolds, Zimmerman

OTHERS ABSENT: Johns, Nicholson, Shortridge, VandeCreek

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

J. Manning moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **H. Bateni**. Walk-in items include: two handouts regarding the December 22 Baker Report to be addressed during IX.A.; and a DACA informational sheet regarding faculty support for undocumented students to be presented during XI.B.; Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2016 FS MEETING

M. Haji-Sheikh moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **J. Manning**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

V. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

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

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – 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
 - 1. Selection of a committee for the evaluation of the President of Faculty Senate and Executive Secretary of University Council – See Faculty Senate Bylaws, [Article 7](#) – Page 3

The following people were selected by lot:

Faculty Senate, non-UC

Laura Beamer, School of Nursing

George Slotsve, Department of Economics

Alternate-Jimmie Manning, Department of Communication.

University Council

Sean Farrell, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Eric Mogren, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Alternate-Amy Newman, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Student member

Kevin Cuautle, Student Association

Alternate-Christine Wang, Student Association

Supportive Professional Staff Council

Jeff Reynolds

Operating Staff Council

Holly Nicholson

2. Selection of a committee for the evaluation of the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor – See Faculty Senate Bylaws, [Article 7](#) – Page 4

The following people were selected by lot:

Faculty Senate

Doug Boughton, College of Visual and Performing Arts

Sukesh Patro, Department of Finance

Vicki Collins, College of Education

Alternate-King Chung, College of Health and Human Sciences

Supportive Professional Staff Council

Cathy Doederlein

- E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Jimmie Manning, Liaison/Spokesperson – no report

VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

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

- A. [Preferred Name Option for Students](#) – Page 5
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Chief Diversity Officer
Molly Holmes, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
[Supporting Transgender Students in the Classroom](#)
[For Faculty and Instructors: Navigating Gender Identity in the Classroom](#)

Following the presentation, **J. Stephen** moved to refer this topic to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee for additional discussion and to research how the information can be disseminated and how to compile some of the questions that are being raised. Seconded by **S. McHone-Chase**. Motion passed.

- B. [NIU Print Project](#)
Brett Coryell, Chief Information Officer
- C. The Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award – [call for nominations](#) – Page 6
Written letters of nomination should be submitted to Faculty Senate President Greg Long no later than noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- A. Program Prioritization – Chris McCord, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Senate feedback on password protection of action reports

K. Thu moved to remove the password protection, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Discussion of [Dec. 22 Baker Report](#) – Pages 7-14
President Baker's [response](#) to Steering Committee questions
Michael Haji-Sheikh's [report](#)

Following discussion, **G. Slotsve** moved to postpone further discussion until the next Faculty Senate meeting on February 22, seconded by **M. Haji-Sheikh**. In the meantime, faculty senators will review the information, share it with, and solicit feedback from, their constituencies, send questions for President Baker to Greg Long, and be ready to discuss the topic further at the February 22 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed.

X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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

- 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

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. United Faculty Alliance update – Virginia Naples, President
- B. [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#) – Beatrix Hoffman

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

G. Slotsve moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.