

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Allori, Arado, Azad, Baker, Bateni, Beamer, Bishop, Boughton, Buck, Bujarski, Carlson, Cefaratti, Chakraborty, Chomentowski, Clark (for Streb), Collins, Conderman, Demir, Ferguson, Garcia, Glatz, Gorman (for May), Grund, Haji-Sheikh, Hanley, Hashemian, Hathaway, Hou, Hunt, Irwin, Jaekel, Khoury, Konen, Krmeneć, Liu, Long, Macdonald, Markowitz (for Rodgers), McHone-Chase, Millis, Mogren, Montana, Moraga, Naples, Nejdí, Newman, Novak, Olson (for Chung), Patro, Pavkov, Pluim, Riley, Roberts (for Dugas), Rosenbaum, Ryu, Saborío, Scherer, Shin, Slotsve, Staikidis, Stephen, Stoddard, Tan, Than, Thu, Xie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Briscoe, Chitwood, Chung, Dugas, Farrell, Manning, May, Penrod, Rodgers, Shibata

OTHERS PRESENT: Baker, Bryan, Doederlein, Falkoff, Hulseberg (for Nicholson), Klaper, Reynolds

OTHERS ABSENT: Hoffman, Johns, 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

M. Haji-Sheikh moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **L. Beamer**. **G. Long** requested an amendment to the agenda in order to move VIII. A. to immediately following the consent agenda. Motion passed as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 FS MEETING

D. Chakraborty moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **L. Saborío**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Presentation of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award honoring Professor [Donna Munroe](#) – Page 4

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. NEW BUSINESS [taken out of order per motion to approve agenda]

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

- A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, [Articles 2.3 and 2.4](#) – Page 43
Clarification of election timeline and terms of service for Faculty Senate officers
FIRST READING

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- A. Conversation with President Doug Baker

[Dec. 22 Baker Report](#) – Pages 5-12

President Baker's [response](#) to Steering Committee questions – Pages 13-20

Michael Haji-Sheikh's [report](#) – Pages 21-32

President Baker's [response](#) to additional questions – Pages 33-36

[Articles/Links](#) regarding votes of no confidence – Page 37

March 29 Faculty Senate [discussion guide](#) – Page 38-42

Discussion with Faculty Senate regarding potential resolutions or motions in response – **Faculty Senate members are requested to submit proposed resolutions or motions to Greg Long at glong@niu.edu by noon Tuesday, March 28.**

1. [Proposed Resolution](#) to collaborate with Board of Trustees to develop an inclusive evaluation process

P. Stoddard moved to approve the resolution, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Throughout discussion, numerous friendly amendments were offered and accepted resulting in a [revised resolution](#). The revised resolution was approved by a vote of 51-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain.

2. [Proposed resolution](#) to demonstrate confidence in President Baker

M. Haji-Sheikh moved to postpone action on this resolution to the following meeting, seconded by **P. Stoddard**. Motion passed.

3. [Proposed resolution](#) to request information from the Office of Executive Inspector General

The original resolution submitter, **K. Millis**, withdrew resolution.

- B. Program Prioritization – Matt Streb, Program Prioritization Liaison/Facilitator

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- B. University Professionals of Illinois “Teach Out,” April 27 – Paul Stoddard

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- 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

X. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – no 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 – report
 1. Letter of acceptance of nomination for President of Faculty Senate/
Executive Secretary of University Council;
Faculty Senate will vote at the April 26 meeting.
 - a. [Linda Saborío](#) – Pages 44-45
 2. Letters of self-nomination for Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor.
Faculty Senate will vote at the April 26 meeting.
 - a. [David Valentiner](#) – Pages 46-47
 - b. [Sarah McHone-Chase](#) – Page 48
 - c. [Christine Kiracofe](#) – Pages 49-50
 - d. [Hamid Bateni](#) – Page 51
 - e. [Kirk Miller](#) – Pages 52-53
 - f. [Jorge Jeria](#) – Pages 54-55
 - g. [Mark Van Wienen](#) – Pages 56-57

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

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. United Faculty Alliance update – Virginia Naples, President

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

J. Stephen moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.