

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 3 p.m.**  
**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

[Full transcript](#)

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Bateni, Beamer, Bishop, Boughton, Burton (for Mooney), Carlson, Cefaratti, Chakraborty, Chen, Chitwood, Chomentowski, Chung, Conderman, Demir, Garcia, Grund, Haji-Sheikh, Hathaway, Hunt, Irwin, Jaekel, Khoury, Konen, Lampi, Liu, Long, Macdonald, Martin (for Glatz), McHone-Chase, Montana, Moraga, Naples, Nejd, Newman, Pavkov, Riley, Roberts (for Dugas), Rosenbaum, Ryu, Siegesmund, Slotsve, Stoddard, Streb, Than, VanderSchee, Xie

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Allori, Azad, Baker, Briscoe, Bujarski, Campbell, Collins, Farrell, Glatz, Hanley, Manning, May, Millis, Mogren, Mooney, Novak, Patro, Penrod, Rodgers, Saborio, Schatteman, Shibata, Staikidis, Stephen, Tan, Thu

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Dean, Doederlein, Falkoff, Heckmann, Kassel, Mini, Monteiro (for Nicholson), Teller

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Hoffman, Johns, Nicholson, Reynolds, Shortridge, Thu, VandeCreek

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Faculty Senate President **G. Long** called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**L. Beamer** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **R. Hunt**. Motion passed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2016 FS MEETING**

**R. Siegesmund** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- A. Response to [resolution](#) regarding College of Visual and Performing Arts' Art Annex – Page 3
- B. Program Prioritization update  
Matt Streb, Program Prioritization Liaison/Facilitator

## **V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

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

### **A. [Religious holiday observance](#)**

Proposal to refer to Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Pages 4-6

**G. Slotsve** moved to refer this topic to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee asking the committee members to work with the Presidential Commission on Interfaith Initiatives to develop a syllabus statement regarding religious holiday observance and also to identify specific religious holidays of which faculty can be aware. Seconded by **T. Pavkov**. Motion passed.

### **B. [Brand Research and Refresh](#)**

#### **[NIU Brand Research](#)**

Harlan Teller, Interim Vice President, Marketing and Communications  
Abby Dean, Senior Director of University Marketing and Creative Services

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **A. [Resolution](#) regarding accommodations for students with disabilities – Pages 7-10**

**S. McHone-Chase** moved to approve the resolution, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

## **IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – no 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**

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

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – no report
- B. Academic Affairs Committee – John Novak, Chair – report
- C. Economic Status of the Profession Committee – Paul Stoddard, Chair - no report
- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Rebecca Hunt, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

## **XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

- A. United Faculty Alliance update – Virginia Naples, UFA 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**

**H. Bateni** moved to adjourn, seconded by **M. Riley**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.