

## **AGENDA**

### **FACULTY SENATE Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 3 p.m. Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **III. APPROVAL OF THE [SEPTEMBER 5, 2018](#) MINUTES**

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

- A. United Faculty Alliance update – Wendell Johnson

#### **V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Department of Communication Professor Betty La France to serve one year (2018-19) on the Campus Parking Committee, replacing Professor Eric Zeemering who resigned from NIU leaving one year remaining on his term.
- B. Approve Department of Accountancy Professor Linda Matuszewski to serve one year (2018-19) on the Student Conduct Board, replacing Professor Akshay Bhagwatwar who resigned from NIU leaving one year remaining on his term.
- C. Approve College of Law Professor Matt Timko to serve one year (2018-19) on the University Press Board, replacing Professor Amy Widman who is unable to complete her term.
- D. Approve Department of Engineering Technology Professor William Mills to serve a three-year term (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) on the Student Conduct Board.
- E. Approve School of Nursing Professor Laura Beamer to serve a three-year term (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) on the University Benefits Committee.

#### **VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

- A. FAC to IBHE – Linda Saborío – report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report  
Holly Nicholson, Cathy Doederlein, Therese Arado,  
Alex Gelman, Sarah Marsh, Kendall Thu

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – no report
  - B. Academic Affairs Committee – Sarah Johnston-Rodriguez, Chair – no report
  - C. Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession – Alicia Schatteman, Chair – no report
  - D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Clanitra Stewart Nejd, Liaison/Spokesperson – report
    - 1. Motion to approve Laura Beamer to serve as NIU’s alternate representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, completing Rebecca Hunt’s term (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20).
    - 2. Selection of one Faculty Senate member to serve as a nonvoting member of the Baccalaureate Council.
- The BC meets monthly on Thursdays, 12:30-3 p.m. in Altgeld Hall 125.  
Meeting dates are: Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6 (HSC 306), Dec 13 (only if needed),  
Feb 14, Mar 21, Apr 11, May 2. This is a one-year term (2018-19) only.
- E. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Kirk Duffin, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Review of university-wide promotion policies

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **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

Q. 2018-19 Faculty Senate remaining meeting dates:  
Oct 3, Oct 31, Nov 28, Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 27, Apr 24

- R. NIU liaison to [State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee](#)  
SURSMAC [sample meeting agenda](#)  
SURSMAC [Constitution and Bylaws](#)

NIU HRS is recruiting one academic and one non-academic employee to serve as liaisons to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee. To learn more, contact [Celeste Latham](#) or [Liz Guess](#).

- S. At large Committee Vacancies  
Several university committees currently have at large faculty vacancies, which can be filled by faculty from any college (as opposed to specific college representation). If you have interest in serving, or know someone who does, please contact [Pat Erickson](#).

[Campus Parking Committee](#) – one vacancy, one-year term. Meets monthly on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

[Parking Appeals Committee](#) – one vacancy, three-year term. Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

- T. [Nominations](#) for Honorary Degrees – Page 4

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**



Northern Illinois  
University

*The Graduate School*

DATE: September 5, 2018

TO: University Faculty; Senior Cabinet; Council of Deans; Selected Directors;  
Presidents of Faculty Senate, Supportive Professional Staff Council, Operating  
Staff Council, and Student Association

FROM: Bradley Bond, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies *BSAR*

RE: Nominations for Honorary Degrees

By this correspondence, I am issuing the annual call for nominations for honorary doctoral degrees to be awarded from Northern Illinois University. Please share this with interested parties.

Awarding an honorary degree is an opportunity for the university to recognize someone especially outstanding in a field of interest to the university. It is necessary, though not sufficient, for a nominee to be accomplished and renowned in their field; an honorary-degree recipient should be clearly exceptional among other outstanding persons in that field. While a connection to Northern Illinois University or to the state of Illinois is not a requirement for nomination, any such relationship should be noted and will be considered during the selection process.

A nomination must be accompanied by:

- A supporting narrative that clearly indicates the nominee's distinction, as mentioned above, in business, education, the liberal arts and sciences, technology, the fine arts, other professional fields or public service.
- One or more standard biographical statements from appropriate reference sources (these are not substitutes for the narrative indicated above).
- Current contact information for the nominee.

Any person affiliated with Northern Illinois University may submit a nomination indicating the nominator's identity and connection with the university. The Honorary Degree Committee encourages nominations by groups as well as by individuals. Nominators should alert all university departments and divisions related to the area of the nominee's accomplishments and invite those units to provide the committee with input regarding the merits of the nomination.

As the university does not intend to award more than two honorary degrees in a year, the selection process is stringent. Furthermore, as the committee recommendations subsequently pass through several other approval steps, the process is lengthy. **This year's nominations, with the required supporting information, should reach me by Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018.**

Names of past recipients of the NIU Honorary Degrees are available on the Division of Academic Affairs website: [niu.edu/academicaffairs/awards/degrees-recipient.shtml](http://niu.edu/academicaffairs/awards/degrees-recipient.shtml).

cc: Graduate Council  
Honorary Degree Committee