

# MINUTES

## FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 3 p.m.  
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Bateni, Bennardo, Beyer, Buck, Burton, G. Chen, J. Chen, Chmaissem, Clark, Collins, Creed, Cripe (for Riley), Demir, Duffin, Duffrin (for McCarthy), Farrell, Fredericks, Grund, Hanna, Ito, Jaekel, Johnson, Johnston-Rodriguez, Jong, Keddie, Konen, Kuehl, Lampi, Littauer, Mayer, McGowan, Millhorn, Millis, Montana, Mooney, Nelson, Newman, Pendergrass, Petgas, Polansky, Powell, Qin, Schraufnagel, Sharp, Shi, Siegesmund, Skarbinski, Slotsve, Staikidis, Surjadi, Tatara, Than, Thu, Vazquez (for Whedbee), Villanueva, Weffer, Wilson, York

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bujarski, Chomentowski, Gau, Hanley, Hua, Koss, Macdonald, Martin, McCarthy, Moraga, Penrod, Rau, Riley, Schatteman, Scherer, Sirotkin, Subramony, Vahabzadeh, Whedbee, Zheng

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bolden, Bryan, Clay, Doederlein, Falkoff, Ghrayeb, Groza, Jensen, Klaper, Pearson

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Ferguson, Gelman, Marsh, Kortegast, Woodruff

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

Faculty Senate President **K. Thu** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

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

**G. Slotsve** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **J. Wilson**. Motion passed.

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2019 MINUTES**

**P. Skarbinski** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

### **IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- A. The Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award – call for nominations  
Submit written letters of nomination to Faculty Senate President Kendall Thu  
no later than noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed Admissions Policy  
Related research articles

**R. Siegesmund** moved that Faculty Senate approve the proposed admissions policy with the correction noted earlier by **J. Burton** to make it clear that students will receive a holistic review (as opposed to being eligible for a holistic review), seconded by J. Burton. Motion passed.

YES – 45 votes  
NO – 5 votes  
ABSTAIN – 6 votes

- B. Restructuring Shared Governance  
Faculty Senate Bylaws portion of packet – FIRST READING

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE – Linda Saborío – report (Kendall Thu)
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report  
Jeffry Royce, Cathy Doederlein, Kendall Thu  
Alex Gelman, Sarah Marsh, Jason Hanna

**X. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – no report
- B. Academic Affairs Committee – Peter Chomentowski, Chair – no report
- C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Keith Millis, Liaison/Spokesperson – report
  - 1. Personnel Review Responsibilities per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 7

- a. Selection of a committee for the evaluation of the President of Faculty Senate and Executive Secretary of University Council

The following people were selected by lot:

Scot Schraufnagel, University Council  
Reed Scherer, University Council  
William Penrod, University Council (alternate)  
Mike Konen, Faculty Senate  
Sahar Vahabzadeh, Faculty Senate  
Heidi Kuehl, Faculty Senate (alternate)  
Amari White, Student  
Stephen Binderup, Student (alternate)  
Megan Woodruff, Supportive Professional Staff  
Natasha Johnson, Operating Staff

- b. Selection of a committee for the evaluation of the Faculty Personnel Advisor

The following people were selected by lot:

Jim Wilson, Faculty  
Bob Tatara, Faculty  
Jozef Bujarski, Faculty  
Jamie Mayer, Faculty (alternate)  
Cathy Doederlein, Supportive Professional Staff

- D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – George Slotsve, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

[fire emergency alarm; evacuation required]

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. [Policy Library](#) – Comment on Proposed Policies (right-hand column on web page)
- B. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council
- C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board
- D. [Minutes](#), Baccalaureate Council
- E. [Minutes](#), Board of Trustees
- F. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- G. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- H. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- I. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- J. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council Curriculum Committee

- K. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- L. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), Student Senate
- N. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- O. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- P. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- Q. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- R. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- S. 2019-20 Faculty Senate meeting dates:  
Sep 4, Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 25, Apr 22
- T. [Positive picture for state higher ed funding](#) – Inside Higher Ed
- U. [NIU Social Media Policy](#)

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.