MINUTES

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


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, Klapar, 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.