

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 3 p.m. Microsoft Teams Meeting

All Faculty Senate members will receive an Outlook invitation to this Teams meeting. Others wishing to join the meeting, please send your request to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu, no later than 12 noon, April 22.

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Bateni, Bennardo, Beyer, Buck, Burton, G. Chen, J. Chen, Chmaissem, Chomentowski, Clark, Collins, Creed, Demir, Duffin, Farrell, Fredericks, Grund, Hanley, Hanna, Hua, Ito, Jaekel, Johnson, Johnston-Rodriguez, Jong, Keddie, Koss, Kuehl, Lampi, Littauer, Macdonald, Martin, Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Millhorn, Millis, Mooney, Moraga, Muthuswamy (for Tatar), Nelson, Newman, Pendergrass, Petgas, Polansky, Powell, Qin, Rau, Riley, Schatteman, Scherer, Schraufnagel, Shi, Siegesmund, Sirotkin, Skarbinski, Slotsve, Staikidis, Subramony, Surjadi, Than, Thu, Vahabzadeh, Villanueva, Weffer, Whedbee, Wilson, York, Zheng

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bujarski, Gau, Konen, Montana, Penrod, Sharp, Tatar

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Carlson, Doederlein, Dwy, Dzurinin, Falkoff, Klaper, Markowitz, Mitchell, Pearson, Rossetti, Royce, Saborio

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **K. Thu** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

R. Scherer moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 4-7

G. Slotsve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **S. Farrell**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Presentation of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award to Fred Markowitz – Page 8
- B. Recognition of faculty members who have completed their terms – Page 9
- C. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the President of Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council, Kendall Thu – Reed Scherer

R. Scherer moved to accept the evaluation report, seconded by **G. Bennardo**.
Motion passed.

- D. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the Faculty Personnel Advisor, Sarah McHone-Chase – Jim Wilson

J. Wilson moved to accept the evaluation report, seconded by **A. Keddie**.
Motion passed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Reimagining Shared Governance – Pages 10-236
SECOND READING/ACTION ITEM

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws and to endorse proposed amendments to the NIU Constitution and the NIU Bylaws, contingent upon approval by the University Council at its April 29 meeting. These proposed amendments provide for the Faculty Senate to be the primary body authorized to deal with academic matters, changes the structures of Faculty Senate, and recognizes the authority of the University Council in non-academic matters. The motion was seconded by **T. Buck**.

K. Staikidis offered a friendly amendment to make two grammatical corrections to the motion: “changes” becomes “change” and “recognizes” becomes “recognize. The friendly amendment was accepted.

53 – Yes

6 – No

4 – Abstain

The motion passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – walk-in

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the slate of faculty candidates running unopposed, seconded by **H. Bateni**. Motion passed.

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report
1. March 20, 2020 FAC-IBHE meeting report – Pages 237-238
 2. Guidance Regarding Illinois Articulation Initiative Courses with Online Labs and Speeches for Spring and Summer 2020 Terms – COVID-19 – Pages 239-240
 3. Guidance on Applying Pass/Fail Grades for Illinois Articulation Initiative Courses for Spring 2020 and Guidance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Scores for Spring 2020 – COVID-19 – Pages 241-242
- 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. Nomination of 2020-21 Executive Secretary of University Council, who shall serve as president of Faculty Senate per NIU Bylaws – Page 243
 - a. Kendall Thu – Page 244

61 – Yes
1 – No
1 – Abstain

K. Thu is elected as the final nominee.

2. Election of Faculty Personnel Advisor
 - a. Virginia Naples, Dept. of Biological Sciences – Page 245
 - b. Steve Howell, Dept. of Kinesiology & Physical Education – Pages 246-268

27 – Virginia Naples
33 – Steve Howell
6 – Abstain

S. Howell is elected faculty personnel advisor.

3. Election of University Council Personnel Committee representatives for terms to begin in fall 2020. Voting will be by college: EDU, EET, LAS, VPA have vacancies to fill. Qualtrics ballots will be distributed following the Faculty Senate meeting.
 4. Committees of the University 2020-21 – Election of candidates who are running opposed and must be selected by Faculty Senate. Qualtrics ballots will be distributed following the Faculty Senate meeting.
- D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – George Slotsve, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

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. FS 2020-21 dates: Sep 2, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 18, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24, Apr 21
- T. UC 2020-21 dates: Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, Apr 28

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

T. Arado moved to adjourn, seconded by E. Fredericks. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.