

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room
DeKalb, Illinois**

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Beyer, Buck, Bujarski, J. Chen, Chomentowski, Collins, Creed, Duffin, Fredericks, Hanna, Hua, Jaekel, Johnston-Rodriguez, Jong, Keddie, Konen, Kot, Kuehl, Lampi, Macdonald, Martin, Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Millhorn, Millis, Mills (for Tatar), Montana, Mooney, Nelson, Newman, Pendergrass, Petgas, Polansky, Powell, Qin, Reeves, Riley, Schatteman, Schuller, Sharp, Shi, Siegesmund, Skarbinski, Slotsve, Smith (for Koss), Staikidis, Subramony, Surjadi, Thu, Un, Vahabzadeh, Weffer, Whedbee, Wilson, Zheng

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bateni, Burton, Chakraborty, G. Chen, Chmaissem, Demir, Farrell, Grund, Hanley, Kim, Koss, Littauer, Moraga, Penrod, Rau, Scherer, Schraufnagel, Sirotkin, Tatar

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Doederlein, Groza, Hunt, Royce

OTHERS ABSENT: Gelman, Marsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **K. Thu** called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2019 MINUTES – Pages 5-8

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **[Huskie Food Pantry](#)** – volunteers needed – Pages 9-10

V. CONSENT AGENDA

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **T. Buck**. Motion passed.

- A. Approve the 2019-20 Faculty Senate Standing Committees membership rosters per Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 3 – Page 11
- B. Approve the faculty members of the 2019-20 UC-Steering Committee per NIU Bylaws Article 2.1.1 – Page 12
- C. Approve the 2019-20 University Advisory Committee to the BOT membership roster, confirming Jason Hanna for a three-year term (2019-2022) per NIU Bylaws, Article 17.4.1.1 – Page 13
- D. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2019-20 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 2.2
- E. Approve Faculty Senate President Kendall Thu to serve as NIU’s alternate representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE.
- F. Approve Department of Counseling and Higher Education Professor Katy Jaekel to serve as the 2019-20 Faculty Senate liaison to the Baccalaureate Council per NIU Bylaws, Article 15.5.1.1(D).
- G. Approve list of faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – Pages 14

VI. 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. Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession – no report
- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Keith Millis, Liaison/Spokesperson – report
 - 1. Election of University Council alternates – ballots will be distributed at the FS meeting.

K. Millis distributed alternate ballots to faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Only CLAS was required to vote in this process as it was the only college where the pool of potential alternates was greater than the number of University Council seats.

2. Election of a faculty member to serve on the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee, and a faculty member to serve on the University Benefits Committee – ballots will be distributed at the FS meeting.

K. Millis advised members to complete the ballots at their seats to be collected and tabulated following adjournment.

3. Election of 2019-20 Hearing Panel – ballots will be distributed at the FS meeting.

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4. By-lot election of faculty to serve on 2019-20 Grievance Panel

The following faculty members were selected by lot:

Mark Schuller, Anthropology
Alan Polansky, Statistics and Actuarial Sciences
Simón Weffer, Sociology
Jim Wilson, Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences
Ismael Montana, History
Mark Riley, Accountancy
Patricia Skarbinski, Theatre and Dance
Amanda Littauer, History
Scot Schraufnagel, Political Science
Anne Hanley, History
Ross Powell, Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Bob Tatara, Engineering Technology
Kirk Duffin, Computer Science
Vicki Collins, Educational Technology
Doris Macdonald in English

5. Election of a Faculty Senate vice president per NIU Bylaws Article 2.2 Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

K. Millis called for nominations from the floor. **K. Jaekel** nominated **G. Slotsve** to serve as vice president, seconded by **T. Arado**. No other nominations were made. Members approved **G. Slotsve** to serve as Faculty Senate vice president by voice vote.

6. Selection of one Faculty Senate member to serve as the Faculty Senate president's designee on the 2020 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee. Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

Committee members review approximately 10 applications online, and the committee meets two-three times between November and February. The person selected to serve on this committee cannot be a candidate for the award, nor have submitted a nomination for the award. (Ross Powell served last year.)

K. Millis called for nominations from the floor. **A. Schatteman** volunteered, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. No other nominations were made. Members approved **A. Schatteman** by voice vote.

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

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Policy Library Update – Rebecca Hunt, Policy Librarian
- B. Prioritizing issues for Faculty Senate consideration – Page 15

Members voted on their top priority topics.

Voting Results – Top Five

11. Enrollment/recruitment and retention – 8 votes
16. Tenure track lines – 6 votes
7. Decentralizing budget – 5 votes
15. General education – 4 votes
8. Messaging/image of NIU – 4 votes

It was also suggested that a paper ballot could be useful in helping members rank order their priority topics. This could be taken up at a future meeting.

VIII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. FAC to IBHE – Linda Saborío – no report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Jeffry Royce, Cathy Doederlein, Kendall Thu
Alex Gelman, Sarah Marsh, Jason Hanna

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ombuds Day proposed proclamation – Page 16
Sarah Klaper, NIU Ombudsperson

K. Jaekel moved to approve the proposed proclamation, seconded by **J. Bujarski**. Motion passed.

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](#), Student Senate
M. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
N. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
O. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
P. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
Q. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
R. [2018-19 Annual Reports](#)
S. 2019-20 Faculty Senate meeting dates:
Sep 4, Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 25, Apr 2
T. 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; three-year term; meets monthly on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

[Parking Appeals Committee](#) – two vacancies; a three-year term and a two-year term; meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

U. [Open Meetings Act reviews](#)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

K. Jaekel moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.