

MINUTES

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL**

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Bateni, Bowers (for Shi), Buck, Burton, G. Chen, J. Chen, Chmáissem, Chomentowski, Collins, Demir, Duffin, Dzurian (for Riley), Farrell, Fredericks, Hanna, Hua, Jaekel, Jong, Keddie, Kim, Koss, Kuehl, Littauer, Macdonald, Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Millhorn, Montana, Nelson, Newman, Pendergrass, Polansky, k Powell, Qin, Reeves, Schatteman, Schraufnagel, Schuller, Sharp, Siegesmund, Skarbinski, Slotsve, Surjadi, Tatara, Thu, Un, Vahabzadeh, Villanueva, Weffer, Whedbee, Wilson, Zheng

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Beyer, Bujarski, Creed, Grund, Hanley, Johnston-Rodriguez, Konen, Kot, Lampi, Martin, Millis, Mooney, Moraga, Penrod, Petgas, Rau, Riley, Scherer, Shi, Sirotkin, Staikidis, Subramony

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Doederlein, Falkoff, Groza, Ingram, Jensen, Klaper, White, Whitelaw

OTHERS ABSENT: Ferguson, Gelman, Hanna, 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 **P. Skarbinski**. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2019 MINUTES

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **K. Jaekel**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Support for Undocumented Students at NIU
- B. U.S. News & World Report ranking of NIU
- C. National Association of Faculty Senates

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Undergraduate Admissions Testing Optional
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost
Sol Jensen, Vice President, Division of Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications

G. Slotsve moved to ask the Baccalaureate Council to take up the topic of moving undergraduate admissions standards to less reliance on standardized tests and bring proposed implementation details back to Faculty Senate for review; seconded by **S. Weffer**. Motion passed.

41 – Yes

6 – No

2 – Abstain

- B. [Create an Accessible Syllabus](#)
Katy Whitelaw, IT Accessibility Officer
- C. Prioritizing faculty issues

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposal to amend Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 3.4
Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession
SECOND READING/ACTION

O. Chmaissem moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **R. Siegesmund**. Motion passed.

44 – Yes

4 – No

1 - Abstain

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposal to amend Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 3.2
Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee
FIRST READING

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE – Linda Saborío – report

- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no 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. Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession – no report
- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Keith Millis, Liaison/Spokesperson – report
- E. 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. 2019-20 Faculty Senate meeting dates:
Sep 4, Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 25, Apr 2

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.