

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 3 p.m. Microsoft Teams Meeting Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Akst, Allori, Aygen, Berke, B. Beyer, Books, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Creed, Demir, Dmitruk, Doederlein, Duffin, Fanara, Fredericks, Furr, Glas, Grund, Hu, Hunter, Hua, Ito, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Kim (for Mayer), Konen, Kuehl, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, McCarthy, McGowan, Mellon, Montana, Nesterov, Onder, Palese, Penkrot, Petges, Qin, Reutsche (for Miguel), Richter, Riggs, Royce, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subramony, Sullivan, Surjadi, Tatara, Thu, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bujarski, A. Johnson, Kasper, Knoll, Laben, Mayer, Miguel

OTHERS PRESENT: Barnhart, Boston, Bryan, Douglass, Edghill-Walden, Falkoff, Frazier, Ghrayeb, Gorman, Groza, Halverson, Hunt, Ingram, Klaper, Nicholson, Parks, Rhode, Saborío

OTHERS ABSENT: G. Beyer, Jaekel, Marsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. Doederlein moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **E. Fredericks**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES

E. Fredericks moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 4.9.1, Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence Composition
SECOND READING/VOTE
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Vice President for Diversity
Tamara Boston, Program coordinator, Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

K. Borre moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **B. McGowan**.
Motion passed.

Yes – 47
No – 0
Abstain – 1

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 4.8.1, University Assessment Panel Composition
FIRST READING
Carolinda Douglass, Vice Provost, Institutional Effectiveness
Ritu Subramony, Director, Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation
- B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 4.6.2.1, General Education Committee Composition
FIRST READING
Omar Ghrayeb, Senior Vice Provost
- C. Proposed 2030-31 academic calendar
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost

E. Fredericks moved to approve the proposed calendar, seconded by **D. Valentiner**.
Motion passed.

Yes – 44
No – 2
Abstain - 0

- D. Annual personnel reviews per FS Bylaws, Article 8 – discussion

Following discussion, Faculty Senate was asked to consider taking a pause in the review processes currently outlined in FS Bylaws, Article 8, and to instead pilot a review process by which both the Faculty Senate president and the faculty personnel advisor would be asked to submit a summary of service to Faculty Senate for its review before the end of the spring 2021 semester. Following this pilot, Faculty Senate will assess whether or not to pursue a proposed amendment to this bylaw.

Yes – 28

No – 3

IX. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Fall Survey on Teaching with Technology and Support
Jason Rhode, Executive Director
Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
[Fall 2020 Survey on Teaching with Technology and Support](#)
[Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning](#)
- B. Learning Management System Review
Matthew Parks, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Division of Information Technology
[Project Overview – NIU – LMS Review](#)
- C. Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee update
Ismael Montana, Chair
- D. 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. 10, 2021.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

IBHE board approves higher education budget requested focused on equity
IBHE News, January 13, 2021
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Natasha Johnson, Cathy Doederlein, Kendall Thu
Katy Jaekel, Sarah Marsh, Greg Beyer

- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Peter Chomentowski, Chair – report

1. Proposed instructional and research employee definitions

Following discussion, Faculty Senate was asked to consider approval to move the proposal forward to University Council for action, changing the Section 2 title to Instructional Faculty, and acknowledging that further discussion to nuance certain aspects of the proposed language.

Yes – 21

No – 17

Abstain – 7

Following the vote, Faculty Senate President **K. Thu** noted that the vote was close and that there would be further discussion.

- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Ben Creed,
Liaison/Spokesperson – no report
- E. Student Government Association – report
Antonio Johnson, President
Bradley Beyer, Speaker of the Senate
- F. Operating Staff Council – Natasha Johnson, President – report
- G. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Cathy Doederlein, President – report

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](#), Honors Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- L. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- N. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- O. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- P. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

- Q. FS 2020-21 dates: Sep 2, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 18, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24, Apr 21
All 2020-21 FS meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. The Teams meeting link and the agendas will typically be sent via email on the Friday preceding each FS meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

C. Doederlein moved to adjourn, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.