

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, February 17, 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, Blomquist, Books, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Creed, Demir, Dmitruk, Doederlein, Duffin, Fredericks, Furr, Glas, Grund, Hu, Hua, Ito, A. Johnson, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jong, Kasper, Keddie, Konen, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, Mayer, McCarthy, McConkie, McGowan, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Nesterov, Nicholson (for Royce), Onder, Palese, Petges, Qin, Richter, Riggs, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subramony, Sullivan, Surjadi, Tatara, Thu, Vahabzadeh, Valentin, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bujarski, Fanara, Penkrot, Royce

OTHERS PRESENT: Barnhart, Boston, Brady, Bryan, Douglass, Edghill-Walden, Frazier, Ghayeb, Halverson, Henry, Ingram, Klaper, McEvoy, Perry, Rhode, Weffer, Wickens

OTHERS ABSENT: G. Beyer, Falkoff, 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

E. Fredericks moved to adopt the agenda as modified (moving Item XII.A. to just after Item VII.C. and noting that Item VIII.A. is a first reading), seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 5-9

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 4.8.1,
University Assessment Panel Composition – Pages 10-11
Carolinda Douglass, Vice Provost, Institutional Effectiveness
Ritu Subramony, Director, Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation
SECOND READING/VOTE

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed amendment. Motion passed.
Yes- 46
No – 1
Abstain - 2

- B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 4.6.2.1,
General Education Committee Composition – Page 12
Omar Ghrayeb, Senior Vice Provost
SECOND READING/VOTE

T. Buck moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **S. Vahabzadeh**.
Motion passed.
Yes – 45
No – 0
Abstain - 3

- C. Proposed faculty employee definitions – Page 13
Peter Chomentowski, Chair, FS-Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Following discussion, **K. Thu** called for an advisory vote. The vote was:
Yes – 38
No – 15
Abstain – 3

This advisory vote will be communicated to University Council.

XII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. IBHE Strategic Planning Advisory Committee – Simón Weffer – report
[Note, this item was moved up in the agenda.]

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 3,
Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate – Pages 14
Kendall Thu, Faculty Senate President

IX. FS/UC RULES, GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Ben Creed, Liaison/Spokesperson

- A. President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council
Call for nominations – Pages 15-16

Per Faculty Senate election results, an updated list of those eligible to be nominated will be provided as a walk-in item during the February 17 Faculty Senate meeting.

Nominations will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 24 Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty are asked to review the list being provided at this time and use the coming weeks to prepare for making nominations at the March 24 meeting.

Letters of acceptance of nomination are due in the Office of Faculty Senate by Friday, April 9.

Letters of acceptance of nomination will be provided to Faculty Senate members via email by Wednesday, April 14, and also will be included in the April 21 Faculty Senate agenda packets.

Election of the 2021-22 Faculty Senate president will be held during the April 21 Faculty Senate meeting.

- B. Motion to approve Linda Saborío to serve as NIU’s representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE for a four-year term (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25) per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.5.1 – Page 17

B. Creed moved to approve Linda Saborío to serve as NIU’s representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE for a four-year term, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

Yes – 49

No - 1

X. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. The Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award – call for nominations – Page 18
Faculty Senate will vote on the recipient during the February 17 Faculty Senate meeting. The recipient will be honored at the March 24 Faculty Senate meeting.
1. Nomination – William J. Mills – Page 19
- K. Borre** moved to approve William J. Mills as the recipient of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award, seconded by **E. Miguel**. Motion passed.
Yes – 37
No – 0
Abstain – 1
- B. Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Initiatives, Accomplishments and Action
Vernese Edghill-Walden
Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Chief Diversity Officer and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
- C. Exception to AP Style to allow use of “Dr.” title on NIU website
Holly Nicholson, Web Manager
- D. Grades and the pandemic for the spring semester
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

XII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. IBHE Strategic Planning Advisory Committee – Simón Weffer – report
- B. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – no report
- C. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
Natasha Johnson, Cathy Doederlein, Kendall Thu
Katy Jaekel, Sarah Marsh, Greg Beyer
- D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Peter Chomentowski, Chair – 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

XIII. 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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

J. Akst moved to adjourn. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.