

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

*All Faculty Senate members will receive an Outlook invitation to this Teams meeting.
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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Akst, Allori, Aygen, B. Beyer, Blomquist, Books, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Chomentowski, Creed, 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, Onder, Palese, Penkrot, Petges, Qin, Richter, Riggs, Royce, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subramony, Sullivan, Surjadi, Tatara, Thu, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Waldon (for Berke), Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Berke, Bujarski, Cheyney, Demir, Fanara, Hunter

OTHERS PRESENT: Boston, Bryan, Edghill-Walden, Falkoff, Frazier, Ghrayeb, Gorman, Groza, Hendricks, Hunt, Ingram, Jaekel, Klaper, Matuszewich, McEvoy, Mills, Moyer, Saborio

OTHERS ABSENT: G. Beyer, Klaper, Marsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

E. Fredericks moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **G. Aygen**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 4-8

C. Doederlein moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Presentation of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award to William J. Mills, III – Page 9
- B. Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee recommendations
Ismael Montana, Chair
Kendall Thu, Faculty Senate President

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Nominations for 2021-22 FS president/UC chair – Pages 10-11
Ben Creed, FS Liaison/Spokesperson, Rules, Governance and Elections Committee

Nominations will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 24 Faculty Senate meeting.

Letters of acceptance of nomination are due by Friday, April 9, and can be emailed to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.

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.

D. McConkie nominated P. Chomentowski, seconded by **V. Books**.

- B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 3,
Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate – Page 12
Kendall Thu, Faculty Senate President
SECOND READING/VOTE

N. Johnson moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **Y. Ito**. Motion passed.

Yes – 44
No – 1
Abstain - 4

- C. Grades and the pandemic for the spring semester
Survey Report – Page 13
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to approve Mahesh Subramony to serve as faculty representative on the Chief Human Resource Officer Search Committee

D. Valentiner moved to approve, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

- 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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report
- 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 – no report
- D. Student Government Association – report
Antonio Johnson, President
Bradley Beyer, Speaker of the Senate
- E. Operating Staff Council – Natasha Johnson, President – report
- F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Cathy Doederlein, President – report

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

T. Buck moved to adjourn, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.