

## MINUTES

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 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, Berke, B. Beyer, Blomquist, Books, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Collins (for A. Johnson), Creed, Dmitruk, Doederlein, Duffin, Fredericks, Furr, Glas, Grund, Hu, Hua, Hunter, Ito, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jong, Kasper, Keddie, Konen, 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, Valentinier, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bujarski, Demir, Fanara, A. Johnson, Lampi, Penkrot, Royce

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barnhart, Bohanon, Boston, Bryan, Douglass, Falkoff, Frazier, Gorman, Groza, Halverson, Henningsen, Henry, Howell, Ingram, Jaekel, Klaper, McEvoy, Rhode, Saborío, Schatteman, Weffer

**OTHERS ABSENT:** G. Beyer, 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 established.

### **III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**C. Doederlein** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **J. Akst**. Motion passed.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 4-7**

**D. Valentinier** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **I. Montana**. Motion passed.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

**VIII. FS-UC RULES, GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – report  
Ben Creed, FS Liaison/Spokesperson**

A. Nominations for 2021-22 FS president/UC chair – Page 8

1. Peter Chomentowski – Pages 9-10

Yes – 37

No – 2

Abstain – 2

**P. Chomentowski** is elected.

B. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – walk-in

**D. Valentiner** moved to approve, seconded by **Y. Ito**. Motion passed.

C. Approve 2021-22 FS-Social Justice Committee membership roster – Page 11

**P. Chomentowski** moved to approve, seconded by **G. Aygen**. Motion passed.

D. Elect faculty representative to serve on the Police Chief Search Committee – Page 12

1. Jodi Lampi – 20

2. Lisa Liberty – 12

3. Rich Grund – 13

**J. Lampi** is elected.

E. Committees of the University 2021-22 – Election of faculty candidates who are running opposed and must be selected by Faculty Senate. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure track faculty, clinical faculty and instructor members of Faculty Senate.

F. Election of Faculty Senate Personnel Committee representatives for terms to begin in fall 2021. Only CHHS and CVPA have vacancies to fill. Those elected must be tenured faculty members of Faculty Senate. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure-track faculty members of Faculty Senate, from CHHS and CVPA, respectively.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee recommendations

[View draft report](#)

Ismael Montana, Chair

Kendall Thu, Faculty Senate President

**G. Slotsve** moved that the Faculty Senate endorse this report of the Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee and direct the Faculty Senate Social Justice Committee to continue its work moving forward into the future, seconded by **Y. Ito**. Motion passed.

Yes – 43

No – 1

Abstain - 5

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 1, Membership of the Faculty Senate – Pages 13-14

FIRST READING

- B. Five-Year Review of [Student Evaluation of Instruction](#) – report  
Chad McEvoy, Chair, Faculty Senate Personnel Committee  
Mary Lynn Henningsen, Member, SEI Ad Hoc Committee

- C. Student Learning Outcomes Assessment – report  
Marc Falkoff, Assistant Chair, Academic Planning Council

## **XI. 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

## **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 2021-22 dates: Sep 1, Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 17, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27
- R. Email Authentication – Upcoming Changes – Page 15
- S. Summary of Service – Faculty Senate President – Pages 16-17
- T. Summary of Service – Faculty Personnel Advisor – Page 18

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.