

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

All Faculty Senate members will receive an Outlook invitation to this Teams meeting. Others wishing to join the meeting, please send your request to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu, no later than 12 noon, September 2.

Full transcript

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Allori, Aygen, Berke, B. Beyer, Bohanon, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Creed, Demir, Doederlein, Duffin, Fredericks, Grund, Hu, Hua, Ito, A. Johnson, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Konen, Kuehl, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, Martin (for Tatara), Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Mellon, Montana, Palese, Petges, Pohlman, Qin, Royce, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subamony, Surjadi, Thu, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Tatara

OTHERS PRESENT: Boston, Bryan, Edghill-Walden, Edwards, Groza, Hunt, Ingram, Klaper, McEvoy, Oduwole, Saborio, Streb

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 P. Chomentowski. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2020 MINUTES

N. Johnson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FS PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [Illinois Open Meetings Act](#)
- B. Welcome new Faculty Senate members
- C. Review changes to shared governance

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Antiracism Planning Forum for Shared Governance

Vernese Edghill-Walden
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Anne Edwards
Director, Center for Black Studies

- B. Assessment Review
- C. Five-Year Review of [Student Evaluation of Instruction](#)
- D. Return to the fall semester – [Protecting the Pack](#)

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

D. Valentiner moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **N. Pohlman**. Motion passed.

- A. Approve the 2020-21 Faculty Senate Standing Committee membership rosters per FS Bylaws, Article 3
- B. Approve the 2020-21 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Katy Jaekel for a three-year term and Greg Beyer for a two-year term per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1
- C. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2020-21 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.2.
- D. Approve list of faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Appearances Before the Faculty Senate and FS Standing Committees policy per 5 ILCS 120/2.06(g) Illinois Open Meetings Act

The proposed policy is consistent with the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, Article II-Board Operating Procedures, Section 4-Appearances Before the Board, currently in effect.

G. Aygen moved to approve the appearances document, seconded by **E. Fredericks**. Motion passed.

- B. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee – FIRST READING
- C. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 4.9.1, CAEIE membership
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Vice President for Diversity
Tamara Boston, Program Coordinator, Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
FIRST READING

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. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Ben Creed, Liaison/Spokesperson – report
1. Election of 2020-21 Hearing Panel – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.

2. By-lot drawing of 15 FS tenured faculty members to serve on the 2020-21 grievance panel for student grievances – Pat Erickson will draw by lot and read the names out during the meeting.

The following faculty members were selected by lot:

Yasua Ito, Physics
Florensia Surjadi, Family and Consumer Sciences
Veysel Demir, Electrical Engineering
Chong Zheng, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Janet Olson, Health and Human Sciences
Kevin Martin, Engineering and Engineering Technology
Shane Sharp, Sociology
Simón Weffer, Liberal Arts and Sciences
Karen Whedbee, Communication
George Slotsve, Economics
Bob Tatara, Engineering Technology
Mike Konen, Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences
Todd Buck, Art and Design
Arlene Keddie, Health Studies
Valia Allori, Philosophy

3. Election of 2020-21 non-union faculty and staff grievance pool – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
4. Election of a Faculty Senate vice president per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.2. Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

N. Johnson nominated **G. Slotsve**, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. No other nominations were made. Members approved **G. Slotsve** to serve as Faculty Senate vice president by voice vote.

5. Selection of one FS tenured/tenure-track faculty member to serve as the Faculty Senate president's designee on the 2021 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee. Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

Committee members review approximately 10 applications online, and the committee meets two to three times between November and February. The person selected to serve on this committee cannot be a candidate for the award, nor have submitted a nomination for the award.

G. Aygen volunteered to serve as the Faculty Senate president's designee on the 2021 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee. No other nominations were made. Members approved **G. Aygen** by voice vote.

- 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](#), Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- L. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), Student Senate, Student Government Association
- 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. [Annual Reports](#), 2019-20

- T. FS 2020-21 dates: Sep 2, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 18, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24, Apr 21
All fall 2020 semester 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.

- U. At large committee vacancies – Several university committees currently have at large faculty vacancies, which can be filled by faculty from any college (as opposed to college-specific representation). If you have interest in serving, or know someone who does, contact Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.

[University Benefits Committee](#) – Fall 2020 semester only (to serve as an alternate in an at-large faculty seat). Meets monthly on Thursdays at 2 p.m.

[Campus Parking Committee](#) – two-year term. Meets monthly on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

[Parking Appeals Committee](#) – one-year term. Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

[Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee](#) – two-year term. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.