

## MINUTES

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**Wednesday, September 30, 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](mailto:pje@niu.edu), no later than 12 noon, September 30.*

### Full Transcript

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Allori, Aygen, Berke, B. Beyer, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Creed, Demir, Dmitruk, Doederlein, Duffin, Fredericks, Furr, Grund, Hu, Hua, Ito, A. Johnson, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Konen, Kurhl, Laben, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Onder, Palese, Penkrot, Petges, Pohlman, Qin, Richter, Royce, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subramony, Surjadi, Tatara, Thu, Valentiner, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fanara,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barnhart, Boston, Bryan, Collins, Douglass, Edghill-Walden, Ghrayeb, Groza, Halverson, Ingram, Jaekel, Klaper, McEvoy, Moyer, Saborío, Skarbinski, Weffer

**OTHERS ABSENT:** G. Beyer, Ferguson, 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 SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES**

**N. Johnson** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. FS PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

A. Antiracism Planning Forum for Shared Governance

B. Approve FS-Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee membership

**S. Weffer** moved to approve the FS-Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee for the 2020-21 academic year, seconded by **G. Aygen**. 42-yes, 1-no, 0-abstain. Motion passed.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee –  
SECOND READING – VOTE

**B. McGowan** moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **G. Aygen**. 48-yes, 1-no, 0-abstain. Motion passed.

B. 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  
SECOND READING – VOTE

**B. McGowan** moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **N. Johnson**. 46-yes, 0-no, 3-abstain. Motion passed.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 4.5.1 Baccalaureate Council membership and Article 4.6.2.1 General Education Committee membership –  
Omar Ghrayeb, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies  
FIRST READING

- B. Approve search committee structure for Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for International Affairs per FS Bylaws Article 10.3.2.1(B)

**E. Fredericks** moved to approve the search committee structure, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. A friendly amendment was made to remove what appeared to be a duplicate entry of a Faculty Senate representative at 4.d. in the document. Motion passed as amended.

## **XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

IBHE Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education in Illinois discussion  
Further input can be directed to Linda Saborío at [lsaborio@niu.edu](mailto:lsaborio@niu.edu) no later than Wednesday, Oct. 14.

- 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. Per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 4.4.1.1 (E), selection of one tenured or tenure-track faculty member of Faculty Senate to serve as a nonvoting member of the [Graduate Council](#) for 2020-21.

The GC meets monthly on Mondays at 10 a.m. 2020-21 dates are: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3.

**P. Chomentowski** self-nominated to fill the nonvoting seat on Graduate Council, and his self-nomination was approved.

- 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. 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.
- T. 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](mailto: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.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.