

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Akst, Aygen, Berke, B. Beyer, Books, Borre, Buck, Butler (for Dmitruk), Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Creed, Demir, Doederlein, Duffin, Fredericks, Furr, Grund, Hu, Hunter, Hua, Ito, A. Johnson, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Kasper, Keddie, Kuehl, Laben, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Nesterov, Onder, Palese, Penkrot, Petges, Pohlman, Qin, Richter, Riggs, Royce, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subramony, Sullivan, Surjadi, Tatara, Thu, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Allori, Dmitruk, Fanara, Jong

OTHERS PRESENT: Barnhart, Bryan, Douglass, Falkoff, Frazier, Ghrayeb, Ingram, Klaper, Rhode

OTHERS ABSENT: G. Beyer, Ferguson, 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 **E. Fredericks**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 MINUTES

D. Valentiner moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **E. Fredericks**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FS PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee update
Committee charge: To identify factors contributing to institutional racism at NIU, particularly policies, procedures and practices and take actions to correct them.
- B. Student Mental Health Initiative
Brad Beyer, Speaker of the Senate, Student Government Association

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED 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
SECOND READING/VOTE

D. Valentiner moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **B. McGowan**. 53-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. Motion passed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee
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 – no report
Natasha Johnson, Cathy Doederlein, Kendall Thu
Katy Jaekel, Sarah Marsh, Greg Beyer
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Peter Chomentowski, Chair – report
- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Ben Creed, Liaison/Spokesperson – 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

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. [Annual Reports](#), 2019-20
- R. 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.
- S. Revisions to Spring 2021 academic calendar

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.