

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Akst, Clark, Demir, Grund, Hu, Royce

OTHERS PRESENT: Barnhart, Boston, Bryan, Douglass, Edghill-Walden, Falkoff, Groza, Ingram, Isawi, Klaper, McCord, Rhode, Saborío, Schwartz, Stoker

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

D. Valentinier moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **E. Fredericks**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2020 MINUTES

C. Doederlein 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. Advancing Administrative Efficiency
Chris McCord, Senior Advisor to the Vice President, Administration and Finance
- B. Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee update
Ismael Montana, Chair

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 3.3, Faculty Senate Personnel Committee
SECOND READING/VOTE

B. McGowan moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **N. Johnson**.
Motion passed.

Yes – 49
No – 0
Abstain - 0

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 4.9.1, Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence Composition
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Vice President for Diversity
Tamara Boston, Program coordinator, Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
FIRST READING

- B. Proposed Field Work Safety Policy
Shannon Stoker, Director, Research Compliance, Integrity and Safety
Josh Schwartz, Lab Manager, Dept. of Geology and Environmental Geosciences

E. Fredericks moved to approve the proposed policy, seconded by **N. Johnson**.
Motion passed.

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 – 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. 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.
- R. Potential mental health resource syllabus statements

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

D. Valentiner moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.