

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

All Faculty Senate Steering Committee members will receive an Outlook invitation to this Teams meeting. Others wishing to join the meeting, please contact Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Beyer, Buck, Chomentowski, Demir, Doederlein, Johnson, Kuehl, McGowan, Miguel, Petges, Slotsve, Subramony, Thu

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Creed

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering Committee chair, **K. Thu**, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. Doederlein moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES

E. Miguel moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA – attached packet

A review of the January 20 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- **K. Thu** noted three major items expected to come before the FS during the spring semester: FS Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee recommendations; student evaluation of teaching review; and assessment practices.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 4.9.1, to add an instructor to the Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence membership will be presented for a second reading and vote.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 4.8.1, to update the University Assessment Panel membership will be presented for a first reading.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 4.6.2, to update the General Education Committee membership will be presented for a first reading.
- The proposed 2030-31 academic calendar will be presented for FS review and approval.
- The annual personnel reviews codified in FS Bylaws Article 8 will be presented for FS discussion, with the possible consideration of an alternative.
- Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning Executive Director Jason Rhode will present on Teaching with Technology and Support.
- Division of Information Technology Matt Parks will present on Learning Management Systems Review.
- Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee Chair **I. Montana** will provide an update on this committee's work.
- A call for nominations for the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award will be presented.
- NIU's representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE **L. Saborío** will present her report.
- A University Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees report will be presented.
- FS-Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee Chair **P. Chomentowski** will present the proposed instructional and research employee definitions for FS review. If FS approves, a proposed amendment to the NIU Constitution, to include these definitions, will be presented to University Council.

- The Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council will all present reports.

P. Chomentowski moved to approve the January 20 FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **T. Buck**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.