

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, March 17, 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, Creed, Demir, Doederlein, Johnson, McConkie, McGowan, Miguel, Petges, Slotsve, Subramony, Thu

OTHERS PRESENT: Moyer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering committee chair, **K. Thu**, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

T. Buck moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 2-4

C. Doederlein moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **B. McGowan**. 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 March 24 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Professor William Mills will be honored with the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award
- The FS Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee will present its report and recommendations for FS review and feedback.
- Rules, Governance and Elections Committee FS liaison/spokesperson, B. Creed, will oversee the FS president nomination process.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 3, to establish a new FS subcommittee, the Social Justice Committee, will be presented for a second reading and vote.
- A follow-up discussion on the approach to grading for the spring 2021 semester will be facilitated during the meeting, including results of the survey distributed to FS members recently.
- A motion to approve **M. Subramony** to serve as faculty representative on the Chief Human Resource Officer Search Committee will be presented.
- CDO Vernese Edghill-Walden will present on Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Initiatives, Accomplishments and Action.
- Reports will be received from the: Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the BOT, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

N. Johnson moved to approve the March 24 draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **N. Petges**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

C. Doederlein moved to adjourn, seconded by P. Chomentowski. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.