

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 14, 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, Petges, Slotsve, Subramony, Thu

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Miguel

OTHERS PRESENT: Bohanon

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President, **K. Thu**, called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

P. Chomentowski moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 2-3

M. Subramony moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Members discussed that reports have been heard on campus that college and departmental budget cuts are being implemented to cover faculty increments. FS President, **K. Thu**, is working to obtain confirmation and/or clarification.

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

A review of the April 21 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Several elections will take place including election of the 2021-22 FS president, approval of faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university, approval of the 2021-22 FS-Social Justice Committee membership roster, election of a faculty representative to serve on the Police Chief Search Committee. Some elections will take place following the meeting via Qualtrics including election of faculty candidates who are running opposed to serve on committees of the university and election of Faculty Senate Personnel Committee faculty representatives.
- The FS-Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee will share feedback received in response to its earlier report and recommendations. The hope is that FS will acknowledge the report and the continuing work of the FS-Social Justice committee through a motion.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 1, will be brought forward for a first reading. The proposal intends to change the term length of Operating Staff representatives to Faculty Senate from three years to one year.
- Although a final report is not yet available, an update will be presented on the five-year review of student evaluation of instruction.
- A student learning outcomes assessment report will be presented.
- Reports will be presented by the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.
- The 2021-22 FS meeting schedule will be provided.
- An information item on upcoming changes to NIU email authentication will be provided.
- Faculty Senate president and faculty personnel advisor summaries of service will be provided.
- **D. McConkie** moved to approve the April 21 draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **T. Buck**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. Creed**. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.