

## MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 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](mailto:pje@niu.edu) by 12 noon Wednesday, Aug. 26.

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering Committee chair, **K. Thu**, called the meeting to order at 3 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 APRIL 15, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 2-3

**G. Slotsve** 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

**Illinois Open Meetings Act** –Faculty Senate is now subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Requests to FS members to complete the training will be distributed in October.

**Welcome new Faculty Senate Members** – **K. Thu** noted that FS now welcomes broader constituency representation.

**Review changes to shared governance** – During the September 2 FS meeting, **K. Thu** will provide a brief summary of the changes to shared governance as a result of the passage of the Reimagining Shared Governance proposal.

**Antiracism Planning Forum for Shared Governance** – During the September 2 FS meeting, **K. Thu** will provide background on meetings and discussions that took place over the summer. He hopes that FS can work to prioritize some of the recommendations, which came out of those meetings and discussions. **G. Slotsve** suggested that FS might consider establishing an advisory committee, which can act as a liaison between FS and the Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and there was consensus for this suggestion.

**Assessment Review** – During the September 2 FS meeting, **K. Thu** will provide background on meetings and discussions that took place over the summer, as well as recommendations for simplifying the assessment review process. The Academic Planning Council has been asked to review NIU’s assessment practices and report out its recommendations.

**Five-Year Review of Student Evaluation of Instruction** – It’s time for the regular five-year review of this process. **K. Thu** suggested that it might be appropriate to ask the FS Personnel Committee to carry out this review.

**Return to Fall Semester – Protecting the Pack** – Members will be given opportunity to share their experiences during the September 2 FS meeting.

**Approve Appearances Before the Faculty Senate and FS Standing Committees** – This document will be reviewed for approval during the September 2 FS meeting.

**Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee** – This proposal will be presented as a first reading at the September 2 FS meeting. The proposal addresses several updates to the membership roster.

**Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 4.9.1, CAEIE membership** – This proposal will be presented as a first reading at the September 2 FS meeting. The proposal addresses several updates to the membership roster.

**Rules, Governance and Elections Committee** – **B. Creed** will lead the September 2 FS membership through several selection processes.

**Chat Box Monitor** – **N. Johnson** volunteered to monitor the chat box during the September 2 FS meeting.

**G. Slotsve** moved to approve the September 2 FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.