

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, September 23, 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 pie@niu.edu by 12 noon Wednesday, Sept. 23.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 26, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 2-3**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**
- VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA – attached packet**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES

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Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 3 p.m.
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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.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA - DRAFT

**FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

All Faculty Senate members will receive an Outlook invitation to this Teams meeting. Others wishing to join the meeting, please send your request to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu, no later than 12 noon, September 30.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 4-9

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FS PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Antiracism Planning Forum for Shared Governance – Page 10

B. Student Mental Health Initiative

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee –
Page 11
SECOND READING – VOTE

B. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 4.9.1, CAEIE membership – Page 12
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Vice President for Diversity
Tamara Boston, Program Coordinator, Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
SECOND READING – VOTE

X. NEW BUSINESS

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
- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Ben Creed,
Liaison/Spokesperson
 - 1. Per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 4.4.1.1 (E), selection of one tenured or tenure-track faculty member of Faculty Senate to serve as a nonvoting member of the [Graduate Council](#) for 2020-21.

The GC meets monthly on Mondays at 10 a.m. 2020-21 dates are: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3.
- 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
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- S. [Annual Reports](#), 2019-20

- T. FS 2020-21 dates: Sep 2, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 18, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24, Apr 21
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[Campus Parking Committee](#) – two-year term. Meets monthly on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

[Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee](#) – two-year term. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
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Full transcript

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Allori, Aygen, Berke, B. Beyer, Bohanon, Borre, Buck, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Creed, Demir, Doederlein, Duffin, Fredericks, Grund, Hu, Hua, Ito, A. Johnson, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Konen, Kuehl, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, Martin (for Tatara), Mayer, McCarthy, McGowan, Mellon, Montana, Palese, Petges, Pohlman, Qin, Royce, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Subamony, Surjadi, Thu, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Tatara

OTHERS PRESENT: Boston, Bryan, Edghill-Walden, Edwards, Groza, Hunt, Ingram, Klaper, McEvoy, Oduwole, Saborio, Streb

OTHERS ABSENT: G. Beyer, 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

C. Doederlein moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by P. Chomentowski. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 5-9

N. Johnson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FS PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [Illinois Open Meetings Act](#)
- B. Welcome new Faculty Senate members
- C. Review changes to shared governance – Pages 10-12

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Antiracism Planning Forum for Shared Governance – Page 13-19

Vernese Edghill-Walden
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Anne Edwards
Director, Center for Black Studies
- B. Assessment Review – Pages 20-21
- C. Five-Year Review of [Student Evaluation of Instruction](#)
- D. Return to the fall semester – [Protecting the Pack](#)

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

D. Valentiner moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **N. Pohlman**. Motion passed.

- A. Approve the 2020-21 Faculty Senate Standing Committee membership rosters per FS Bylaws, Article 3 – Page 22
- B. Approve the 2020-21 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Katy Jaekel for a three-year term and Greg Beyer for a two-year term per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1 – Page 23
- C. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2020-21 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.2.
- D. Approve list of faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – Page 24

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Appearances Before the Faculty Senate and FS Standing Committees policy per 5 ILCS 120/2.06(g) Illinois Open Meetings Act– Pages 25-26

The proposed policy is consistent with the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, Article II-Board Operating Procedures, Section 4-Appearances Before the Board, currently in effect.

G. Aygen moved to approve the appearances document, seconded by **E. Fredericks**. Motion passed.

- B. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee – Page 27
FIRST READING

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- D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Ben Creed,
Liaison/Spokesperson – report

1. Election of 2020-21 Hearing Panel – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.

2. By-lot drawing of 15 FS tenured faculty members to serve on the 2020-21 grievance panel for student grievances – Pat Erickson will draw by lot and read the names out during the meeting.

The following faculty members were selected by lot:

Yasua Ito, Physics
Florensia Surjadi, Family and Consumer Sciences
Veysel Demir, Electrical Engineering
Chong Zheng, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Janet Olson, Health and Human Sciences
Kevin Martin, Engineering and Engineering Technology
Shane Sharp, Sociology
Simón Weffer, Liberal Arts and Sciences
Karen Whedbee, Communication
George Slotsve, Economics
Bob Tatara, Engineering Technology
Mike Konen, Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences
Todd Buck, Art and Design
Arlene Keddie, Health Studies
Valia Allori, Philosophy

3. Election of 2020-21 non-union faculty and staff grievance pool – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
4. Election of a Faculty Senate vice president per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.2. Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

N. Johnson nominated **G. Slotsve**, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. No other nominations were made. Members approved **G. Slotsve** to serve as Faculty Senate vice president by voice vote.

5. Selection of one FS tenured/tenure-track faculty member to serve as the Faculty Senate president's designee on the 2021 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee. Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

Committee members review approximately 10 applications online, and the committee meets two to three times between November and February. The person selected to serve on this committee cannot be a candidate for the award, nor have submitted a nomination for the award.

G. Aygen volunteered to serve as the Faculty Senate president's designee on the 2021 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee. No other nominations were made. Members approved **G. Aygen** by voice vote.

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[Parking Appeals Committee](#) – one-year term. Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

[Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee](#) – two-year term. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Prioritizing Antiracism Issues

Issue	Top priority 5 points	2nd priority 4 points	3rd priority 3 points	4th priority 2 points	5th priority 1 point	TOTAL
1. Lack of representation of Black faculty and staff	11 votes 55 pts	4 votes 16 points	1 votes 3 points	3 votes 6 points	0 votes 0 points	80 points
2. Mandatory antiracism training for all students, faculty and staff, perhaps through Title IX	7 votes 35 votes	3 votes 12 votes	4 votes 12 votes	0 votes 0 points	3 votes 3 points	62 points
3. Education-pushing an intro course on racism in the workplace	4 votes 20 points	2 votes 8 points	0 votes 0 points	2 votes 4 points	1 vote 1 points	33 points
4. Make Black Studies courses more visible	4 votes 20 points	2 votes 8 points	3 votes 9 points	0 votes 0 points	1 vote 1 point	38 points
5. More transparency in the bias incident reporting process – Is there real accountability?	1 vote 5 points	3 votes 12 points	1 vote 3 points	1 vote 2 points	1 vote 1 point	23 points
6. Provide more resources for Black student leaders; for example, a conference	2 votes 10 points	5 votes 20 points	3 votes 9 points	0 votes 0 points	1 vote 1 point	40 points
7. Seminars about systemic racism embedded into courses not Black Studies	4 votes 20 points	3 votes 12 points	3 votes 9 points	0 votes 0 points	2 votes 2 points	43 points
8. Not enough exposure for the CBS	2 votes 10 points	2 votes 8 points	2 votes 6 points	2 votes 4 points	1 vote 1 point	29 points
9. Decolonizing the curriculum	3 votes 15 points	2 votes 8 points	5 votes 15 points	2 votes 4 points	4 votes 4 points	46 points
10. Faculty of color and tenure and promotion policies and practices	3 votes 15 points	2 votes 8 points	3 votes 9 points	4 votes 8 points	1 vote 1 point	41 points
11. Inventory of courses on racism and social justice	5 votes 25 points	3 votes 12 points	2 votes 6 points	1 vote 2 points	2 votes 2 points	47 points
12. Accountability, transparency and support of African American students	4 votes 20 points	3 votes 12 points	4 votes 12 points	0 votes 0 points	1 vote 1 point	45 points
13. Student involvement in hiring	2 votes 10 points	1 vote 4 points	4 votes 12 points	0 votes 0 points	1 vote 1 point	27 points
14. Greater financial support for Black and other students of color	7 votes 35 points	3 votes 12 points	1 vote 3 points	5 votes 10 points	1 vote 1 point	61 points
15. Mentorship for Black faculty	3 votes 15 points	2 votes 8 points	2 votes 6 points	1 vote 2 points	1 vote 1 point	32 points
16. Student retention	8 votes 40 points	5 votes 20 points	0 votes 0 points	1 vote 2 points	3 votes 3 points	65 points
17. More bonding between Black and white students	5 votes 25 points	4 votes 16 points	1 vote 3 points	1 vote 2 points	0 votes 0 points	46 points
18. Microaggression	3 votes 15 points	0 votes 0 points	3 votes 9 points	2 votes 4 points	1 vote 1 point	29 points
19. Differential treatment	2 votes 10 points	0 votes 0 points	2 votes 6 points	2 votes 4 points	1 vote 1 point	21 points

Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
Article 3.3: Faculty Senate Personnel Committee

The responsibility for coordinating the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee is delegated to the vice provost for faculty affairs. However, that position was inadvertently left off this committee membership roster. This proposed amendment adds that position to the membership roster as a nonvoting member.

In addition, this proposed amendment updates the current title of the vice president for research and innovative partnerships, who also serves on the committee as a nonvoting member.

Article 3: Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate

3.3 Faculty Senate Personnel Committee

3.3.1 Composition All voting members of the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee shall be tenured members of the faculty. The committee shall consist of members chosen as follows:

3.3.1.1 Seven members of the Faculty Senate: one each from the faculty elected to represent the colleges of Business, Education, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, and two from among the faculty elected to represent the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

These members shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate prior to the selection of other members of the committee and shall serve staggered two-year terms during their membership on the Faculty Senate.

3.3.1.2 One member from each of the following college councils chosen by members of that college council: Business, Education, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts; such members shall not be chosen from the same academic departments as the members selected for the committee from these colleges by the Faculty Senate.

3.3.1.3 One member each from the faculty of the College of Law and the University Libraries chosen by that faculty.

3.3.1.4 The vice provost president for graduate studies and research and innovation partnerships, who shall serve ex officio, and who shall not vote;

3.3.1.5 The vice provost for faculty affairs, who shall serve ex officio, and who shall not vote;

3.3.1.56 The executive vice president and provost, who shall serve ex officio as chair, and who shall not vote.

Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
Article 4: Academic Councils and Committees of the University

This proposal is a continued effort to support success for all students. It is important that the IT accessibility officer become an ex officio member to bring a technological lens of equity and accessibility to academic equity gaps and further support retention and persistence of all students.

Additionally, the proposal adds one faculty seat from the University Libraries as a voting member. Library faculty actively support students' research and artistry, which helps to close the academic equity gaps and supports the retention and persistence of all students.

4.9 Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence (CAEIE)

4.9.1. Composition Membership of the committee shall consist of the following:

- Chief Diversity Officer, ex officio, nonvoting;
- Director, Center for Black Studies, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Disability Resource Center, ex officio, voting;
- Director, Asian American Studies Certificate, ex officio, voting;
- IT Accessibility Officer, ex officio, voting;
- Representative from the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, nonvoting;
- Representative from the Division of Student Affairs, nonvoting;
- Representative from the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning;
- One faculty member from each degree-granting college and from University Libraries, voting;
- Director, Testing and Academic Affairs Research Support, ex officio, nonvoting;
- One supportive professional staff member, voting;
- One curricular associate dean, nonvoting;
- One undergraduate and/or graduate student, voting.

Faculty and staff members shall be appointed to serve three-year staggered terms beginning in the fall semester, not to exceed two consecutive terms. All other members, or their designees, shall serve continuous terms. Members shall be appointed by the Provost.