

MINUTES

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 pje@niu.edu by 12 noon Wednesday, Sept. 23.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Beyer, Buck, Chomentowski, Creed, Demir, Doederlein, 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

C. Doederlein moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 26, 2020 MINUTES

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Discussion included members' thoughts relative to the recent vandalizing of the Center for Black Studies, the September 17 virtual campus conversation and social justice at NIU.

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

A review of the September 30 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- The Student Mental Health Initiative presentation will be postponed to the October 28 FS meeting.
- FS members will be asked to review the results of the antiracism issues prioritization survey and approve the FS-Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee membership roster.
- FS will be asked to review and vote on two FS bylaw proposed amendments regarding the membership rosters of the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee and the Committee for Academic Equity and Inclusive Excellence.
- FS will be asked to review (first reading) a FS bylaw proposed amendment regarding the student membership of the Baccalaureate Council and the General Education Committee.
- NIU's representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, **L. Saborío**, will present a request for feedback on the IBHE's Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education in Illinois.
- FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee liaison, **B. Creed**, will facilitate the recruitment of one tenured/tenure-track faculty member of FS to serve as a nonvoting member of the Graduate Council for 2020-21.
- The University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council will each have reports for the September 30 FS meeting.
- As many of NIU's committees of the university are being populated, most of the committees currently listed in Information Items will be removed.

M. Subramony moved to approve the September 30 FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

B. McGowan moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.