

## MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Wednesday, November 11, 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).

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

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Petges, Subramony

### **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 **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2020 MINUTES**

**B. Beyer** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

**K. Thu** reported to the committee members that faculty have the option to include a policy statement in their syllabus preventing students from recording their classes. And the General Counsel's office has informed Thu that, if a student takes video of a class without the faculty member's permission and a policy statement preventing same is included in the faculty member's syllabus, that can be a copyright infringement.

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

A review of the November 18 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- **C. McCord** will present on advancing administrative efficiency, including digitizing processes. Members who have questions ahead of time are encouraged to send those to **K. Thu**.
- An FS Ad Hoc Social Justice Committee update will be provided by committee chair **I. Montana**.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 3.3, to acknowledge the vice provost of faculty affairs as the chair of the FS Personnel Committee will be presented for second reading and vote.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 4.9.1 to add an instructor as a voting member of the Committee on Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will be presented for first reading.
- A proposed field work safety policy will be presented for consideration and approval.
- The previously scheduled selection of a faculty member to serve on the Police-Citizen Advisory Group will be removed. **R. Grund** has withdrawn his candidacy, and **D. Valentiner** will serve as the FS representative.
- NIU's representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, **L. Saborío**, will present a report.
- A University Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees report will be presented. BOT committees meet Thursday, Nov. 12.
- FS-Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee chair, **P. Chomentowski**, will give a brief report on this committee's work regarding the definition of "faculty" in the NIU Constitution and Bylaws and the Faculty Senate Bylaws.
- No FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee is anticipated.
- The Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council will all present reports.
- Potential mental health syllabus statements will be presented as informational items.

**C. Doederlein** moved to approve the November 18 FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**B. McGowan** moved to adjourn, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.