

## ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL

February 21, 2022  
3:00-4:00 p.m., AL 225

### APPROVED Minutes

**Present:** Hamid Bateni, Cynthia Campbell, Judith Chitwood, David Gorman, Beth Ingram, Yipeng Liu, Chad McEvoy, Leanne VandeCreek, Donald Zinger

**Guests:** Celeste Latham, Ritu Subramony

**Absent:** Marc Falkoff (sabbatical Spring 2022), Duane Meighan

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of November 15, 2021 Minutes**

- a. Beth Ingram asked if any corrections were needed.
  - i. Minutes were approved.

#### **2. Informational Items**

- a. Celeste Latham presented information on the Learning Spaces project. She received feedback on the draft of *Guidelines for Creating and Remodeling Teaching and Learning Spaces* document. The goal of the design guide is to outline standards for learning space design, technology, and configuration that meet faculty and students' teaching and learning needs. The draft is a collaborative effort between Academic Affairs, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Division of Information Technology, Facilities Management, and Architectural and Engineering. Celeste also presented the 25LiveBridge webpage. Celeste displayed some classrooms in academic buildings to show the level of details (room type, room layout, number of seats, audio/visual, etc.) accessible to anyone that wants to learn more about a room on-campus.
- b. Ritu Subramony presented information on the Higher Learning Commission Re-accreditation process (10-year cycle). NIU is currently working on the Quality Initiative (undertaken in years seven to nine). NIU will be submitting the HLC QI report in summer 2023. For year 2022-2023 the HLC team will start work on the assurance filing (creating drafts, collecting evidence, soliciting feedback). May 2024 will be NIU's site visit.
- c. Beth Ingram received feedback from the committee on the *Report on Transdisciplinary Research at NIU* prepared by the Transdisciplinary Task Force.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

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