

## MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 3 p.m.  
Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center  
231 N. Annie Glidden Road  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Akst, Birch, Bohanon, Carpenter, Cheyney, Chomentowski, D. Collins, V. Collins, Creed, Demir, Duffin, Duffrin, Gorman, Groza (for Fredericks), Grund, Hu, Hua, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Lampi, Liberty, Lulinski, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Montgomery, Nesterov, Palese, Penkrot, Politis (for Haidar), Qin, Richter, Saborío (for Smith), Serowka, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Staikidis, Sullivan, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Books, Bujarski, Chen, Chung, Clark, Engel, Fredericks, Haidar, Knoll, Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Hodson, Ingram

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Beyer, Falkoff, Ferguson, Jaekel

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Faculty Senate President **P. Chomentowski** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

### **II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was verified.

### **III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**F. Bohanon** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021, MINUTES – Pages 4-6**

**D. Valentiner** moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

- A. Human Resource Services  
Bill Hodson, Senior Associate Vice President
- B. The Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award – call for nominations – Page 7  
Submit written letters of nomination to Faculty Senate President Peter Chomentowski no later than noon Wednesday, Feb. 16.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve the appointments of Therese Arado, College of Law, and Linda Saborío, Department of World Languages and Cultures, to serve on the NIU Ombudsperson Search Committee.

**D. Collins** moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **V. Collins**. Motion passed.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws:  
Article 2, Officers of the Faculty Senate  
Article 8, Personnel Review Responsibilities  
Article 14, Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor  
Pages 8-12  
FIRST READING  
Peter Chomentowski, Faculty Senate President

## **XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report  
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report  
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Peter Chomentowski  
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Greg Beyer
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- D. FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report  
Ben Creed, RGE/FS Liaison/Spokesperson

- E. Social Justice Committee – report  
Ismael Montana, Chair
- F. Student Government Association – report  
Devlin Collins, President  
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – report  
Natasha Johnson, Representative  
Zac Birch, Representative
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – no report  
Felicia Bohanon, President  
Stephanie Richter, Representative

## **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
- E. [Minutes](#), Board of Trustees
- F. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- G. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- H. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- I. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- J. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- L. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- N. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- O. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- P. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- Q. FS meets monthly on Wednesdays, 3 p.m.  
Spring 2022 meeting dates: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**D. Valentiner** moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. Creed**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.