MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 3 p.m.
Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center
231 N. Annie Glidden Road
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Akst, Bujarski, Chung, Demir, Knoll, McGowan, Montgomery, Qin, Sirotkin, Slotsve

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Ferris, Groza, Howell, Ingram, McEvoy, Saborío

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

D. Valentiner moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by I. Montana. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2022, MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. United Faculty Alliance
   Kerry Ferris, UFA President

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED 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
   SECOND READING/ACTION
   Peter Chomentowski, Faculty Senate President

   S. Marsh moved to approve the proposal, seconded by D. Valentiner. Motion passed.

   Yes – 40 votes
   No – 1 vote
   Abstain – 3 votes

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Calendar
   Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost

   Proposal to:
   1. Revise the Academic Calendar Guidelines to include instructions for the annual holiday of Juneteenth and the biennial holiday of General Election Day;
   2. Revise all previously approved academic calendars to include the annual holiday of Juneteenth and, where appropriate, the biennial holiday of General Election Day;
   3. Approve the proposed 2031-32 academic calendar, which includes the annual holiday of Juneteenth.

   B. Ingram presented the proposal, and it was approved by the body.

   Yes – 44 votes
   No – 1 vote
   Abstain – 1 vote
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 – 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

1. President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council 2022-23
   Call for nominations

   • Nominations for the office of Faculty Senate president will be taken from
     the Faculty Senate floor during the March 30 Faculty Senate meeting.
     Faculty Senate voting members are asked to review the list being
     provided at this time and use the coming weeks to prepare for making
     nominations at the March 30 meeting.

   • Letters of acceptance of nomination will be due in the Office of Faculty
     Senate by Friday, April 15.

   • Letters of acceptance of nomination will be provided to Faculty Senate
     members via email by Wednesday, April 20, and also will be included in
     the April 27 Faculty Senate agenda packets.

   • Election of the 2022-23 Faculty Senate president will be held during the
     April 27 Faculty Senate meeting.

2. Cyberbullying Resources Project Update

E. Social Justice Committee – no 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 – 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 N. Johnson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.