

## 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**

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Birch, Bohanon, Books, Bradley, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, D. Collins, V. Collins, Creed, Duffin, Duffrin, Engel, Fredericks, Gorman, Grund, Haidar, Hu, Hua, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Lampi, Liberty, Lulinski, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Nesterov, Palese, Penkrot, Qamar, Richter, Rossetti, Serowka, Sharp, Smith, Staikidis, Sullivan, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

**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.