

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, April 27, 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, Bohanon, Books, Bradley, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Chung, D. Collins, V. Collins, Creed, Duffin, Duffrin, Engel, Gorman, Grund, Hu, Hunter, Ito, Jong, Keddie, Lampi, Liberty, Lulinski, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Montgomery, Nesterov, Palese, Penkrot, Qamar, Qin, Richter, Rossetti, Serowka, Sharp, Slotsve, Smith, Staikidis, Sullivan, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee, Yates (for Johnson)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Birch, Bujarski, Carpenter, Clark, Demir, Fredericks, Haidar, Hua, Johnson, Knoll, Sirotkin, Vaezi

OTHERS PRESENT: Boston, Bryan, Edghill-Walden, Griffin, Groza, Howell, Majeed, McEvoy

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

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 **V. Collins**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 30, 2022, MINUTES

B. Creed moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **D. Collins**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Developing a Community of Practice for Equity and Community Partnerships
Vernese Edghill-Walden, Chief Diversity Officer
- B. Recognition of Faculty Senate members who have completed their service

**IX. FS-UC RULES, GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – report
Ben Creed, FS Liaison/Spokesperson**

- A. Election of 2022-23 FS president/UC chair per FS Bylaws, Article 2

- 1. Ismael Montana

Yes – 43 votes

No – 0 votes

Abstain – 0 votes

I. Montana is elected.

- B. Committees of the University 2022-23 – Election of faculty candidates running opposed. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure track faculty, clinical faculty and instructor members of Faculty Senate.
- C. Election of Faculty Senate Personnel Committee representatives for terms to begin in fall 2022. Those elected to serve on the FSPC must be tenured faculty members of Faculty Senate. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure-track faculty members of Faculty Senate.
- D. By-lot drawing of three tenured faculty members to serve on the 2022-23 grievance panel for student grievances. Members serving on the panel could be called upon to review a student grievance should one be filed during the 2022-23 academic year.

The following tenured faculty members were selected:

Veysel Demir, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

Elisa Fredericks, College of Business

Yasuo Ito, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- E. By-lot drawing of three instructors to serve on the 2022-23 grievance panel for student grievances. Members serving on the panel could be called upon to review a student grievance should one be filed during the 2022-23 academic year.

The following instructors were selected:

Meredith Stange, College of Law

Tim Sullivan, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Ed Miguel, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

F. Cyberbullying Resources Project Update

X. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Committees of the University 2022-23 – Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university

B. Approve Department of Management Professor and Honors Committee member, Barton Sharp, to serve on the Chief Financial Officer Search Committee

D. Valentiner moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **B. McGowan**.
Motion passed.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2, Officers of the Faculty Senate
SECOND READING/VOTE
Peter Chomentowski, Faculty Senate President

V. Collins moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **R. Grund**.
Motion passed.

Yes – 42 votes
No – 1 vote
Abstain – 2 votes

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to Student Evaluation of Instruction
FIRST READING
Rich Grund, Faculty Senate Personnel Committee
Peter Chomentowski, Faculty Senate President

XIII. 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. Social Justice Committee – report
Ismael Montana, Chair
- E. Student Government Association – report
Devlin Collins, President
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- F. Operating Staff Council – report
Natasha Johnson, Representative
Zac Birch, Representative
- G. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report
Felicia Bohanon, President
Stephanie Richter, Representative

XIV. 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. Summary of Service/Annual Report – Faculty Senate President
- R. Summary of Service/Annual Report – Faculty Personnel Advisor
- S. FS 2022-23 dates: Aug 31, Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 16, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.