

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 3 p.m.
Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center
231 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, IL
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Akst, Bardolph, Books, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, D. Collins, Creed, Douglass, Duffin, Duffrin, Fredericks, Grund, Hu, Hunter, Ito, N. Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Kim, Knoll, Lampi, Liberty, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Miguel, Nesterov, Penkrot, Petges, Qin, Richter, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Staikidis, Sullivan, Vahabzadeh, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Allori, Bohanon, Bujarski, Gorman, Montana, Montgomery, Palese, Royce, Valentiner

OTHERS PRESENT: Beyer, Bryan, Griffin, Holmes, Ingram, McEvoy, Saborío

OTHERS ABSENT: Groza, Jaekel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **P. Chomentowski** called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

G. Slotsve moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Bardolph**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 4-7

G. Slotsve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **D. Douglass**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Cycles and Constellations: Reimagining Committee Participation in the Department, College, and University
Greg Beyer
Professor, School of Music
Member, University Council and University Advisory Committee to the BOT

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the 2021-22 Faculty Senate Standing Committee membership rosters per FS Bylaws, Article 3 – Page 8
- B. Approve the 2021-22 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Karen Whedbee for a three-year term, per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1 – Page 9
- C. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2021-22 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2
- D. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – Page 10
- E. Approve FS President Peter Chomentowski to serve as NIU’s academic representative to the [State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee](#) (SURSMAC)

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 1, Membership of the Faculty Senate – Pages 11-12
SECOND READING/VOTE
Jeffrey Royce, Operating Staff Council

The proposal was approved.

Yes – 35

No – 1

Abstain – 2

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2.1.3, Officers of the Faculty Senate
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FIRST READING
Peter Chomentowski, President, Faculty Senate
- B. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.3, Academic Planning Council
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FIRST READING
Omar Ghrayeb, Senior Vice Provost

XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report
- 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 – Nancy Petges, Chair – no report
- D. FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Ben Creed,
FS Liaison/Spokesperson – report
 - 1. Election of 2021-22 Hearing Panel – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
 - 2. By-lot drawing of 15 FS tenured faculty members to serve on the 2021-22 grievance panel for student grievances

The following faculty members were selected by lot:

Sarah Marsh, Management
Bette Montgomery, Family and Consumer Sciences
Kryssi Staikidis, Art and Design
David Maki, Music
Evgueni Nesterov, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Arlene Keddie, Health Studies
In-Sop Kim, Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
Dan McConkie, Law
Melani Duffrin, Interdisciplinary Health Professions
Rich Grund, Theatre and Dance
Lisa Liberty, Special and Early Education
Valia Allori, Philosophy
Yasuo Ito, Physics

David Gorman, English
Larissa Garcia, University Libraries

3. Election of 2021-22 non-union faculty and staff grievance pool – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
4. Election of Faculty Senate vice president per Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.2. Nominations will be taken from the FS Floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

D. McConkie nominated **G. Slotsve**. No other nominations were made. Members approved **G. Slotsve** to serve as Faculty Senate vice president by voice vote.

5. Selection of one FS tenured/tenure-track faculty member to serve as the Faculty Senate president's designee on the 2022 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee. Nominations will be taken from the FS floor, and election will take place during the meeting.

Committee members review approximately 10 applications online, and the committee meets two to three times between November and February. The person selected to serve on this committee cannot be a candidate for the award, nor have submitted a nomination for the award.

No one volunteered. **P. Erickson** will recruit via email following the meeting.

- E. Social Justice Committee – Ismael Montana, Chair – report
- F. Student Government Association – report
Devlin Collins, President
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – report
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Felicia Bohanon, President – report

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. [2020-21 Annual Reports](#)
- R. FS 2021-22 dates: Sep 1, Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 17, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

G. Slotsve moved to adjourn, seconded by **D. Collins**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.