

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, September 29, 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, Bennett, Birch, Bohanon, Books, Carpenter, Cheyney, Chomentowski, D. Collins, V. Collins, Creed, Douglass, Duffrin, Fredericks, Gorman, Grund, Hu, Ito, N. Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Kim, Knoll, Liberty, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Montgomery, Nesterov, Palese, Penkrot, Petges, Qin, Richter, Rigert, Serowka, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Smith, Sullivan, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Allori, Bujarski, Chen, Clark, Duffin, Halverson, Hunter, Lampi, Staikidis

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Falkoff, Freeman, Griffin, Groza, McEvoy, Saborío

OTHERS ABSENT: Beyer, Ferguson, Jaekel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President **P. Chomentowski** called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

G. Slotsve moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **I. Montana**. **P. Chomentowski** moved to amend the agenda to remove Item XI. D., FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee report, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. The motion to amend the agenda passed. The motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 4-8

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. University Goals – President Lisa Freeman

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2.1.3, Officers of the Faculty Senate
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SECOND READING/VOTE
Peter Chomentowski, President, Faculty Senate

D. Valentiner moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **I. Montana**. The motion passed.

Yes – 46
No – 1
Abstain - 2

- B. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.3, Academic Planning Council
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SECOND READING/VOTE
Beth Ingram, Provost
Omar Ghrayeb, Senior Vice Provost

D. Collins moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **D. Douglass**. Motion passed.

Yes – 48
No – 0
Abstain - 0

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 11-15
FIRST READING
Peter Chomentowski, FS 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 – report
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Peter Chomentowski
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Greg Beyer
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee –no report
Nancy Petges, Chair
- D. FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – ~~report~~ no report
Ben Creed, RGE/FS Liaison/Spokesperson
 - A. Per FS Bylaws, Article 4.5.1.1 (D), selection of one tenured or tenure-track faculty member of Faculty Senate to serve as a nonvoting member of the [Baccalaureate Council](#) for 2021-22.

The BC meets the second Thursday of the month, 12:30-3 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.
- 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 – 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. [2020-21 Annual Reports](#)
- R. FS meets monthly on Wednesdays, 3 p.m. in the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center, 231 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb. 2021-22 dates: Sep 1, Sep 29, Oct 27 (Altgeld Auditorium, 2nd floor), Nov 17, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.