

# MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 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:** Abdel-Motaleb, Akst, Bardolph, Birch, Bohanon, Books, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, D. Collins, V. Collins, Creed, Douglass, Duffin, Duffrin, Fredericks, Gorman, Hu, Hunter, Ito, Jong, Keddie, Kim, Knoll, Liberty, Lulinski, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Montgomery, Nicholson (for N. Johnson), Palese, Penkrot, Qin, Richter, Rigert, Serowka, Sharp, Slotsve, Smith, Staikidis, Sullivan, Vaezi, Valentiner, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Allori, Bennett, Bujarski, Carpenter, Chen, Grund, Halverson, N. Johnson, Lampi, Nesterov, Petges, Sirotkin, Vahabzadeh

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Griffin, Groza, McEvoy, Streb

**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

**D. Douglass** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Collins**. Motion passed.

## IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2021, MINUTES

**F. Bohanon** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **B. Creed**. Motion passed.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

**VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

- A. COVID-19 Updates  
Matt Streb, Chief of Staff to the President and Liaison to the BOT
- B. Role of the NIU Ombudsperson  
Merlynette Griffin, Interim Ombudsperson
- C. Journal Manuscript Peer Review and Publication Process Concerns  
Pete Chomentowski, President of Faculty Senate

**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/VOTE  
Peter Chomentowski, FS President

**D. Serowka** moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **X. Hu**. Motion failed.

Yes – 21

No – 9

Abstain – 16

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no 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 – no report  
Ben Creed, RGE/FS Liaison/Spokesperson

- 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. in the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center, 231 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb.

2021-22 meeting dates: Sep 1, Sep 29, Oct 27 (Altgeld Auditorium), Nov 17, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**X. Hu** moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. Creed**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.