

## **MINUTES**

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 3 p.m.  
Altgeld Hall 225  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Birch, Bohanon, Chomentowski, Grund, Hunter, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Slotsve

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Collins, Creed, Demir

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Faculty Senate (FS) 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**

**Z. Birch** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **I. Montana**. Motion passed.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2022 MINUTES – Pages 2-4**

**F. Bohanon** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

- A. Should the Faculty Senate president position be open to tenured faculty members only (as opposed to tenured/tenure-track)?

The pros and cons of this question were discussed, and consensus was reached to propose an amendment to the FS bylaw to require that the FS president be tenured. A draft proposal will be submitted to FS Steering Committee members for review, with a potential first reading at the March 30 FS meeting.

**VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA –**  
attached packet

**Z. Birch** moved to approve the February 23, 2022, draft FS agenda, seconded by **B. McGowan**.

A review of the draft agenda included the following points:

- Kerry Ferris, United Faculty Alliance president, will bring information and take questions.
- No nominations for the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award were received, and that item will be removed from the FS draft agenda.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Articles 2, 8 and 14 will be presented for a second reading and vote.
- The proposed 2031-32 academic calendar will be presented for review and approval.
- Reports are anticipated from Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

Motion to approve the draft agenda per above discussion passed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**S. Marsh** moved to adjourn, seconded by **I. Montana**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.