

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022, MINUTES – Pages 2-3**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA –
attached packet**
- VII. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**
 - A. Review of Student Evaluation of Instruction
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA - DRAFT

**FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 3 p.m.
Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center
231 N. Annie Glidden Road
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2022, MINUTES – Pages 4-7**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VII. PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**
 - A. Anti-Racism Statement – Presentation and Feedback
Tamara Boston, Project Coordinator
Division of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Joseph Flynn
Associate Director of Academic Affairs, Center for Black Studies
Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Taylor Atkins, Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 - B. Strategic Enrollment Management 2.0
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost
- IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Nominations for 2022-23 Faculty Senate president – Page 8
Ben Creed, RGE/FS Liaison/Spokesperson

- Nominations for the office of Faculty Senate president will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 30 Faculty Senate meeting.
- Letters of acceptance of nomination are due by Friday, April 15, and can be emailed to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.
- Letters of acceptance of nomination will be provided to Faculty Senate members via email by Wednesday, April 20, and also will be included in the April 27 Faculty Senate agenda packets.
- Election of the 2022-23 Faculty Senate president will be held during the April 27 Faculty Senate meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2, Officers of the Faculty Senate
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FIRST READING
Peter Chomentowski, Faculty Senate president

XII. 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
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Peter Chomentowski
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Greg Beyer
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- D. FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report
Ben Creed, RGE/FS Liaison/Spokesperson
1. Cyberbullying Resources Project Update
- E. Social Justice Committee
Ismael Montana, Chair

- F. Student Government Association
Devlin Collins, President
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council
Natasha Johnson, Representative
Zac Birch, Representative
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council
Felicia Bohanon, President
Stephanie Richter, Representative

XIII. 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
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- 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.
Spring 2022 meeting dates: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

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Full transcript

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Birch, Bohanon, Books, Bradley, Carpenter, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, D. Collins, V. Collins, Creed, Duffin, Duffrin, Engel, Fredericks, Gorman, Grund, Haidar, Hu, Hua, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Keddie, Lampi, Liberty, Lulinski, Maki, Marsh, McConkie, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Nesterov, Palese, Penkrot, Qamar, Richter, Rossetti, Serowka, Sharp, Smith, Staikidis, Sullivan, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Akst, Bujarski, Chung, Demir, Knoll, McGowan, Montgomery, Qin, Sirotkin, Slotsve

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Ferris, Groza, Howell, Ingram, McEvoy, Saborío

OTHERS ABSENT: Beyer, Falkoff, Ferguson, Jaekel

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2022, MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. United Faculty Alliance
Kerry Ferris, UFA President

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/ACTION
Peter Chomentowski, Faculty Senate President

S. Marsh moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

Yes – 40 votes
No – 1 vote
Abstain – 3 votes

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Academic Calendar
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost

Proposal to:

1. Revise the Academic Calendar Guidelines to include instructions for the annual holiday of Juneteenth and the biennial holiday of General Election Day;
2. Revise all previously approved academic calendars to include the annual holiday of Juneteenth and, where appropriate, the biennial holiday of General Election Day;
3. Approve the proposed 2031-32 academic calendar, which includes the annual holiday of Juneteenth.

B. Ingram presented the proposal, and it was approved by the body.

Yes – 44 votes
No – 1 vote
Abstain – 1 vote

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Ben Creed, RGE/FS Liaison/Spokesperson
 - 1. President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council 2022-23
Call for nominations
 - Nominations for the office of Faculty Senate president will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 30 Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate voting members are asked to review the list being provided at this time and use the coming weeks to prepare for making nominations at the March 30 meeting.
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

D. Valentin moved to adjourn, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**Faculty Eligible to Serve as
President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council
2022-23**

Article 2: Officers of the Faculty Senate

2.1 The president of the Faculty Senate shall be elected as follows:

2.1.1 The initial selection of candidates for the office of president of the Faculty Senate shall take place at the third spring semester meeting of the Faculty Senate. Any Faculty Senate voting member may nominate or second the nomination of a candidate. To be qualified to serve, the candidate must be an elected tenure-track faculty member of the Faculty Senate for the current year and for the ensuing year.

Name	College	Department	T/TT
Mark Mellon	BUS	Accountancy	Tenured
Nan Qin	BUS	Finance	Tenure track
Sarah Marsh	BUS	Management	Tenured
Elisa Fredericks	BUS	Marketing	Tenured
Biagio Palese	BUS	Operations Management and Information Systems	Tenure track
Xiaodan Hu	EDU	Counseling and Higher Education	Tenure track
Jodi Lampi	EDU	Curriculum and Instruction	Tenured
Peter Chomentowski	EDU	Kinesiology and Physical Education	Tenured
Benjamin Creed	EDU	Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations	Tenure track
Lisa Liberty	EDU	Special and Early Education	Tenured
Veysel Demir	EET	Electrical Engineering	Tenured
Shi-Jie (Gary) Chen	EET	Industrial and Systems Engineering	Tenured
Sahar Vahabzadeh	EET	Mechanical Engineering	Tenure track
Mahdi Vaezi	EET	Engineering Technology	Tenure track
In-Sop Kim	HHS	Allied Health and Communicative Disorders	Tenured
Bette Montgomery	HHS	Family and Consumer Sciences	Tenured
Melani Duffrin	HHS	Interdisciplinary Health Professions	Tenured
Dan McConkie	LAW	Law	Tenured
Dana Bardolph	LAS	Anthropology	Tenure track
Emily McKee	LAS	Anthropology	Tenured
Jozef Bujarski	LAS	Biological Sciences	Tenured
Evgueni Nesterov	LAS	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Tenured
Karen Whedbee	LAS	Communication	Tenured
Kirk Duffin	LAS	Computer Science	Tenured
Philip Carpenter	LAS	Earth, Atmosphere and Environment	Tenured
George Slotsve	LAS	Economics	Tenured
Gulsat Aygen	LAS	English	Tenured
Ismael Montana	LAS	History	Tenured
Gleb Sirotkin	LAS	Mathematical Sciences	Tenured
Valia Allori	LAS	Philosophy	Tenured
Yasuo Ito	LAS	Physics	Tenured
April Clark	LAS	Political Science	Tenured
David Valentiner	LAS	Psychology	Tenured
Jaehae Jong	LAS	Public Administration	Tenure track
Shane Sharp	LAS	Sociology	Tenured
Matthew Smith	LAS	World Languages and Cultures	Tenured
Beth McGowan	ULIB	University Libraries	Tenured
Kryssi Staikidis	VPA	Art and Design	Tenured

Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.1.1

The proposal is intended to require that candidates for Faculty Senate president be tenured.

ARTICLE 2: OFFICERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

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