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.
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 Page 9
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

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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
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 3 p.m.
Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center
231 N. Annie Glidden Road
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

Full transcript


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. Valentinier. 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

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        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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   2. Cyberbullying Resources Project Update

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
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
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.

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Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 2.1.1

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

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