MINUTES
Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Birch, Bohanon, Chomentowski, Creed, Demir, Grund, Hunter, Marsh, McConkie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Collins, McGowan, Montana, Slotsve

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
D. McConkie moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by R. Grund. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2022, MINUTES
V. Demir moved to approve the minutes, seconded by S. Marsh. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA – attached packet
A review of the draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Public comment regarding race/gender data from the Presidential Commission on Race and Ethnicity is anticipated.
- Chief Diversity Officer Vernese Edghill-Walden will present on Developing a Community of Practice for Equity and Community Partnerships.
• The Rules, Governance and Elections Committee will facilitate the election of the 2022-23 FS president, as well as several other committee representative selections. Also, a report on the cyberbullying resources project is anticipated and will be added to the draft FS agenda.

• A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2, requiring that candidates for FS president be tenured, will be presented for a second reading and vote.

• Proposed amendments to the Student Evaluation of Instruction Policy, resulting from the recent five-year policy review, will be presented for a first reading. Although the proposal does not recommend that a bias statement be included in the evaluations at this time, it was suggested that, rather than wait for the next five-year review, the FS-Social Justice Committee be asked to conduct further review during 2022-23 with a specific focus on testing a bias statement.

• Reports are anticipated from Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council, Supportive Professional Staff Council.

• Informational items will include the FS president annual report, faculty personnel advisor annual report and 2022-23 FS meeting dates.

  B. Creed moved to approve the draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by R. Grund. Motion passed.

VII. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

  S. Marsh moved to adjourn, seconded by V. Demir. Motion passed.

  Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.