

## **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.