

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Creed, Chomentowski, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Petges, 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

G. Slotsve moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. McConkie**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 2-3

G. Slotsve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **B. Creed**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Members discussed the impact of the Illinois Open Meetings Act on Faculty Senate for the 2021-22 academic year.

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

A review of the September 1 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- **G. Beyer** will present on shared governance participation.
- A consent agenda will be presented for approval, including approval of: FS standing committee membership rosters, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, Ferald Bryan to serve as FS parliamentarian, faculty

candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university, Peter Chomentowski to serve as NIU's academic representative to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee.

- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 1, will be brought forward for a second reading and vote. The proposal intends to change the term length of Operating Staff representatives to Faculty Senate from three years to one year.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2.1.3 will be brought forward for a first reading. The proposal intends to remove the term, "secret," from the existing balloting language in order to comply with the spirit of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.3 will be brought forward for a first reading. The proposal intends to remove the position of vice provost for institutional effectiveness from the membership roster since that position no longer exists.
- Reports are anticipated from NIU's representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council, Supportive Professional Staff Council.

S. Marsh moved to approve the September 1 draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **I. Montana**.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Petges moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. McGowan**.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.