

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Chomentowski, Collins, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Petges, Richter (for Bohanon), Slotsve

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Birch, Bohanon, Creed

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President **P. Chomentowski** called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

G. Slotsve moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 25, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 2-3

S. Marsh moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **D. McConkie**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

The Faculty Senate Personnel Committee is completing its five-year review of student evaluation of instruction, and a report is expected to be presented to FS during the fall semester.

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

A review of the September 29 draft FS agenda included the following points:

- FS members will be encouraged to use the microphones so that a higher-quality recording can be achieved. The MP3 recordings will be posted on the FS

agenda/minutes/transcripts webpage. Also the meeting will be streamed as view-only. All FS member discussion and voting, as well as public comment will continue to take place in person.

- President Lisa Freeman will present to FS on university goals.
- A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 2.1.3, Officers of the Faculty Senate, will be presented for a second reading and vote. The proposal aims to remove the word, “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, Academic Planning Council, will be presented for a second reading and vote. This proposal aims to remove the position of vice provost for institutional effectiveness, since that position no longer exists.
- A proposed amendment to FS, Articles 2, 8 and 14 will be presented for a first reading. The proposal aims to eliminate the formal annual evaluations of the FS president and faculty personnel advisor, replacing that process with a required annual report; and brings the language describing the faculty personnel advisor up to date and in alignment with current practice.
- 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.
- Faculty Senate will meet in the Altgeld Auditorium on October 27.

N. Petges moved to approve the FS September 29 draft agenda per above discussion, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

D. McConkie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **I. Montana**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.