

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Birch, Borg (for Bohanon), Chomentowski, Collins, Creed, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Slotsve

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohanon, Hunter, Petges

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 established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

B. Creed moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. McConkie**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 2-3

B. McGowan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

President Freeman will present the State of the University address, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center. Online viewing also will be available.

President Freeman will present the University Goals to the Board of Trustees at a special meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18, Altgeld Hall 315. Online viewing also will be available.

I. Abdel-Motaleb shared his concern regarding attrition impact on faculty staffing.

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

Z. Birch moved to approve the November 17, 2021, FS draft agenda, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. A review of the November 17, 2021, draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Chief of Staff to the President Matt Streb will present a brief COVID-19 update and will take questions from the FS floor.
- Interim Ombudsperson Merlynette Griffin will present on her role at NIU.
- Provost Ingram will be present to hear from FS members information on any delays and/or obstacles they've experienced in getting journal manuscripts peer reviewed and/or published.
- Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Articles 2, 8, and 14, will be presented for discussion and vote; the proposal has been updated based on feedback received. **S. Marsh** suggested that information regarding the history of this project, including the names of those who worked on it over the years, be added to the introduction box of the proposal.
- Reports are anticipated from NIU's representatives to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, the University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

The motion to approve passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Z. Birch moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. Creed**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.