

# MINUTES

## FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3 p.m.

Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, Illinois

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Akst, Berke, Bohanon, Books, Campbell, Duffin, Duffrin, Hartenhoff, Hu, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, McConkie, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Mooberry, Nagata (for Buck), Nicholson, Osorio (for McGowan), Palese, Penkrot, Puckett, Qin, Rejabi, Rogers, Rossetti, Sagebiel (for Borre), Serowka, Sharp, Sullivan, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee, Woods

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Allori, Barrett, Borre, Buck, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Demir, Douglass, Gors, Konen, Majeed, May, McGowan, Montgomery, Naples, Nesterov, Saborío, Saiyed, Shulman, Sirotkin, Slotsve

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Falkoff, Groves, Hughes, Ingram, Kortegast, Lee-Gordon, Rhode

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Cripe, Ferguson, Jaekel

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was verified.

### **III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**D. McConkie** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **E. McKee**. During discussion, **I. Montana** moved to amend the agenda by removing item VIII.C., because the presenters, were unable to attend today's meeting. The motion to amend was seconded by **B. Palese**. Motion to amend passed. Motion to adopt the agenda as amended passed.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2023, MINUTES**

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

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VII. PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

- A. Faculty Personnel Advisor – Introduction and Welcome

Carrie Kortegast  
Associate Professor, Department of Counseling and Higher Education  
NIU Faculty Personnel Advisor

- B. ChatGPT and AI Technologies in Teaching – presentation

Jason Rhode  
Associate Vice Provost for Teaching, Learning and Digital Education

- C. Centering Engagement, Driving Impact Task Force – presentation

[This item was removed from the agenda via motion.]

Rena Cotsones  
Chief Engagement Officer and  
Vice President, Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development

Alicia Schatteman  
Associate Professor and Director, Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws,  
Article 4.6.3.1, Honors Committee, Student Membership  
SECOND READING/VOTE  
Omar Ghrayeb, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
Andrea Radasanu, Assistant Vice Provost, University Honors Program

**S. Marsh** moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **F. Bohanon**.  
Motion passed.

Yes – 36 votes  
No – 0 votes  
Abstain – 4 votes

- B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws,  
Article 1, Membership of the Faculty Senate  
SECOND READING/VOTE  
Ismael Montana, Faculty Senate President

**D. Valentiner** moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Yes – 39 votes  
No – 1 vote  
Abstain – 1 vote

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposal to approve the 2032-33 academic calendar  
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost

**L. Hartenhoff** moved to approve the proposed academic calendar, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

## **XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee –report  
Lori Hartenhoff, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

1. President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council 2023-24  
Call for nominations

- Nominations for the office of Faculty Senate president will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 29 Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate voting members are asked to review the list being provided at this time and use the coming weeks to prepare for making nominations during the March 29 meeting.
- Letters of acceptance of nomination will be due in the Office of Faculty Senate by Friday, April 14.
- Letters of acceptance of nomination will be provided to Faculty Senate voting members via email by Wednesday, April 19, and also will be included in the April 26 Faculty Senate agenda packets.
- Election of the 2023-24 Faculty Senate president will be held during the April 26 Faculty Senate meeting

2. By-lot drawing of three tenured faculty members to serve on the 2023-24 grievance panel for student grievances. Members serving on the panel could be called upon to review a student grievance should one be filed during the 2023-24 academic year.

The following tenured faculty members were selected by lot:

- Larissa Garcia, University Libraries
- Peter Chomentowski, Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education
- Sheila Barrett, School of Health Studies

3. By-lot drawing of three instructors to serve on the 2023-24 grievance panel for student grievances. Members serving on the panel could be called upon to review a student grievance should one be filed during the 2023-24 academic year.

The following instructors were selected by lot:

- Marcia Berke, School of Health Studies
- Jason Akst, Department of Communication
- Ed Miguel, Department of Electrical Engineering

- B. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no report  
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
- C. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report  
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Ismael Montana  
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- E. Social Justice Committee – report  
David Valentiner, Chair
- F. Student Government Association – no report  
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – report  
Holly Nicholson, President  
Natasha Johnson, OSC/FS representative

1. What are some good strategies for advocacy for our constituents?
2. What are some effective tactics for keeping our constituents informed?

- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – no report  
Felicia Bohanon, President  
Andrew Rogers, SPSC/FS representative

## **XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. [Policy Library](#) – Comment on Proposed Policies (right-hand column on web page)
- B. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council
- C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board
- D. [Minutes](#), Baccalaureate Council
- E. [Minutes](#), Board of Trustees
- F. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- G. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- H. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- I. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- J. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- L. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- N. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- O. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- P. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- Q. FS 2022-23 dates: Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.