

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Akst, Berke, Birch (for Johnson), Bohanon, Books, Buck, Campbell, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Demir, Duffin, Gray, Hartenhoff, Hunter, Isawi (for Hu), Ito, Jong, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, May, McConkie, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Mooberry, Nesterov, Nicholson, Palese, Penkrot, Puckett, Qin, Rejabi, Rossetti, Saborío, Scanlon, Serowka, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Sullivan, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Allori, Borre, Douglass, Duffrin, Gors, Hu, Johnson, Konen, Majeed, Montgomery, Naples, Saiyed, Shulman, Vaezi, Woods

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Cotsones, Doederlein, Groves, Lee-Gordon, McEvoy, Middlemist, Schatteman

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Falkoff, Ferguson, Hughes, Jaekel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **I. Montana** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

B. McGowan moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2023, MINUTES

D. Valentiner moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Introduction
George Middlemist
Vice President of Administration and Finance
Chief Financial Officer
- B. Centering Engagement, Driving Impact Task Force – presentation
- 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. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Department of Operations Management and Information Systems Professor Biagio Palese to serve on the Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee
- D. Valentiner** moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **S. Marsh**.
Motion passed.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Nominations for 2023-24 Faculty Senate President/University Council Chair
Lori Hartenhoff, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
- Nominations for 2023-24 Faculty Senate president/University Council chair will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 29 Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Letters of acceptance of nomination are due in the Office of Faculty Senate by Friday, April 14, and can be emailed to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.
 - 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/University Council chair will be held during the April 26 Faculty Senate meeting.

D. McConkie nominated **B. Creed**, seconded by **T. Puckett**. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws,
Article 4.8, University Assessment Panel
FIRST READING
Jason Rhode, Associate Vice Provost for Teaching, Learning and Digital Education

XII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
 - 1. Early College: What to Consider?
 - 2. Equity Tools & Resources for Faculty Engagement
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Ismael Montana
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- D. Social Justice Committee – no report
David Valentiner, Chair
- E. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
Lori Hartenhoff, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
- F. Student Government Association – no report
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – no report
Holly Nicholson, President
Natasha Johnson, OSC/FS representative
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – no report
Felicia Bohanon, President
Andrew Rogers, SPSC/FS representative

XIII. 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 remaining meeting dates: Mar 29, Apr 26

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

D. Valentiner moved to adjourn, seconded by **T. Buck**.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.