

MINUTES

**FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

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Voting members present: Akst, Berke, Bohanon, Books, Buck, Campbell, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Duffin, Duffrin, Gray, Hartenhoff, Hu, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, May, McConkie, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Montgomery, Naples, Nesterov, Nicholson, Palese, Penkrot, Puckett, Qin, Rejabi, Rossetti, Scanlon, Serowka, Sharp, Slotsve, Sullivan, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

Voting members absent: Allori, Borre, Clark, Demir, Douglass, Gors, Konen, Majeed, Mooberry, Rogers, Saborío, Saiyed, Shulman, Sirotkin

Others present: Bryan, Falkoff, Hughes, Ingram, Lee-Gordon, McEvoy, Schatteman

Others absent: Cripe, Ferguson, Groves, 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 verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

P. Chomentowski moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 29, 2023, MINUTES

D. Valentiner moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. [Huskie Closet](#)
Alicia Schatteman
Associate Professor and Director, Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies
- B. Recognition of Faculty Senate members who have completed their service

IX. FS-UC RULES, GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – report Lori Hartenhoff, FS Liaison/Spokesperson

- A. Election of 2023-24 FS president/UC chair per FS Bylaws, Article 2
 - 1. Ben Creed
 - Yes – 41 votes
 - No – 3 votes
 - Abstain – 1 vote

B. Creed is elected.
- B. Committees of the University 2023-24 – Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – walk-in

H. Nicholson moved to approve the faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.
- C. Committees of the University 2023-24 – Election of faculty candidates running opposed. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure track faculty, clinical faculty and instructor members of Faculty Senate.
- D. Faculty Senate Personnel Committee 2023-24 – Election of representatives for terms to begin in fall 2023. Those elected to serve on the FSPC must be tenured faculty members of Faculty Senate. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure-track faculty members of Faculty Senate.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

H. Nicholson moved to approved the proposed amendment, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed

Yes – 33 votes
No – 7 votes
Abstain – 5 votes

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no report
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – 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 – report
David Valentiner, Chair
- E. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
Lori Hartenhoff, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
- F. Student Government Association – report
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – report
Holly Nicholson, President
Natasha Johnson, OSC/FS representative
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – 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. [Annual Report](#) – Faculty Senate President – Pages 14-17
- R. [Annual Report](#) – Faculty Personnel Advisor – Pages 18-19
- S. 2023-24 FS schedule: Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 27, Apr 24

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

P. Chomentowski moved to adjourn, seconded by **V. Naples**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.