

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Barrett, Benner, Berke, Campbell, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Clark, Demir, Douglass, Duffin, Fox, Gors, Hartenhoff, Hu, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Lampi, Liberty, Marsh, May, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Montgomery, Naples, Nesterov, Nicholson, Palese, Puckett, Rejabi, Rossetti, Saborío, Sagebiel (for Borre), Scanlon, Serowka, Sharp, Sirotkin, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh, Whedbee, Zheng

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Akst, Allori, Bohanon, Books, Borre, Duffrin, Konen, Penkrot, Rogers, Slotsve, Valentiner

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Hughes, Ingram, McEvoy

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Jaekel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate 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

N. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Douglass**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 27, 2022, MINUTES – Pages 5-8

L. Saborío 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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Department of Management Professor Sarah Marsh to serve as the 2022-23 Faculty Senate vice president per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2.
- B. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2022-23 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2.
- C. Approve the 2022-23 Faculty Senate Standing Committee membership rosters per FS Bylaws, Article 3 – Pages 9-10
- D. Approve the 2022-23 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Brad Cripe for a three-year term, per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1 – Page 11
- E. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – Page 12
- F. Approve Professor Peter Chomentowski to serve as NIU's academic representative to the [State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee](#) (SURSMAC)
- G. Approve Professor Sarah Marsh to serve on the 2023 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee

D. Douglass moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **T. Buck**. Motion passed.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to Student Evaluation of Instruction – Pages 13-16
SECOND READING/VOTE
Ismael Montana, Faculty Senate President
Chad McEvoy, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, FSPC Convener

P. Chomentowski moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

40 – yes
4 – no
3 – abstain

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – 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
Ismael Montana, Faculty Senate President
- E. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report
Lori Hartenhoff, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
 - 1. [Cyberbullying and Online Harassment](#) Resources Project
Holly Nicholson, President, Operating Staff Council
 - 2. Election of 2022-23 Hearing Panel – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
 - 3. Election of 2022-23 non-union faculty and staff grievance pool – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
 - 4. Faculty Personnel Advisor – Call for self-nominations – Page 17

Letters of self-nomination are due by Friday, Oct. 7, and will be shared with Faculty Senate voting members via email by Monday, Oct. 10, and also included in the October 26 Faculty Senate agenda packets. Election will take place during the October 26 Faculty Senate meeting. The faculty personnel advisor must be a full-time, faculty member, but does not need to be a member of Faculty Senate or University Council.
- F. Student Government Association – report
Raaif Majeed, President
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – report
Natasha Johnson, OSC/FS representative

- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – [no] report
Felicia Bohanon, President

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 dates: Aug 31, Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 16, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26
- R. [2021-22 Annual Reports](#)
- S. Disclosure of Foreign Gifts and Contracts – Pages 18-21
If you have questions or need to access the related form, contact Carrie Kinowski, in the Office of the General Counsel.
- T. Call for nominations for honorary degrees – Page 22
- U. Student Mandatory Fee Advisory Committee – seeking one tenured/tenure-track faculty member to serve on this committee, which expects to convene in September and complete most of its work during the fall semester. Contact Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu if you can help.
- V. [University Benefits Committee](#) – seeking one tenured/tenure-track faculty member of Faculty Senate to serve on this committee, which meets virtually on the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Contact Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu if you can help.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

P. Chomentowski moved to adjourn, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.