

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Buck, Demir, Douglass, Hartenhoff, Hunter, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Nicholson, Valentiner

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohanon

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering Committee Chair **I. Montana** called the meeting to order.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

D. Valentiner moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **H. Nicholson**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2023, MINUTES

H. Nicholson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Buck**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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

A review of the draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Three presentations are scheduled:
 - Faculty Personnel Advisor – Introduction and Welcome
 - Chat GPT and AI Technologies in Teaching
 - Centering Engagement, Driving Impact Task Force

- Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.6.3.1, Honors Committee, will be presented for a second reading and vote.
- Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 1, Membership of the Faculty Senate, will be presented for second reading and vote.

It was noted that the language contained in FS Bylaws Article 1.1.1(B) relative to minority representation is also in need of review and potential revision. It also was noted that similar language likely exists throughout the bylaws. There was consensus that this is a topic worthy of separate and focused review of the entire FS Bylaws with the possibility of bringing forward a separate proposal in the future.

- Proposed 2032-33 academic calendar will be presented for review and approval.
- Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 4.8, University Assessment Panel, will be presented for a first reading.

It was noted that UAP membership does not include an instructor representative, and that instructors are involved in assessment in some, though not all, of NIU's colleges. In addition, a clerical notation was made that Student Government Association should be capitalized. This feedback will be shared with the proposer ahead of the FS meeting.

[NOTE: Feedback was communicated to Jason Rhode, and he intends to share the feedback with the UAP members at their meeting Friday, Feb. 17. Rhode requested that the proposal be pulled from the FS agenda until the UAP can have opportunity to consider the feedback.]

- Reports are anticipated from FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee; Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, FS-Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

It was noted that Item XI.A.2., Selection of Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award recipient, would be removed from the draft agenda, since no nominations were received by the deadline of noon, today, Feb. 15.

- **D. Douglass** requested that a student election flyer be shared with FS members; he will send the flyer to **P. Erickson** for distribution.
- **D. Douglass** moved to approve the FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **D. Valentin**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

FS President **I. Montana** adjourned the meeting.