

MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Hartenhoff, Hunter, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Valentiner

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohanon, Demir, Douglass, Nicholson

OTHERS PRESENT: Naples

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering Committee Chair **I. Montana** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, MINUTES

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

D. Valentiner is researching issues related to academic freedom at NIU. **I. Montana** called his attention to FS Bylaws Article 14, Grievance Procedures for Violation of Academic Freedom.

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

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

- Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist will make a brief self-introduction.
- Chief Engagement Officer Rena Cotsones and Professor Alicia Schatteman will provide a presentation on Centering Engagement, Driving Impact Task Force.
- Professor Biagio Palese will be presented for approval to serve on the Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee via the consent agenda.
- Nominations for 2023-24 FS president will be taken.
- A proposal to amend FS Bylaws, Article 4.8, University Assessment Panel, will be presented for a first reading.
- Reports are anticipated from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

L. Hartenhoff moved to approve the draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.