

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bohanon, Buck, Demir, Hunter, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, Montana, Valentiner

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: B. McGowan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President **I. Montana** called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

F. Bohanon moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2022, MINUTES – Pages 2-3

S. Marsh moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **L. Liberty**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

- The consent agenda contains numerous officer and committee representative appointments.
- Proposed amendments to the Student Evaluation of Instruction Policy, resulting from the recent five-year policy review, will be presented for a second reading and vote. This proposal represents two years of work from three bodies: Faculty Senate Personnel Committee Ad Hoc Review Group, Faculty Senate Personnel Committee, Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Although the proposal does not recommend that

a bias statement be included in the evaluations at this time, it was acknowledged that the FS Social Justice Committee could be asked to conduct further review during 2022-23 with a specific focus on testing a bias statement.

- 2021-22 Rules, Governance and Elections Committee Chair **H. Nicholson** will report out on the cyberbullying and online harassment resources project completed by that committee last year.
- Faculty Personnel Advisor (FPA) call for nominations will be presented. **D. Valentiner** suggested that information summarizing the anticipated workload for this position be included in the announcement. **P. Erickson** can access this data from the FPA's 2021-22 summary of service and include it in the announcement.
- Reports are anticipated from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE; University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees; Rules, Governance and Elections Committee; Social Justice Committee; Student Government Association; Operating Staff Council; Supportive Professional Staff Council.
- Informational items will include: disclosure of foreign gifts and contracts letter, call for nominations for honorary degrees, as well as a request for two committee representatives.

D. Valentiner moved to approve the draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **F. Bohanon**. Motion passed.

VII. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

S. Marsh moved to adjourn, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.