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
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.