

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 3 p.m.

Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Akst, Arado, Atkins, Barrett, Bohanon, Books, Boswell, Brain, Campbell, Creed, Davis (for Monteiro), Demir, Duffin, English, Fotovat, Guzman, Hartenhoff, Ishaq (for Chomentowski), Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Kupelian, Larkin, Liberty, Luo, Marsh, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Mills, Naples, Nesterov, Nyunt, Palese, Porter, Qin, Rajabi, Ross, Rossetti, Salimi, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Staikidis, Swedlow, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, VanWienen, Wang, Whedbee

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Chomentowski, Finch, Harris, Kreitzer, Lampi, Martinez, Ruetsche, Scanlon, Xie

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Garner, Hughes, Pitney, Richter, Streb, Sumner

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Ferguson, Garcia, Saborío, Swingley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **F. Bohanon**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2023, MINUTES

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **C. Campbell**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Executive Vice President and Provost Search Update
Matt Streb, Chief Strategy Officer/Liaison for the Board of Trustees
Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President
- B. Title IX, Addressing Sexual Harassment at NIU
Sarah Garner, NIU Ethics and Compliance Officer
- C. Blackboard AI Design Assistant
Stephanie Richter, Director of Teaching Excellence and Support
Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bob Lane Award – Call for nominations
Submit written letters of nomination to Faculty Senate President Ben Creed no later than noon, Wednesday, Feb. 14.
- B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
Article 4.8.1.6, University Assessment Panel – Administration Representation
FIRST READING
Amy Buhrow, Assistant Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation
- C. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
Article 3, Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate
Article 8, The Academic Personnel Process
Article 9, General Academic Personnel Procedures
FIRST READING
Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no report
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
Ben Creed, NIU representative alternate to FAC-IBHE
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed
Larissa Garcia, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- C. Baccalaureate Council – no report
Amanda Ferguson, Chair
Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

- D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- E. Social Justice Committee – no report
- F. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
- G. Student Government Association – report
Olivia Newman, SGA President
Cole Hensley, Speaker of the Senate
- H. Operating Staff Council – no report
Natasha Johnson, President
Mandy Kreitzer, OSC Representative
- I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – no report
Felicia Bohanon, President

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. [Policy Library](#) – Comment on Proposed Policies
- B. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council
- C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board
- D. [Minutes](#), Baccalaureate Council
- E. [Minutes](#), Board of Trustees
- F. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- G. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- H. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- I. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- J. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- K. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- L. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- M. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- N. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- O. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- P. 2023-24 FS schedule: Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 27, Apr 24

XII. ADJOURNMENT

D. Valentiner moved to adjourn, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.