
VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Chomentowski, Demir, Harris, Kreitzer, Liberty, Martinez, Rajabi, Ruetsche, Slotsve, Van Wienen, Xie

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Buhrow, Cormier, DeThorne, González, Pitney, Saborío, Schatteman, Sumner

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Falkoff, Ferguson, Garcia, Hughes, Swingley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) 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

F. Bohanon moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by C. Campbell. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2024, MINUTES

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by B. McGowan. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
VII. PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
   Article 4.8.1.6, University Assessment Panel – Administration Representation
   SECOND READING and VOTE
   Amy Buhrow, Assistant Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation

   T. Atkins moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by J. Lampi.
   Motion passed by the following vote:

   YES – 36
   NO – 4
   ABSTAIN - 1

B. 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
   SECOND READING and VOTE
   Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President

   T. Arado moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by T. Atkins.
   Motion passed by the following vote:

   YES – 31
   NO – 9
   ABSTAIN – 5

C. Bob Lane Award
   Faculty Senate will vote on the recipient during the February 21 Faculty Senate
   meeting. The recipient will be honored at the March 27 Faculty Senate meeting.

   1. Nomination
      Professor Cindy York
      Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment

      B. McGowan moved to approve Professor Cindy York as the Bob Lane
      Faculty Advocacy Award recipient, seconded by T. Atkins. Motion passed
      by voice vote.
IX. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Higher Learning Commission Report
   Amy Buhrow, Assistant Vice Provost of Assessment and Accreditation

B. Budget Update
   George Middlemist
   Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
   Article 3.1, Faculty Senate Steering Committee
   Article 6, Operating Procedures of the Faculty Senate
   Article 7, Duties and Responsibilities of the Faculty Senate
   FIRST READING
   Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President and FS Steering Committee Chair

B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
   Article 3.5, Social Justice Committee
   FIRST READING
   Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President and FS Social Justice Committee Convener

XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report
   Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

1. President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council 2024-25
   Call for nominations

   • Nominations for the office of Faculty Senate president will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 27 Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate voting members are asked to review the list being provided at this time and use the coming weeks to prepare for making nominations during the March 27 meeting.

   • Letters of acceptance of nomination will be due in the Office of Faculty Senate by Friday, April 12.

   • Letters of acceptance of nomination will be provided to Faculty Senate voting members via email by Wednesday, April 17, and also will be included in the April 24 Faculty Senate agenda packets.

   • Election of the 2024-25 Faculty Senate president/University Council chair will be held during the April 24 Faculty Senate meeting.
2. **2024-25 Student Grievance Panel**

By-lot drawing of three tenured faculty members and three instructors to serve on the 2024-25 grievance panel for student grievances. Members serving on the panel might be called upon to review a student grievance should one be filed during the 2024-25 academic year.

B. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report
   Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
   Ben Creed, NIU representative alternate to FAC-IBHE

C. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
   Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed
   Larissa Garcia, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe

D. Baccalaureate Council – report
   Amanda Ferguson, Chair
   Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

E. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report

F. Social Justice Committee – no report

G. Student Government Association – report
   Chris English, Deputy Speaker of the Senate
   Landon Larkin, SGA Treasurer

H. Operating Staff Council – no report
   Natasha Johnson, President
   Mandy Kreitzer, OSC Representative

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report
   Felicia Bohanon, President
   John Boswell, SPSC Representative

**XII. 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
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

D. Valentiner moved to adjourn, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.