

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, February 21, 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, Duffin, English, Finch, Fotovat, Guzman, Hartenhoff, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Kupelian, Lampi, Larkin, Luo, Marsh, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Mills, Naples, Nesterov, Nyunt, Palese, Porter, Qin, Ross, Rossetti, Salimi, Scanlon, Sharp, Sirotkin, Staikidis, Swedlow, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Wang, Whedbee, Zumanu

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

- 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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.