MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Akst, Barrett, Bohanon, Chomentowski, English, Guzman, Harris, Ito, Kim, Kreitzer, Martinez, Naples, Qin, Rajabi, Ross, Ruetsche, Scanlon, Slotsve, Swedlow, Wang, Xie

OTHERS PRESENT: Barnhart, Bryan, Gónzalez, Harris, Schumacher, Singh, Sumner

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

K. Staikidis moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024, MINUTES

D. Valentiner moved to approve the minutes, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Presentation of the Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award to Professor Cindy S. York
   Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment

B. Faculty Mentoring Update
   Janice Hamlet, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Mentoring and Diversity

C. Open Scholarship
   Bárbara González, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
   Fred Barnhart, Dean, University Libraries
   Jaime Schumacher, Sr. Director Scholarly Communications, University Libraries

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Per FS Bylaws, Article 17.3, “To become effective, an amendment must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of those voting provided at least two-thirds of the voting members are present.” It was noted that Faculty Senate currently has 59 voting members seated, meaning that two-thirds, or 40 members, must be present in order to vote on the two scheduled proposed bylaw amendments. It was further determined that only 36 voting members were present. As a result, Items IX. A. and B. will be postponed to the April 24 Faculty Senate meeting.

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
   SECOND READING/VOTE
   Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President and FS Steering Committee Chair

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

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

   1. 2024-25 President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council
      Call for nominations
• Nominations will be taken from the Faculty Senate floor during the March 27 Faculty Senate meeting.

• Letters of acceptance of nomination are due in the Office of Faculty Senate by Friday, April 12, and can be emailed to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.

• 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.

**T. Arado** nominated Ben Creed, seconded by **K. Staikidis**. Hearing no other nominations, **E. McKee** closed the nominations.

2. Election of 2024-25 Non-Union Faculty and Staff Grievance Pool – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.

3. Motion to approve Professor Tiffany Puckett, Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations, to serve as Linda Saborío’s alternate to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE during the 2024-25 academic year

**E. McKee** moved to approve Professor Tiffany Puckett to serve as Linda Saborío’s alternate for the 2024-25 academic year, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

   Yes – 34 votes  
   No – 1 vote  
   Abstain – 0 votes

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 – no 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 – report
   Natasha Johnson, President
   Mandy Kreitzer, OSC Representative

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

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
Q. Spring Commencement
   Graduate School – Friday, May 10, 4 p.m.
   Undergraduate – CLAS, CEET, CVPA – Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.
   Undergraduate – CEDU, CBUS, CHHS – Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.