MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall Auditorium**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, Illinois**

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Akst, Arado, Atkins, Barrett, Billingsly (for Guzman), Bohanon, Books, Boswell, Campbell, Chomentowski, Creed, Duffin, English, Finch, Fotovat, Hartenhoff, Hunter (for Kupelian), Jong, Kim, Lampi, Liberty, Libman, Luo, Marsh, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Mills, Naples, Nesterov, Nyunt, Palese, Qin, Rajabi, Rossetti, Salimi, Sharp, Slotsve, Staikidis, Swedlow, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Van Wienen, Wang, Whedbee, Xie

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brain, Demir, Guzman, Harris, Ito, Johnson, Kreitzer, Kupelian, Larkin, Martinez, Porter, Ross, Ruetsche, Scanlon, Sirotkin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Acardo, Bryan, Elish-Piper, Hughes, Middlemist, Pitney, Saborío, Sumner

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 27, 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. Budget Update

George Middlemist

Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Laurie Elish-Piper

Executive Vice President and Provost

John Acardo

Senior Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

IX. UNFINISHED 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

SECOND READING/VOTE

Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President and FS Steering Committee Chair

**S. Marsh** moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

Yes – 38 votes

No – 3 votes

Abstain – 0 votes

B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws

Article 3.5, Social Justice Committee

SECOND READING/VOTE

Ben Creed, FS President and FS Social Justice Committee Convener

**E. McKee** moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

Yes – 36 votes

No – 1 vote

Abstain – 1 vote

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report

Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

1. Election of 2024-25 President of Faculty Senate/Chair of University Council

Per FS Bylaws, Article 2

a. Ben Creed

Yes – 38 votes

No – 0 votes

Abstain – 1 vote

**B. Creed** is elected.

2. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on various university-wide committees – walk-in

**D. Valentiner** moved to approve the faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on various university-wide committees, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

3. Election of faculty candidates running opposed to serve on various university-wide committees. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure track faculty, clinical faculty and instructor members of Faculty Senate.

4. Faculty Senate Personnel Committee 2024-25 – Election of representatives for terms to begin in fall 2024. Those elected to serve on the FSPC must be tenured faculty members of Faculty Senate. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure track faculty members of Faculty Senate.

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 – no 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](https://www.niu.edu/policies/) – Comment on Proposed Policies

B. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/apc/index.shtml), Academic Planning Council

C. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/athletics/index.shtml), Athletic Board

D. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/bc/index.shtml), Baccalaureate Council

E. [Minutes,](http://www.niu.edu/board/meetings/index.shtml) Board of Trustees

F. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/ciuae/index.shtml), Comm on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience

G. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/gec/index.shtml), General Education Committee

H [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/gc/index.shtml), Graduate Council

I. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/hc/index.shtml), Honors Committee

J. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/operating-staff-council/meetings/index.shtml), Operating Staff Council

K. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/spsc/meetings/index.shtml), Supportive Professional Staff Council

L. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/uap/index.shtml), University Assessment Panel

M. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/ubc/index.shtml), University Benefits Committee

N. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/uciel/index.shtml), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

O. [Minutes](http://www.facibhe.org/meetings/minutes.php), Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE

P. Annual Report – Carrie Kortegast, Faculty Personnel Advisor – Pages 17-18

Q. Annual Report – Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President – Pages 19-21

R. 2024-25 FS schedule: Sep 4, Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 23

S. [Spring Commencement](https://www.niu.edu/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

**W. Mills** moved to adjourn, seconded by **S. Marsh.** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.