MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE

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

**Altgeld Hall Auditorium**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, Illinois**

[**Full transcript**](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/faculty-senate/agendas-minutes-transcripts/2023-2024/fs/fs-04-24-24-transcript.pdf)

**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.