

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, 3 p.m.

Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Atkins, Barrett, Boswell, Brain, Chomentowski, Coulter (for Rossetti), Creed, Demir, Finch, Fotovat, Geisler, Graves, Guzman, Harris, Hartenhoff, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Liberty, Luo, Marsh, McGowan, Mellon, Naples, Nesterov, Nyunt, Qin, Salimi, Scanlon, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Vahabzadeh, Vahedian, Valentiner, Van Wienen, Wang, Whedbee, Xie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohanon, Campbell, Duffin, Lampi, McKee, Rossetti, Staikidis, Swedlow, Vaezi

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Elish-Piper, González, Hughes, Kortegast, Lee-Gordon, Richter, Rhode, Saborío, Schatteman, Sumner

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Jaekel

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

G. Slotsve moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2023, MINUTES

G. Slotsve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Blackboard Ultra Transition Update
Jason Rhode, Associate Vice Provost for Teaching, Learning and Digital Education
Stephanie Richter, Director of Teaching Excellence and Support
- B. Vice Provost for Academic Affairs – Curriculum Updates
Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- C. Faculty Personnel Advisor – Introduction –
Carrie Kortegast
Associate Professor, Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education
and Faculty Personnel Advisor

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

P. Chomentowski moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **D. Valentiner**.
Motion passed.

- A. Approve Department of Management Professor Sarah Marsh to serve as the 2023-24 Faculty Senate vice president per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2.
- B. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2023-24 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2.
- C. Approve the 2023-24 Faculty Senate standing committee membership rosters per FS Bylaws, Article 3
- D. Approve the 2023-24 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Larissa Garcia for a three-year term, and Katy Jaekel as Larissa Garcia's alternate for the fall 2023 semester per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1
- E. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university
- F. Approve Professor George Slotsve to serve as NIU's academic representative to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC) for the 2023-24 academic year.
- G. Approve Professor Sarah Marsh to serve on the 2024 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee.

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed
Larissa Garcia (Katy Jaekel fall 2023 alternate), Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- D. Social Justice Committee – no report
- E. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report
Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
 - 1. Election of 2023-24 Hearing Panel – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
 - 2. Election of 2023-24 non-union faculty and staff grievance pool – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.
- F. Student Government Association – report
Olivia Newman, SGA President
Cole Hensley, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – report
Natasha Johnson, President
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report
Felicia Bohanon, President

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](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- G. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- H. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- I. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- J. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council

- L. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- N. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- O. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- P. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- Q. [2022-23 Annual Reports](#)
- R. 2023-24 FS schedule: Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 27, Apr 24
- S. [University Benefits Committee](#) – seeking one tenured/tenure-track faculty member of Faculty Senate to serve on this committee, which meets virtually on the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Contact Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu if you can help.
- T. Annual call for [honorary doctoral degree nominations](#); materials must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 27.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

P. Chomentowski moved to adjourn, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.