

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Atkins, Barrett, Bohanon, Books, Boswell, Brain, Campbell, Chomentowski, Coulter (for Rossetti), Creed, Demir, Duffin, Finch, Fotovat, Guzman, Harris, Hartenhoff, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Lampi, Liberty, Luo, Marsh, Martinez, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Morris (for Geisler), Naples, Nyunt, Porter, Qin, Rajabi, Ross, Salehinia (for Vahabzadeh), Salimi, Scanlon, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Staikidis, Swedlow, Vahedian, Valentiner, Van Wienen, Wang, Whedbee, Xie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Graves, Nesterov, Rossetti, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, González, Hughes, Olson, Paquette, Saborío, Sumner, Swingley

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Ferguson, Jaekel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

D. Valentiner moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, MINUTES

N. Johnson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. Faculty Affairs Priorities for this Academic Year
Bárbara González, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
- B. Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act – Update
Tim Paquette, Director of Counseling and Consultative Services
Kelly Olson, AVP Student Development and Dean of Students

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Professor Therese Arado to serve as a faculty representative on the 2023-24 University Fee Advisory Group

Faculty Senate approved the appointment of **T. Arado** to serve as a faculty representative on the 2023-24 University Fee Advisory Group by voice vote.

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
 - 1. What are some of NIU's university-wide or college-specific requirements for graduation, other than general education and major courses? A few examples are the COB Business Passport program, a writing infused course and the human diversity requirement.
- 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. Baccalaureate Council – no report
Amanda Ferguson, Chair
Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- E. Social Justice Committee – report
 - 1. [2022-23 Year End Report](#)
- F. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

- G. Student Government Association – report
Olivia Newman, SGA President
Cole Hensley, Speaker of the Senate
- H. Operating Staff Council – no report
Natasha Johnson, President
- I. 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.
- U. [Fall 2023 Commencement](#)
Graduate Commencement – Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023
Undergraduate Commencement – Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.