

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, November 1, 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, Creed, Duffin, Finch, Fotovat, Guzman, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Kreitzer, Lampi, Luo, Marsh, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Naples, Nesterov, Nyunt, Porter, Qin, Salimi, Scanlon, Sharp, Sirotkin, Swedlow, Vahabzadeh, Vahedian, Valentiner, Van Wienen, Wang, Whedbee, Xie

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Chomentowski, Demir, Graves, Harris, Hartenhoff, Liberty, Martinez, Rajabi, Ross, Rossetti, Ruetsche, Slotsve, Staikidis, Vaezi

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Buhrow, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Fiala, Freeman, Hughes, Middlemist, Streb, Sumner, Swingley

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Ferguson, Jaekel, Saborío

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

D. Valentiner moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **C. Campbell**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2023, MINUTES

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposal to amend Guidelines and Principles for Establishment of the Academic Calendar
Laurie Elish-Piper, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

T. Arado moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.
28 – yes
8 – no
2 - abstain

- B. Proposal to amend 2023-24 academic calendar
Laurie Elish-Piper, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

T. Atkins moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **J. Lampi**. Motion passed.
37 – yes
0 – no
1 - abstain

IX. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. HLC accreditation
Amy Buhrow, Assistant Vice Provost of Assessment and Accreditation

- B. Multiyear budgeting: an overview of the process and faculty and staff engagement in the planning and implementation

Laurie Elish-Piper
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

George Middlemist
Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer

- C. Executive vice president and provost position description – feedback from Faculty Senate

Lisa Freeman, NIU President
Matt Streb, Chief Strategy Officer/Liaison for the Board of Trustees
Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no report
Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE

- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no 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 – no report

- F. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

- G. Student Government Association – no 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 – no 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](#), 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. [Fall 2023 Commencement](#)
Graduate Commencement – Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023
Undergraduate Commencement – Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023

XII. ADJOURNMENT

S. Marsh moved to adjourn, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.