

MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Creed, English, Ito, Kim, McGowan, Mellon (for Marsh)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Boswell, Kreitzer, Marsh,

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

T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024, MINUTES

Y. Ito moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **N. Qin**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA – attached packet

T. Arado moved to approve the FS draft agenda, seconded by **Y. Ito**. Discussion included the following points:

- Under President's Announcements, an update on the tenure and promotion campus-wide communication plan will be shared. Also, a concern regarding the consistent provision of annual tenure and promotion progress letters to faculty will be shared.

- Three presentations are anticipated:
 - Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award presentation to Professor Cindy York;
 - Faculty Mentoring by Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Mentoring and Diversity Janice Hamlet;
 - Open Scholarship by Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Bárbara González, University Libraries Dean Fred Barnhart and University Libraries Senior Director Scholarly Communications Jaime Schumacher.

- Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Articles 3, 6 and 7, encompassing operating outside the academic year and FS authority for the academic calendar will be presented for a second reading and vote. The proposal has been updated to address feedback received during the first reading.

- Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 3.5 Social Justice Committee will be presented for a second reading and vote.

- Reports are anticipated from the FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council, Supportive Professional Staff Council.

Motion to approve the draft agenda per above discussion passed.

VIII. 2023-24 FS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Aug 30, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 20, Apr 17

IX. ADJOURNMENT

B. McGowan moved to adjourn, seconded by **Y. Ito**.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.