

MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Boswell, Creed, English, Ito, Kim, Marsh, McGowan

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Kreitzer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

B. McGowan moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2024, MINUTES

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **Y. Ito**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

In response to an inquiry, it was reported that the decision was made not to designate Election Day an administrative closure day.

Also, committee members were alerted that representatives from NIU and the City of DeKalb would present an update on Normal Road at the May 1 University Council meeting.

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

S. Marsh moved to approve the FS draft agenda, seconded by **T. Arado**. Discussion included the following points.

President's Announcements will include information on 2024-25 FS standing committee recruitment efforts, as well as calling attention to spring commencement.

Provost's Announcements will include a brief update on NIU's IBHE equity plan.

A budget update will be presented by CFO Middlemist, Provost Elish-Piper and CHRO Acardo.

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. This second reading and vote was postponed from the March 27 FS meeting, because FS failed to achieve the required minimum number of voting members present to move forward at that meeting.

Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 3.5 Social Justice Committee will be presented for a second reading and vote. The proposal has been updated to address feedback received during the first reading. This second reading and vote was postponed from the March 27 FS meeting, because FS failed to achieve the required minimum number of voting members present to move forward at that meeting.

Reports are anticipated from the FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee (including the election of the 2024-25 FS president), Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council, Supportive Professional Staff Council.

Informational items will include annual reports from the FS president and the faculty personnel advisor, as well as 2024-25 FS meeting dates and spring commencement dates.

Motion to approve the draft agenda per above discussion passed.

VIII. 2024-25 FS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Aug 28, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 13, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 16

IX. ADJOURNMENT

T. Arado moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.