

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 3 p.m.  
Altgeld Hall 225  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2023, MINUTES – Pages 2-3**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**
- VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA –  
attached packet**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

## MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 3 p.m.  
Altgeld Hall 225  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bohanon, Demir, Hartenhoff, Hunter, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Nicholson, Valentiner

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Douglass

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering Committee Chair **I. Montana** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

### II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

### III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2023, MINUTES

**F. Bohanon** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

### VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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

A review of the draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Professor Alicia Schatteman will present information on the Huskie Closet.
- The Rules, Governance and Elections Committee will facilitate the election of the 2023-24 Faculty Senate president, as well as several other committee representative elections.

- The proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.8, University Assessment Panel, will be presented for a second reading and vote.
- Reports are anticipated from the University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council, Supportive Professional Staff Council.
- Information items will include the FS president annual report, faculty personnel advisory annual report and 2023-24 FS meeting dates.

**H. Nicholson** moved to approve the draft agenda per above discussion, seconded by **D. McConkie**. Motion passed.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA – DRAFT**

**FACULTY SENATE  
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, 3 p.m.  
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2023, MINUTES – Pages 4-7**

**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**

- 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 – Pages 8-9
- 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 – Page 10
- E. Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – Page 11
- 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](mailto: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**

# MINUTES

**FACULTY SENATE  
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 3 p.m.  
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

[Full transcript](#)

**Voting members present:** Akst, Berke, Bohanon, Books, Buck, Campbell, Chen, Cheyney, Chomentowski, Duffin, Duffrin, Gray, Hartenhoff, Hu, Hunter, Ito, Johnson, Jong, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, May, McConkie, McGowan, McKee, Mellon, Miguel, Montana, Montgomery, Naples, Nesterov, Nicholson, Palese, Penkrot, Puckett, Qin, Rejabi, Rossetti, Scanlon, Serowka, Sharp, Slotsve, Sullivan, Vaezi, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Whedbee

**Voting members absent:** Allori, Borre, Clark, Demir, Douglass, Gors, Konen, Majeed, Mooberry, Rogers, Saborío, Saiyed, Shulman, Sirotkin

**Others present:** Bryan, Falkoff, Hughes, Ingram, Lee-Gordon, McEvoy, Schatteman

**Others absent:** Cripe, Ferguson, Groves, Jaekel

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Faculty Senate President I. Montana** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

## **II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was verified.

## **III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 29, 2023, MINUTES**

**D. Valentiner** moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **VII. PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

- A. [Huskie Closet](#)  
Alicia Schatteman  
Associate Professor and Director, Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies
- B. Recognition of Faculty Senate members who have completed their service

## IX. FS-UC RULES, GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – report Lori Hartenhoff, FS Liaison/Spokesperson

- A. Election of 2023-24 FS president/UC chair per FS Bylaws, Article 2
  - 1. Ben Creed
    - Yes – 41 votes
    - No – 3 votes
    - Abstain – 1 vote

**B. Creed** is elected.
- B. Committees of the University 2023-24 – Approve faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university – walk-in

**H. Nicholson** moved to approve the faculty candidates running unopposed to serve on committees of the university, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.
- C. Committees of the University 2023-24 – Election of faculty candidates running opposed. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure track faculty, clinical faculty and instructor members of Faculty Senate.
- D. Faculty Senate Personnel Committee 2023-24 – Election of representatives for terms to begin in fall 2023. Those elected to serve on the FSPC must be tenured faculty members of Faculty Senate. Following the meeting, a Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to the tenured/tenure-track faculty members of Faculty Senate.



**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws,  
Article 4.8, University Assessment Panel  
SECOND READING/VOTE  
Jason Rhode, Associate Vice Provost for Teaching, Learning and Digital Education

**H. Nicholson** moved to approved the proposed amendment, seconded by **P. Chomentowski**. Motion passed

Yes – 33 votes  
No – 7 votes  
Abstain – 5 votes

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. 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 – report  
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Ismael Montana  
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- C. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report
- D. Social Justice Committee – report  
David Valentiner, Chair
- E. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report  
Lori Hartenhoff, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson
- F. Student Government Association – report  
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate
- G. Operating Staff Council – report  
Holly Nicholson, President  
Natasha Johnson, OSC/FS representative
- H. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report  
Felicia Bohanon, President  
Andrew Rogers, SPSC/FS representative

### **XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. [Policy Library](#) – Comment on Proposed Policies (right-hand column on web page)
- 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
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- 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. [Annual Report](#) – Faculty Senate President – Pages 14-17
- R. [Annual Report](#) – Faculty Personnel Advisor – Pages 18-19
- S. 2023-24 FS schedule: Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 27, Apr 24

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**P. Chomentowski** moved to adjourn, seconded by **V. Naples**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

**Faculty Senate Standing Committees – 2023-24**

| <b><u>FS Steering Committee</u></b>                            |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Faculty-BUS  | Sarah Marsh                    |
| Faculty-EDU  | <b>Ben Creed, FS President</b> |
| Faculty-EET  | TBD                            |
| Faculty-HHS  | In-Sop Kim                     |
| Faculty-LAS  | Yasuo Ito                      |
| Faculty-LAW  | TBD                            |
| Faculty-LIB  | Beth McGowan                   |
| Faculty-VPA  | TBD                            |
| Instructor   | TBD                            |
| Operating Staff  | Varsie Geisler                 |
| Supportive Professional Staff                                  | John Boswell                   |
| Student Government Association                                 | TBD                            |
| <b><u>FS-Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee</u></b> |                                |
| Faculty-BUS  | TBD                            |
| Faculty-EDU  | Cindy Campbell                 |
| Faculty-EET  | Mahdi Vaezi                    |
| Faculty-HHS  | Charline Xie                   |
| Faculty-LAS  | Dennis Brain                   |
| Faculty-VPA  | TBD                            |
| <b><u>FS-Faculty Senate Personnel Committee</u></b>            |                                |
| Faculty-BUS  | Fall-Mark Mellon<br>Spring-TBD |
| Faculty-EDU  | Jodi Lampi                     |
| Faculty-EET  | Veysel Demir                   |
| Faculty-HHS  | Jeanette Rossetti              |
| Faculty-LAS  | David Valentiner               |
| Faculty-LAS  | Shane Sharp                    |
| Faculty-VPA  | Lori Hartenhoff                |

**FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee**

*This listing shows all of the RGE Committee members seated thus far. However, only the FS representatives require FS approval.*

|   |  |
|---|--|
| UC-Faculty-VPA                            | Fall-TBD<br>Spring-Greg Beyer                        |
| UC-Faculty-EET                            | Kevin Martin   |
| UC-Faculty-HHS                            | Jane Rose Njue                                       |
| UC-Faculty-LAW                            | <b>Marc Falkoff, Chair</b>                           |
| FS Faculty-LAS                            | <b>Emily McKee,<br/>FS Liaison/Spokesperson</b>      |
| FS Faculty-LAS                            | Jaehae Jong  |
| FS Faculty-BUS                            | TBD  |
| FS-Faculty-EDU                            | Lisa Liberty   |
| FS-Instructor-UC/FS                       | TBD  |
| Student-SGA/UC/FS                         | TBD  |
| Operating Staff-UC/FS                     | TBD  |
| Supportive Professional Staff-UC/FS       | Shannon Stoker                                       |
| Dean (nonvoting)                          | Cassandra Hill                                       |
| <b><u>FS-Social Justice Committee</u></b> |  |
| Faculty-BUS                               | Fall-Amin Vahedian Khezerlou<br>Spring-Biagio Palese |
| Faculty-EDU                               | Gudrun Nyunt   |
| Faculty-EET                               | Fall-TBD<br>Spring-Sahar Vahabzadeh                  |
| Faculty-HHS                               | Sheila Barrett                                       |
| Faculty-LAS                               | Taylor Atkins  |
| Faculty-LAW                               | TBD  |
| Faculty-LIB                               | Beth McGowan   |
| Faculty-VPA                               | Chris Scanlon  |
| Instructor                                | TBD  |
| Student                                   | TBD  |
| Operating Staff                           | Natasha Johnson                                      |
| Supportive Professional Staff             | Felicia Bohanon                                      |

## 8.4 University Advisory Committee (UAC) to the Board of Trustees

### 8.4.1 Composition

**8.4.1.1** The committee shall consist of the president of the Faculty Senate, the presidents of the Supportive Professional Staff Council and the Operating Staff Council, and three additional faculty members selected to represent the faculty's multiple roles in the university, particularly those in teaching, research, and service. These faculty shall be nominated by the University Council chair and confirmed by the University Council. They shall serve three-year staggered terms. In the event of a mid-term vacancy in a faculty position, the University Council chair shall nominate a person to fill the remainder of that term with the nomination confirmed by the University Council. In the nomination of the faculty representatives, the University Council chair shall consult with the Faculty Senate.

### 8.4.2 Duties

**8.4.2.1** The Board of Trustees expects the president to meet regularly with the University Advisory Committee. The president shall keep the University Advisory Committee informed of and shall seek and receive advice from it about matters coming before the Board of Trustees. The University Advisory Committee may appoint one or two of its members to serve as liaison to each of the working committees of the board. A University Advisory Committee liaison, or a spokesperson chosen by the University Advisory Committee because of expertise on a specific issue, will be recognized at a regularly scheduled point on the committee agenda.

**8.4.2.2** The committee shall be accountable to the University Council. Members of the committee shall also be accountable to their specific university organization--Faculty Senate, Operating Staff Council, or Supportive Professional Staff Council.

|                                   | 2022-23         | <b>2023-24</b>                                    | 2024-25        | 2025-26        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| FS President                      | Ismael Montana  | <b>Ben Creed</b>                                  |                |                |
| Faculty                           | Karen Whedbee   | <b>Karen Whedbee</b>                              |                |                |
| Faculty                           | Katy Jaekel     | <b>Fall-Katy Jaekel<br/>Spring-Larissa Garcia</b> | Larissa Garcia | Larissa Garcia |
| Faculty                           | Brad Cripe      | <b>Brad Cripe</b>                                 | Brad Cripe     |                |
| SPS Council President             | Felicia Bohanon | <b>Felicia Bohanon</b>                            |                |                |
| Operating Staff Council President | Holly Nicholson | <b>Natasha Johnson</b>                            |                |                |

**Committees of the University – For terms to begin in Fall 2023**

The nominees listed below are running unopposed to serve on various committees of the university, and they require Faculty Senate approval or recommendation. For each committee, a chart provides the constituency of the vacant seat, the person whose term is expiring, and the nominee who is running unopposed.

**STUDENT CONDUCT BOARD** – 3-year term – Faculty members are recommended by the dean of the college/University Libraries and appointed by the Faculty Senate.

| CONSTITUENCY             | TO REPLACE        | NOMINATED            |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Business                 | TBD for Mya Groza | <b>Nan Qin, FINA</b> |
| Visual & Performing Arts | Marc Macaranas    | No nominee yet       |

**UNIVERSITY PRESS BOARD** – 3-year term – Faculty members are nominated by their college/University Libraries, then recommended by Faculty Senate and appointed by the president.

| CONSTITUENCY             | TO REPLACE | NOMINATED      |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Visual & Performing Arts | Vacancy    | No nominee yet |