

MINUTES

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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Creed, Geisler, Ito, Kim, Vahedian (for Marsh)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Boswell, Marsh, McGowan

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

Y. Ito moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **A. Vahedian**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2023, MINUTES

A. Vahedian moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **V. Geisler**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

FS President **B. Creed** and President Freeman's chief of staff, Matt Streb, are co-chairing the Provost Search Committee. FS Steering Committee members are asked to consider points for inclusion in the candidate profile and be prepared to discuss that topic at the next meeting on September 27. The position description/candidate profile used in the 2018 provost search will be provided to FS Steering Committee members. The search timeline calls for the majority of the work to be completed by spring break.

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

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

- Blackboard Ultra Transition Update will be provided by Jason Rhode and Stephanie Richter and will also include a brief post-presentation survey to solicit faculty Senate feedback.
- Curriculum updates and Baccalaureate Council information will be provided by Alicia Schatteman.
- Faculty Personnel Advisor – A brief introduction and resource information will be provided by Carrie Kortegast.
- A consent agenda will include various housekeeping items typical of the first FS meeting of the fall semester.
- Reports are anticipated from Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.
- A request has been made to add a Baccalaureate Council report as a standing item on Faculty Senate agendas beginning in October 2023 and going forward.
- Informational items will include the 2022-23 annual reports, 2023-24 FS meeting schedule, University Benefits Committee call for faculty representative and annual call for honorary doctoral degree nominations.

V. Geisler moved to approve the draft agenda per above discussion, seconded by **Y. Ito**. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

V. Geisler moved to adjourn, seconded by **I. Kim**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.