

MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Boswell, Creed, Ito, Johnson, Kim, Marsh, McGowan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

S. Marsh moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 30, 2023, MINUTES – Pages 2-3

Y. Ito moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **I. Kim**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

A. Provost Search Update

FS Steering Committee members received a summary of the provost search timeline and provided feedback relative to the provost candidate profile. The full FS body will have the opportunity to provide further feedback on the candidate profile at its November 1 meeting.

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

T. Arado moved to approve the October 4 FS agenda, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Discussion included the following points:

- President’s Announcements will include a summary of the Blackboard Ultra survey responses received to date.
- Two presentations are anticipated:
 - Faculty Affairs Priorities for this Academic Year by Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Bárbara González, and
 - Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act Update by Director of Counseling and Consultative Services Tim Paquette and AVP for Student Development and Dean of Students Kelly Olson.
- FS will be asked to approve Therese Arado to serve on the 2023-24 University Fee Advisory Group.
- Reports are anticipated from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Baccalaureate Council, FS-Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.
- Informational items will include 2022-23 annual reports, 2023-24 FS meeting schedule, University Benefits Committee call for faculty representative, annual call for honorary doctoral degree nominations and attention called to Fall 2023 commencement.

Motion 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

T. Arado moved to adjourn, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.