MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall Auditorium**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, Illinois**

[**Full transcript**](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/faculty-senate/agendas-minutes-transcripts/2024-2025/fs/index.shtml)

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Akst, Alex, Arado, Atkins, Barrett, Bender, Bohanon, Books, Boswell, Brain, Burton, Campbell, Chan, Chomentowski, Corpuz, Creed, Demir, Duffin, Ehsani, Finch, Fotovat, Glas (for Swedlow), Hartenhoff, Ito, Lampi, Libman, Luo, McGowan, McKee, Mills, Naples, Nesterov, Novak, Nyunt, Palese, Rajabi, Ross, Sabio, Salimi, Sharp, Sibley, Slagstad, Slotsve, Stalcup, Thomas, Thurmaier, Vahabzadeh, Van Wienen, Wang, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mellon, Ruetsche, Sirotkin, Staikidis, Swedlow, Valentiner

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Bryan, Elish-Piper, Holtz, Hughes, Kristoff, Puckett, Sumner, Tovar

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Cripe, Garcia, Skuzinski

1. **Call to Order**

Faculty Senate President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

1. **Verification of Quorum**

A quorum was verified.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda  
  
G. Slotsve** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **T. Atkins**. Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the April 24, 2024, minutes   
  
F. Bohanon** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **C. Campbell.** Motion passed.

**V. Public Comment  
  
VI. Faculty Senate President’s Announcements**

**VII. Provost’s Announcements**

**VIII. Items for Faculty Senate Consideration**

A. Huskies Vote

Michaela Holtz, Executive Director, Student Affairs Central

B. NIU’s Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Center (TRHTC)

And the Real Talk Conference

Jade Silva Tovar, Assistant Vice President for DEI

Tara Kristoff, Director of Equity and Justice

Michaela Holtz, Executive Director, Student Affairs Central

**IX. Consent Agenda**

A. Approve Department of Communication Professor Karen Whedbee to serve as the 2024-25 Faculty Senate vice president per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2.

B. Approve Department of Communication Professor Ferald Bryan to serve as the 2024-25 Faculty Senate parliamentarian per FS Bylaws, Article 2.2.

C. Approve the 2024-25 Faculty Senate standing committee membership rosters per FS Bylaws, Article 3

D. Approve the 2024-25 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Tom Skuzinski for a three-year term, per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1

E. Approve the nomination of School of Theatre and Dance Professor Marc Macaranas and Department of Finance Professor Yuan Tian to serve on the Libraries Advisory Committee.

F. Approve Department of Communication Professor Karen Whedbee to serve on the 2024 BOT Professorship Award Selection Committee.

G. Approve College of Law Professor Therese Arado to serve on the University Fee Advisory Committee.

**P. Chomentowski** moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **G. Slotsve.** Motion passed.

**X. New Business**

A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.1.1, Composition of Steering Committee

First Reading

**XI. Reports from Councils, Boards and Standing Committees**

A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report

Tiffany Puckett, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report

Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed

Brad Cripe, Larissa Garcia, Tom Skuzinski

C. Baccalaureate Council – report

Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report

Therese Arado, Chair

E. Social Justice Committee – report

F. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report

Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

1. Election of 2024-25 Hearing Panel – A Qualtrics ballot will be distributed to FS tenured/tenure-track voting members following the meeting.

G. Student Government Association – no report

Ja’kobe Jones, SGA President

Manny Corpuz, Speaker of the Senate

H. Operating Staff Council – report

Natasha Johnson, President

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report

Felicia Bohanon, President

**XII. Information Items**

A. [Policy Library](https://www.niu.edu/policies/) – Comment on Proposed Policies

B. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/apc/index.shtml), Academic Planning Council

C. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/athletics/index.shtml), Athletic Board

D. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/bc/index.shtml), Baccalaureate Council

E. [Minutes,](http://www.niu.edu/board/meetings/index.shtml) Board of Trustees

F. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/ciuae/index.shtml), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience

G. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/gec/index.shtml), General Education Committee

H [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/gc/index.shtml), Graduate Council

I. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/hc/index.shtml), Honors Committee

J. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/operating-staff-council/meetings/index.shtml), Operating Staff Council

K. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/spsc/meetings/index.shtml), Supportive Professional Staff Council

L. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/uap/index.shtml), University Assessment Panel

M. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/ubc/index.shtml), University Benefits Committee

N. [Minutes](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/minutes/uciel/index.shtml), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

O. [Minutes](http://www.facibhe.org/meetings/minutes.php), Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE

P. 2023-24 [Annual Reports](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/annual-reports/index.shtml)

Q. 2024-25 FS meeting dates:

Sep 4, Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 23

**XIII. Adjournment**

**P. Chomentowski** moved to adjourn, seconded by **M. Corpuz.** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.