PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall Auditorium**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, Illinois**

I. Call to Order

II. Verification of Quorum

III. Adoption of the Agenda

IV. Approval of the September 4, 2024, minutes – Pages 4-7

V. Public Comment

VI. Faculty Senate President’s Announcements

VII. Provost’s Announcements

VIII. Items for Faculty Senate Consideration

A. [Annuitants Association](https://www.niu.edu/annuitants/)  
Toni Tollerud, President

B. RIPS: Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Goals for the Future

Richard Mocarski, Vice President

[Division of Research and Innovation Partnerships](https://research.niu.edu/divresearch/)

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approve the following faculty representative substitutions to serve on the 2024-25 [Libraries Advisory Committee](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/committees/lac.shtml):   
HHS – Jennifer Gray for Arlene Keddie  
LAS – Shengde Zhou for Pallavi Singh  
VPA – Jeremy Floyd for Marc Macaranas

**X. Unfinished Business**

A. Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.1.1, Composition of Steering Committee – Page 8  
Second Reading/Vote

XI. New Business

A. Proposed amendment to [FS Bylaws 4.4.3.2 and 4.5.3.3](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/faculty-senate/bylaws/index.shtml#article4), Duties of the Graduate Council and Duties of the Baccalaureate Council – Page 9

First Reading

XII. 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. University Council – report

Ben Creed, University Council Chair

D. Baccalaureate Council – report

Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

E. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – report

Therese Arado, Chair

F. Social Justice Committee – no report

G. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report

Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

H. Student Government Association – report

Ja’kobe Jones, SGA President

Manny Corpuz, Speaker of the Senate

I. Operating Staff Council – report

Natasha Johnson, President

J. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report

Felicia Bohanon, President

XIII. 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. 2024-25 FS meeting dates: Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 23

Q. [Faculty Meet and Greet with RIPS Leadership](https://calendar.niu.edu/event/faculty-meet-and-greet-with-rips-leadership-273), Thursday, Oct. 24, 9-11 a.m., 71 North Partnership Studio, located in Founders Memorial Library lower level. Come and meet the leadership team for an informal introduction. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

R. [The Real Talk Conference](https://www.niu.edu/diversity-inclusion/conference/index.shtml): Opening Pathways to Embrace Our Humanity, Friday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m.

S. [Designing Engagement for Equity](https://www.niu.edu/diversity-inclusion/conference/index.shtml): Fall 2024 Engagement Executive-in-Residence Workshop, Thursday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.

XIII. Adjournment

**MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE**

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[**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

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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

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H. Operating Staff Council – report

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**XIII. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

**Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 3.1.1**

**Proposal Summary:** This proposal is intended to ensure the Faculty Senate Steering Committee includes sufficient representation from all constituencies without placing unfair burdens on particular faculty senators.

The proposal allows the Faculty Senate standing committee chairs to determine if they would like to also serve on the Steering Committee. In the past, the requirement that standing committee chairs must also serve on the Steering Committee has proven to be a barrier for faculty senators who wish to contribute through a leadership role.

**Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 3: Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate**

**3.1 Steering Committee**

**3.1.1 Composition**

The Steering Committee shall be chaired by the president and shall consist of the following:

The chairs of the Faculty Senate standing committees may be appointed upon their expression of interest in service on the committee;  
  
The president and vice president;

With the advice and consent of the Faculty Senate, additional members shall be appointed by the president to include one instructor, one operating staff member, one supportive professional staff member, and one student member. In addition, the president shall assure that each degree-granting college and the University Libraries are appropriately represented.

**Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Article 4.4 and 4.5**

**Proposal Summary:** This proposal is to add language codifying current precedent that the Graduate Council and the Baccalaureate Council have the duty and responsibility to set standards and policies related to withdrawal and that the Graduate Council has the authority to set reentry policy and standards for graduate students.

**Graduate Council (4.4)**

**4.4.3.2** Establish standards for admission, retention, reentry, withdrawal, and awarding graduate degrees by the Graduate School.

**Baccalaureate Council (4.5)**

4.5.3.3 In accordance with the policies defined by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Board of Trustees, and the Faculty Senate, to determine undergraduate policies, regulations, and standards dealing with:

* Admission of entering freshman students;
* Admission of transfer students;
* Academic probation;
* Academic dismissal;
* Readmission;
* Reinstatement;
* Withdrawal;
* Admission to impacted and restricted programs;
* Retention, both in the university and in particular programs;
* Undergraduate curricular policy;
* Student progress toward graduation.