PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, November 20, 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 October 30, 2024, minutes –** Pages 3-5

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. Faculty Senate President’s Announcements**

**VII. Provost’s Announcements**

**VIII. Items for Faculty Senate Consideration**

A. Annuitants Association

Toni Tollerud, President

Terry Borg, Vice President

B. Human Resource Services Presentation

John Acardo

Senior Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

**IX. New Business**

A. Approve search committee structure for Dean of the Graduate School per

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Laurie Elish-Piper, Executive Vice President and Provost

**X. 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 – no report

Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report

Therese Arado, Chair

E. Social Justice Committee – report

Ben Creed, FS President

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

Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

G. Student Government Association – 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

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**XI. 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

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

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

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

P. 2024-25 FS meeting dates: Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 23

Q. [Fall 2024 Commencement](https://www.niu.edu/commencement/)

Graduate Commencement – Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024

Undergraduate Commencement – Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024

**XII. 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, Arado, Atkins, Barrett, Bender, Bohanon, Books, Boswell, Brain, Burton, Cain, Campbell, Cefaratti, Chan, Chomentowski, Creed, Duffin, Ehsani, Finch, Fotovat, Hartenhoff, Isawi (for Nyunt), Ito, Kushimo, Lampi, Libman, Luo, McGowan, McKee, Mills, Nesterov, Palese, Sabio, Salimi, Sharp, Sibley, Sirotkin, Slagstad, Sryglar (for Alex), Staikidis, Stalcup, Thomas, Thurmaier, Valentiner, VanTilburg, Wang, Whedbee, Woods, Yang

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alex, Corpuz, Dada, Demir, Naples, Novak, Nyunt, Rajabi, Ruetsche, Ross, Slotsve, Swedlow, Vahabzadeh, Van Wienen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Elish-Piper, Hughes, Middlemist, Puckett, Schatteman, Sumner

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Cripe, Falkoff, Garcia, Notebaert, Skuzinski, Strid

**I. Call to Order**

Faculty Senate 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**

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

Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the October 2, 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. Budget Update**

Laurie Elish-Piper, Executive Vice President and Provost

George Middlemist, Vice President for Administration & Finance and

Chief Financial Officer

**IX. Unfinished Business**

A. Proposed amendment to [FS Bylaws, Article 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

Second reading and vote

**T. Atkins** moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **D. VanTilburg.**

Motion passed

Yes – 44

No – 0

Abstain – 2

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**XIII. Adjournment**

**D. Valentiner** moved to adjourn, seconded by **T. Arado.** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**Search Committee Composition Request**

**per NIU Bylaws Article 10.3.2.1 (B)**

**Dean of the Graduate School**

Per NIU Bylaws, Article 10.3.2.1 (B), the Executive Vice President and Provost Laurie Elish-Piper seeks Faculty Senate advice and consent for the search committee structure.

Brief description: Currently, Dr. Jessica Reyman serves as Acting Dean for the Graduate School. The Provost submits the following search committee structure:

* Search Committee Chair, Robert Brinkmann, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
* Seven faculty members, one from each college to represent Ph.D. programs, Master’s programs, professional doctorates and Graduate Council
* One faculty member from the Library
* Two graduate students
* One staff member from Graduate School
* One administrative member, representing Academic Affairs
* One member from Faculty Senate to represent shared governance and act as liaison to FS

The relevant bylaw article:

**NIU BYLAWS Administrative and Faculty Appointments**

**10.3.2 Deans** Deans shall serve six-year terms, renewable for additional terms of up to four years each.

**10.3.2.1 Selection**

**(A)** The selection process for deans shall be similar to that for department chairs, except that the search committee shall consist of regular members of the constituent faculty elected in accordance with provisions developed by the appropriate college council or college faculty, constituent undergraduate and graduate students selected by the college student advisory committee in accordance with provisions developed by the appropriate college council or college faculty, and the executive vice president and provost who shall serve as search chair. In making its recommendations to the executive vice president and provost, the search committee shall consult with an advisory committee selected by and from the college senate, and with one selected by and from the council of deans.  
  
**(B)** For the dean of the Graduate School, and the dean of the University Libraries, the process would be similar to that for the other deans, except that other appropriate faculty and student bodies would be involved. Prior to filling any such vacancy, or to conducting a comprehensive review of the performance of any such officer, the executive vice president and provost shall propose a search committee structure for that position, listing the constituencies to be represented and the number of representatives fromeach such constituency, to the Faculty Senate for the Senate's advice and consent.