MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 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, Barrett, Bender, Books, Boswell, Brain, Burton, Campbell, Chomentowski, Corpuz, Creed, Finch, Fotovat, Hartenhoff, Jong, Kushimo, Lampi, Liberty, Luo, McKee, Mellon, Mills, Naples, Novak, Nyunt, Palese, Qin, Rajabi, Sabio, Salimi, Schmidt, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slagstad, Stalcup, Thomas, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, VanTilburg, Wang, Whedbee, Wheeler, Woods, Yamprai (for McGowan), Yang

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Atkins, Bohanon, Cain, Demir, Duffin, Ito, Libman, McGowan, Nyunt, Ross, Sibley, Slotsve, Staikidis, Van Wienan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bennett, Bryan, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Henton, Hughes, Middlemist, Pitney, Puckett, Tovar, Sumner, Velazquez

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

**I. Call to Order**

Faculty Senate President **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**II. Verification of Quorum**

A quorum was established.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**P. Chomentowski** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the November 20, 2024, minutes**

**K. Whedbee** 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. Prevention, Education and Outreach & Social Justice Education

Rose Henton, Director, Prevention Education and Outreach

Junelle Bennett, Program Director, Prevention Education and Outreach

Ana Velazquez, Director, Equity and Justice Education

Amber Giffin, Assistant Director, Inclusion and Equity Education

B. NIU Football – Mountain West Conference

Courtney Hughes, Faculty Athletics Representative

George Middlemist, Chief Financial Officer

**IX. New Business**

A. Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award – Call for nominations

Submit written letters of nomination to Faculty Senate President Ben Creed

no later than noon, Wednesday, Feb. 12.

**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 – no 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 – no report

Ja’kobe Jones, SGA President

Manny Corpuz, Speaker of the Senate

H. Operating Staff Council – no report

Natasha Johnson, President

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – no report

Felicia Bohanon, President

**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

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: Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 23

**XII. Adjournment**

**L. Hartenhoff** moved to adjourn, seconded by **D. Valentiner.** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.