MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, October 2, 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, Brain, Burton, Cain, Campbell, Cefaratti, Chan, Corpuz, Creed, Demir, Duffin, Ehsani, Finch, Fotovat, Hartenhoff, Ito, Kushimo, Lenczewski (for Luo), McGowan, McKee, Mills, Naples, Nesterov, Novak, Nyunt, Palese, Rajabi, Ross, Salimi, Sharp, Slagstad, Slotsve, Staikidis, Stalcup, Swedlow, Thomas, Thurmaier, Vahabzadeh, Valentiner, Van Wienen, VanTilburg, Wang, Whedbee, Woods, Yang

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Boswell, Chomentowski, Dada, Lampi, Libman, Luo, Ruetsche, Sabio, Sibley, Sirotkin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Gonzalez, Holtz, Mocarski, Puckett

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Cripe, Garcia, Hughes, 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**

**K. Staikidis** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **E. McKee**. Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the September 4, 2024, minutes**

**T. Atkins** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **F. Bohanon.** Motion passed.

**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

**T. Arado** moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **D. Valentiner**. Motion passed.

**X. Unfinished Business**

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

**K. Thurmaier** moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **J. Novak**. Motion passed.

Yes – 48 (96%)

No – 2 (4%)

Abstain – 0

**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

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 – no 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**

**B. McGowan** moved to adjourn, seconded by **L. Hartenhoff**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.