MINUTES – FACULTY SENATE

**Wednesday, November 20, 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, Corpuz, Creed, Demir, Duffin, Ehsani, Finch, Fotovat, Ito, Lampi, Libman, Luo, McGowan, McKee, Mills, Naples, Novak, Nyunt, Oluwatobi, Palese, Rajabi, Ross, Sabio, Salehinia (for Vahabzadeh), Salimi, Sharp, Sirotkin, Slagstad, Slotsve, Staikidis, Stalcup, Swedlow, Thomas, Thurmaier, Van Wienen, VanTilburg, Whedbee, Woods, Yang

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cefaratti, Chan, Chomentowski, Dada, Hartenhoff, Isawi, Nesterov, Sibley, Vahabzadeh, Wang

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Acardo, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Gonzalez, Puckett, Schatteman

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

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Verification of Quorum**

A quorum was established.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**T. Arado** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **S. Stalcup.** Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the October 30, 2024, minutes**

**F. Bohanon** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **V. Naples.** Motion passed.

**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

~~FS~~ NIU Bylaws Article 10.3.2.1(B)

Laurie Elish-Piper, Executive Vice President and Provost

**G. Slotsve** moved to approve the search committee structure, seconded by

**J. Slagstad.** Motion passed.

**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

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: 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**

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.