MINUTES – FS FACULTY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, May 7, 2024, 3:15 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall 225**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, Illinois**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Brain, Campbell, Novak (for Hartenhoff), Thomas, Wang

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Hartenhoff

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Creed

**I. Call to Order**

Faculty Senate (FS) Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (FRR) Committee Chair **T. Arado** called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**II. Verification of Quorum**

A quorum was verified.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**D. Brain** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **J. Novak.** Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the April 9, 2025, Minutes**

**D. Brain** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **C. Campbell.** Motion passed.

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. Items for FS Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee Consideration**

**VII. Unfinished Business**

Discussion/Review of [FS Bylaws, Article 14](https://www.niu.edu/university-council/faculty-senate/bylaws/index.shtml#article14)

Members of the committee continued their discussion of FS Bylaws, Article 14, Grievance Procedures for Violations of Academic Freedom, with a focus on academic freedom as a protection for faculty.

There was consensus to recommend that Article 14 be amended to include language calling for senior administration and/or the Board of Trustees to provide a report outlining its final decision. **T. Arado** will draft a proposal for consideration.

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Adjournment**

**J. Novak** moved to adjourn, seconded by **C. Campbell.** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.