MINUTES – FS STEERING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall 225**

**Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Barrett, Corpuz, Creed, Fotovat, Mills, Slagstad, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** McGowan, Novak

**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 verified.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**K. Whedbee** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **S. Barrett.** Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the February 12, 2025, minutes**

**K. Whedbee** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Arado.** Motion passed.

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. New Business**

A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – draft DEI resolution for feedback

Tiffany Puckett, NIU representative to the FAC to the IBHE

Ben Creed, Faculty Senate president

Per **T. Puckett’s** request, Steering Committee members reviewed the draft resolution. The members had no objection to the resolution content.

**VII. Discussion and approval of Faculty Senate draft agenda** – attached packet

**J. Slagstad** moved to approve the draft FS agenda, seconded by **S. Barrett.** Discussion included the following points:

* The Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award will be presented to Professor Todd Reeves.
* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 10, Appeal Procedures for Academic Personnel Decisions, and Article 11, Sabbatical Leave Policy, has now been parsed out into two separate proposals (Article 11.4 will be considered separately), both of which will be presented for a second reading and vote.
* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws Article 3.5.1, Social Justice Committee Composition, will be presented for a second reading and vote.
* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 8, The Academic Personnel Process will be presented for a second reading and vote.
* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.4.1.3, Graduate Council Administrative Representation, will be presented for a first reading.
* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 1, Membership of Faculty Senate, will be presented for a first reading.
* Nominations for 2025-26 president of Faculty Senate/chair of University Council will be taken.
* Election of 2025-26 Non-Union Faculty and Staff Grievance Pool will be announced and a Qualtrics ballot made available following the meeting.
* Self-nominations for faculty personnel advisor will be shared for informational purposes only. Election will take place at the April 23 meeting.
* Self-nominations for NIU representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE will be shared for informational purposes only. Election will take place at the April 23 meeting.
* Alicia Schatteman will present on Academic and Career Success.
* Laurie Elish-Piper and George Middlemist will provide a budget update.
* Reports are anticipated from Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council, Supportive Professional Staff Council.

Motion passed.

**VIII. 2024-25 FS Steering Committee meeting dates**

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**IX. Adjournment**

**W. Mills** moved to adjourn, seconded by **T. Arado.** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.