MINUTES – FS STEERING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall 225**

**Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Barrett, Creed, McGowan, Mills, Novak, Slagstad, Whedbee

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Boswell, Corpuz, Fotovat

**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**

**J. Novak** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the March 19, 2025, minutes**

**T. Arado** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **J. Novak**. Motion passed.

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. Topics for FS consideration in AY 2025-26**

Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President

Members discussed 2025-26 FS presentation topics, with the potential to be revisited on a periodic basis, including those related to: curriculum, athletics, promotion & tenure, budget.

**VII. Discussion and approval of Faculty Senate draft agenda**

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

* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 4.4.1.3, Graduate Council Administrative Representation, will be presented for a second reading and vote.
* Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws, Article 1, Membership of Faculty Senate, will be presented for a second reading and vote.
* A program health check presentation is anticipated. It was noted that this draft FS agenda entry will be updated to “Annual Academic Program Report.” There was consensus for this update.
* Reports are anticipated from the 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; and FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, which will include 2025-26 FS president/University Council chair election, faculty personnel advisor election, NIU representative to the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE election, and approval of candidates running unopposed to serve on campuswide committees);

Motion passed per above discussion.

**VIII. 2025-26 FS Steering Committee meeting dates**

Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 12, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 18, Apr 15

**IX. Adjournment**

**J. Novak** moved to adjourn, The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.