MINUTES – FS STEERING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall 225**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, Illinois**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mocarski

1. Call to Order  
     
   Faculty Senate (FS) President B. Creed called the meeting to order.

II. Verification of Quorum  
  
A quorum was verified.

III. Adoption of the Agenda  
  
 T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by K. Whedbee. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of the April 17, 2024, minutes – Pages 2-3  
  
 T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by K. Whedbee. Motion passed.

V. Public Comment

VI. Items for FS Steering Committee Consideration

A. Faculty Needs Assessment Survey

Richard Mocarski, Vice President, Div. of Research and Innovation Partnerships  
  
VP Mocarski led a discussion with and received feedback from FS Steering Committee members regarding the draft survey.

B. Updates on ongoing conversations  
  
A brief review of summer conversations included these points.  
1. Shared governance role in resource, space and budget conversations.   
2. Tenure/promotion appeals process updates.  
3. Approved tenure/promotion process updates being implemented via   
college councils and senates.  
4. Faculty category: teaching professor or professor of practice.

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

B. McGowan moved to approve the FS draft agenda, seconded by J. Slagstad. Discussion included the following points.  
  
Two presentations will be made: the first on Huskies Vote; and the second on NIU’s Truth, Racial Healing and transformation Center and the Real Talk Conference.  
  
Various committee and other leadership appointments will be approved through the Consent Agenda.  
  
A proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.1.1 will be presented for a first reading. The proposal intends to ensure that the FS Steering Committee includes sufficient representation from all constituencies without placing unfair burdens on FS standing committee chairs.  
  
Reports are anticipated from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, University Advisory Committee to the BOT, Baccalaureate Council, Social Justice Committee, Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.  
  
Motion to approve the draft agenda per above discussion passed.

VIII. 2024-25 FS Steering Committee meeting dates

Aug 28, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 13, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 16

IX. Adjournment  
  
W. Mills moved to adjourn, seconded by J. Novak. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.