MINUTES – FS STEERING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 3 p.m.**

**Altgeld Hall 225**

**Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois**

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

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

**II. Verification of Quorum**

A quorum was established.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**B. McGowan** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **K. Whedbee**. Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of the August 28, 2024, minutes**

**B. McGowan** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **M. Corpuz**. Motion passed.

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. New Business**  
  
 A. Orientation and Overview Material About Shared Governance  
 Ben Creed, FS President

Interest has been expressed in creating resources focused on NIU shared governance, perhaps through a video, an over-arching website, or other means. Virginia Tech’s [shared governance website](https://governance.vt.edu/) has been identified as a potential example. Members discussed various ideas on the topic. There was consensus that Steering Committee members would review Virginia Tech’s shared governance website, and the Rules, Governance and Elections Committee potentially could be invited to coordinate this project at NIU.

**VII. Discussion and approval of Faculty Senate draft agenda – attached packet**  
**J. Novak** moved to approve the FS draft agenda, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Discussion included the following points:

President’s Announcements will include information on the shared governance resources project, as well as several opportunities for faculty senator involvement.

Two presentations are scheduled: 1) Annuitants Association and 2) RIPS: Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Goals for the Future.

FS will be asked to approve several faculty members nominated to serve on the Libraries Advisory Committee.

Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 3.1.1, Composition of Steering Committee, will be presented for a second reading and vote.

Proposed amendment to FS Bylaws 4.4.3.2 and 4.5.3.3, Duties of the Graduate Council and Duties of the Baccalaureate Council, will be presented for a first reading.

Reports are anticipated from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE; University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, University Council, Baccalaureate Council, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

Motion passed per above discussion.

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

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

**IX. Adjournment**

**T. Arado** moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. McGowan**.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.