

## MINUTES

**Faculty Senate/University Council Resources, Space and Budget Committee**  
**Friday, May 4, 2018, 10 a.m.**  
**Altgeld Hall 125**  
**Northern Illinois University**  
**DeKalb, Illinois**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andree, Bateni, Boughton, Chmaissem, Click, Doederlein, Duffin, Hunt, McHone-Chase, Millhorn, Nicholson, Slotsve

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Konen, Maddali, Riley, Wang

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Freeman, Heckmann, McCord, McGill, Peterson, Sanan

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**S. McHone-Chase** called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

### **II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

### **III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the agenda.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE [APRIL 6, 2018](#) MEETING MINUTES – Pages 2-3**

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Acting President Lisa Freeman and Acting Provost Chris McCord

Acting President Freeman and Acting Provost McCord addressed the following questions:

1. What steps is NIU taking to increase enrollment? Out of state enrollment?

Answer: **C. McCord** discussed the strengthening of NIU's online environment and off-campus presence/partnerships/cohorts.

He also discussed outreach efforts and efforts to leverage financial aid for prospective students, as well as service indicators for returning students. He also discussed equalizing in-state and out-of-state tuition. He also mentioned housing scholarships in addition to tuition scholarships.

2. What are NIU's strategies for working to address housing vacancies in the dormitories? What is NIU doing to remain competitive with housing prices?

Answer: **C. McCord** discussed how NIU is packaging meal plans differently. While we are encouraging students to use resident halls as resident halls, we are also using the empty space in those halls for different uses (ex: space in Grant).

NIU has any number of housing and dining plans and so do our competitors. But, when we look at least expensive options, we're in the middle. We do have some expensive options, but we are not raising prices.

3. There is apparently a rumor on campus that, if any of the projectors in the classrooms were to fail right now, there is no money to replace them as that money has been spent on monitors for the Monsanto campus. What sort of provisions are in place for replacing failing or broken classroom technological equipment?

Answer: Those are two different budget lines. Classroom tech is paid for out Provost Office and that money would not go out to the Monsanto campus.

4. Please address inventory loss control. (This was in response to the story in the Northern Star about the \$1.6 million loss in computers and other technology that was found in a tech audit.)

Answer: Inventory was controlled somewhat centrally, and there \*was\* a two-cycle catch-up written into the process. But in FY17 that was changed, and that process was written out immediate. Depreciated value not taken into account, too. In each unit now, someone is taking control of inventory, so there is more accountability. That \$1.6 million for FY17 is now \$268,000 for FY18. We'll still have to take responsibility for that, but it is a big step.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Update on proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, [Article 2.6](#) , RSB Committee membership, presented for second reading and vote at the May 2 University Council meeting – Cathy Doederlein

University Council passed the proposed amendment, and RSB now welcomes its two new members, **Aline Click** (SPS) and **Barb Andree** (OS).

- B. Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee update – Jim Millhorn

No April meeting. At March meeting, there was a handout precipitated by the Parkland High School shooting that discussed school shootings and reassured attendees that area police and security forces train regularly for such a possibility and are prepared.

- C. University Fee Review Committee update – Cathy Doederlein

The group has not met recently, but **C. Doederlein** is planning to meet soon.

- D. FY19 budget update, including division funding cut information

**S. McGill** stated that the budget is still in preliminary status. About \$17.5 million has been identified to close gap, in cuts and in revenue generation. No more cuts are being considered at this time. NIU expects to have a state budget, at FY18 levels. Governor's budget had identified funds for capital repairs, so NIU is optimistic that NIU projects might be included.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.