

MINUTES

**Faculty Senate-University Council Resources, Space and Budget Committee
Friday, September 7, 2018, 10 a.m.
Altgeld Hall 125
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Doederlein, Duffin, Grund, Haji-Sheikh, Johnson, Millhorn, Monteiro, Nelson, Nicholson, Njue, Riley, Slotsve, Thu, Watson, Wilson

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Boughton

OTHERS PRESENT: McCord, McGill

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I. CALL TO ORDER

RSB Committee Chair **J. Wilson** called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

G. Slotsve moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE [MAY 4, 2018](#) MEETING MINUTES – Pages 2-4

G. Slotsve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. One typo was noted in Item VII. C. The motion to approve minutes, with noted typo correction, passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

G. Slotsve noted that RSB is entitled to send a representative to the University Fee Review Committee. **R. Grund** volunteered to serve.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RSB designee to the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee. The CSEQ Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., Lowden Hall 304.

C. McCord and **S. McGill** reported that NIU Police Chief Phillips hopes to engage the CSEQ Committee in more proactive discussion with stakeholders across campus to better address issues of safety and security on and around campus. **M. Haji-Sheikh** volunteered to serve.

B. Current and future role of the RSB Committee

Sarah McGill

Vice President for Administration & Finance and Chief Financial Officer

- 2017-18 was a pivotal year as a state budget was passed, but NIU must still be mindful of its resources.
- RSB members are invited to participate in an orientation to discuss the principles NIU hopes to build on in the future, thinking about accountability and what it takes to run the institution.
- Campus Facilities Master Plan – NIU’s resources are more than money, but also employees, space, buildings and what’s inside those buildings.
- How do we best align our resources with our mission/priorities, and how do we hold ourselves accountable?
- Need for the development of common language.
- Strive toward multi-year budgeting.
- RSB can serve as a conduit of information: What do you hear from your colleagues? Can you help administration think about how to message?
- RSB can provide valuable feedback, as well as advocacy.

K. Thu is gratified to see the positive shift in paradigm as administration works with and through the RSB Committee, and perhaps the university as a whole. **H. Nicholson** appreciates this direction being offered for the RSB Committee. **M. Haji-Sheikh** appreciates the openness he is starting to see happen, though he notes there is more work to be done: When faculty are excluded from the conversation, it causes stress in the background.

S. McGill looks forward to engaging the RSB going forward. **C. McCord** sees this as the next step following the budget retreat held in spring 2018 and at which several RSB representatives participated.

K. Thu suggested that a topic for future consideration might be: What is the appropriate level of resource management control? **C. McCord** agrees that the RSB could consider how we think about the evolution of decision-making as it relates to budget.

C. McCord hopes the RSB will support the idea of orientation so that there is a common set of information that relies on more than each member’s personal and/or past experience. It is hoped that the orientation could be presented at the October 5 or November 2 meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

M. Riley moved to adjourn, seconded by H. Nicholson. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Future RSB meeting dates: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5.

President Lisa Freeman is tentatively scheduled to meet with the RSB on:
Nov 2, Dec 7, Feb 1, Apr 5.