

MINUTES

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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Boughton, Doederlein, Grund, Haji-Sheikh, Johnson, Martin, Millhorn, Monteiro, Nelson, Nicholson, Pietrowski, Riley, Slotsve, Surjadi, Thu, Wilson

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Duffin

OTHERS PRESENT: Freeman, Galvez, Hoffman, McCord, McGill

OTHERS ABSENT: Peterson

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 **K. Thu**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE [NOVEMBER 2, 2018](#) MEETING MINUTES

G. Slotsve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **K. Thu**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

[Illinois Attorney General Document RE: OMA Request for Review – 2017 PAC 50176 p. 12 \(Dec. 5, 2018\)](#) was shared with the committee members.

The distribution of grant funds does not provide the lump sum up front. To address larger expenses, departments should use the mechanism for an advance against reasonably anticipated revenue through the Division of Research and Innovation Projects.

In response to student dependent health insurance no longer being offered, it was noted that NIU staff can, and does, guide students to identify other health insurance providers.

NIU's dance program has seen a significant drop in enrollment, suspected to be related to the lack of adequate changing space. It was noted that a renovation request (or even a request to unlock the Gabel Hall pool locker room door) should go through the college dean's office and then to the Office of the Provost, specifically Sue Mini or Tim Condon.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. President Lisa Freeman

Discussion included the following topics:

FY20 IBHE Budget Requests & Recommendations Summary

- There is cautious optimism that the Pritzker administration will meet requests.
- Budget recommendation includes significant increase in MAP funding.
- Budget recommendation includes infusion of \$20 million into AIM HIGH scholarship funding in addition to the already standing \$25 million.
- Beware that extra AIM HIGH funding must be matched by each institution, though.
- Proposed AIM HIGH Trailer Bill will allow institutions to keep unused funding. This bill has broad bipartisan support, and there is optimism that it will go forward.
- IBHE has proposed merit scholarship funding for non-public institutions with no strings attached, although the intent is to establish rules for its use. Public university presidents and chancellors have noted their non-support of this proposal.
- It was suggested that shared governance bodies consider a resolution of non-support for the proposed merit scholarship funding for non-public institutions. President Freeman will ask NIU's state legislative liaison, Jenna Mitchell, to work with the shared governance bodies on this.
- It was noted that such funding to non-public institutions should go toward more fully funding MAP instead.

RSB members reviewed salary comparison charts relative to the College of Law Dean Search and the Executive Vice President and Provost Search. The data sets are the result of data compiled from public universities with similar budgets; doctoral universities with similar budgets; Carnegie doctoral institutions; MAC institutions; Illinois public universities. The data will inform negotiations for these two positions.

- ### B. Review of [NIU's contract with Northwestern Medicine](#) and discussion of RSB's role as a vehicle for dissemination among the NIU community regarding other large contracts Chief Financial Officer Sarah McGill

Specifically related to the Northwestern Medicine contract, **R. Grund** inquired if there could be some partnering on providing services to NIU College of Visual and Performing Arts dance students, who experience medical needs similar to NIU athletes. **S. McGill** and **R. Grund** will work together to assess this need and consider next steps.

Relative to the RSB's role as a vehicle for dissemination of contract information, the members endorsed the idea that the RSB Committee can serve as such a vehicle or mechanism to make contracts available. There was discussion regarding the timing and at what level contracts should be made available, possibly dependent on public interest. Suggestions were made regarding workflow and process, and the Division of Administration and Finance will follow up to learn how to use these to best benefit. It was suggested that Institutional Communications be involved in future discussions as well, especially to help identify best practices for disseminating information and responding to rumors/myths. **J. Wilson** will report on this to Faculty Senate and University Council, and will work with **S. McGill** with the hope that language to describe this process can be developed for consideration at the January RSB meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Follow-up to questions discussed at the November 2, 2018 meeting
See RSB November 2, 2018 minutes – Pages 2-6

The topics brought up at the November 2, 2018 RSB meeting are being addressed by appropriate parties. Progress will be reported ongoing.

- B. Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee update –
Michael Haji-Sheikh

1. RSB designee to the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee for spring 2019. The CSEQ Committee meets monthly on Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

The CSEQC is working on projects including:

- Technology improvement plan
- Safe selling space
- Safety bulletin improvements
- Safe Streets Initiative is implemented and felt to be a success.
- Residence hall guest registration has been implemented.
- Severe weather procedures – Concern was expressed that DeKalb County representatives be brought into the discussion.
Administration also continues to work on improving its facility clearing estimation process.

The RSB Committee needs to select a new representative to the CSEQC. Members were asked to consider it, and the topic will be revisited in January.

C. Student Fee Advisory Committee update – Jay Monteiro

Final fee recommendations were approved by the Board of Trustees on December 6, 2018. The arts fee did not move forward, but presenters were invited by the committee to return next year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

M. Haji-Sheikh moved to adjourn, seconded by **G. Slotsve**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Future RSB meeting dates: Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5.

President Lisa Freeman is tentatively scheduled to meet with the RSB on Jan 11 and Feb 1.