MINUTES

University Council-University Affairs Committee
Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 10 a.m.
Altgeld Hall 125
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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as the committee was dissolved before these minutes could be approved.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado (for Naples), Bateni, Bond, Garner, Littauer, Mogren, Monteiro, Penrod, Pietrowski, Rajagopalan

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bolden, Chen, Kamp, Naples, Song

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Affairs Committee Chair H. Bateni called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

W. Penrod moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by B. Bond. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review proposal to amend NIU Bylaws Article 20: The University Ombudsperson

T. Arado introduced and summarized the proposal. H. Bateni noted that a shortcoming of the current language is that the review is completed in the final year of the ombudsperson’s term and not the penultimate year, making it problematic to act on the review findings. It was noted that research showed a lack of consistency in how ombudspersons are reviewed at other institutions. It was also noted that a six-year initial and four-year subsequent term are consistent with other NIU administrative positions. M. Pietrowski moved to approve the proposed amendment, per above conversation, for a first reading at the January 30, 2019 University Council meeting, seconded by J. Monteiro. Motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.