

MINUTES

Faculty Senate-University Council Rules, Governance and Elections Committee
Thursday, January 16, 2020, 2 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 125
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Johnson, Millis, Mooney, Pearson, Scherer, Schraufnagel, Siegesmund, Tataara, Thu (for Sharp)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnston-Rodriguez, Sharp

I. CALL TO ORDER

FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee (RGE) chair, **R. Siegesmund**, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

I. Pearson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **K. Millis**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2019 MINUTES

R. Scherer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **I. Pearson**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss proposed shared governance changes to establish Faculty Senate (FS) as the body responsible for academic affairs

The committee members engaged in a brainstorming session regarding various aspects of the proposal.

S. Schraufnagel moved that the RGE support a vision or concept of a potential future University Council (UC) membership, seconded by **I. Pearson**. A friendly amendment was offered and accepted to make the Council of Deans (COD) representative nonvoting. A friendly amendment was offered to acknowledge that

this UC membership vision or concept is subject to change as RGE discussions continue in the future. **S Schraufnagel** withdrew his original motion in order to allow RGE more time to have future discussions on this topic.

Vision of potential future UC membership

5 students

7 faculty (each college plus the library) tenure/tenure-track

2 instructors/clinical faculty

5 operating staff

4 supportive professional staff

23 total voting members

3 senior administration (ex officio, nonvoting) (president, provost, CFO)

1 COD representative (moved to nonvoting through friendly amendment)

4 total nonvoting members

Further brainstorming took place resulting in a shared vision or concept of what a future FS voting membership might consist of:

Vision of potential future FS voting membership

10 students

44 faculty – one rep per academic department plus library
(Are instructors and/or clinical faculty included?)

2 operating staff

2 supportive professional staff

58 voting members

There was consensus that, in this vision or concept, UC faculty members would no longer serve on FS.

There was consensus for adding the 10 students to FS.

The topic of the role of instructors and clinical faculty on FS requires further research and conversation.

The committee will meet again, hopefully, before the Feb. 19 FS meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 3:25 pm