

## MINUTES

Faculty Senate-University Council Resources, Space and Budget Committee  
Friday, September 6, 2019, 10 a.m.  
Altgeld Hall 125  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Beyer, Bohanon, Bolden, Creed, Duffin, Dymond (for Doederlein), Ingram, Johnson, Martin, Millhorn, Royce, Schraufnagel (for Schatteman), Shi, Slotsve, Subramony (for Riley),

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doederlein, Riley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hochstatter, Kassel, McGill, Pearson

### I. CALL TO ORDER

RSB Committee Chair **T. Arado** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

### III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

No objections were noted, and the agenda was adopted by voice vote.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 5, 2019 MEETING MINUTES – Pages 2-6

No objections were noted, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

### 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.

**J. Royce** volunteered to serve, and he was approved by voice vote.

B. RSB designee to the Student Fee Advisory Committee

Tentative schedule:

- Onboarding meeting – mid-September  
tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m. (conflicts with UC-Steering)
- Fee presentations and discussions with departments – last week of September or early the week of 9/30-10/4  
tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1
- Discussion of group and final recommendations – week of 9/30-10/4
- Send recommendations to EVP/Provost and VP/CFO 10/4 or 10/7
- Senior leadership review and approval 10/7-10/14
- Draft FACFO item – after call for items goes out late September; add final, approved figures once known from President/EVP/VP
- Submit FACFO item for VP/CFO review by 10/22
- Regular FACFO schedule commences
- Send communication to fee managers prior to public posting of FACFO materials on 11/11

**G. Beyer** volunteered to serve, and he was approved by voice vote.

C. Projects for the year

Facilities Master Plan

The following questions and comments were brought by the committee regarding the development of the FMP:

- RSB will continue to be included in related dialog
- Investment in deferred maintenance
- Active learning spaces
- Is there a place where we can deposit stories of space experiments taking place in NIU's various local units? **T. Arado** will look into this.
- How does time allocation fit in to the Facilities Master Plan?
- Student Association would like to be part of the conversation regarding future use of Campus Life Building. **S. McGill** will follow up on this.
- Faculty Club space
- Will RSB members have opportunity to provide feedback on the Campus Facility Project Updates presented to the BOT-Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations (FACFO) Committee at its August 15 meeting? **S. McGill** will look into this.

Multi-year budgeting

- Investing in students continues to be a priority, but also a focus on investment in faculty and staff.
- Concerns about debt service were expressed by the committee. **S. McGill** noted that NIU will have opportunity to refinance next year.
- Committee members expressed concerns about difficulty in receiving up-to-date budget information, which negatively impacts faculty grant applications and requested this be looked at in any budgeting scenarios.

#### Decentralizing budgets

- How do we move control back to the local level?

#### Campus communication

- How do we provide information that's understandable and at the appropriate degree of aggregation?

#### Capital projects

- \$53 million for general campus capital funding
- Research is still needed to determine potential spending restrictions
- RSB input will be sought on what investments should be addressed

#### What is the role of the RSB?

- Serve as a liaison between administration and the constituency we represent
- Provide advice on how best to communicate with campus
- Bring feedback from our constituencies to administration
- Help administration understand what is needed at the local levels.

President Freeman will attend the October RSB meeting.

Anyone with specific questions and/or topics they'd like to be addressed, should send those to Pat Erickson. J. Royce offered to set up SharePoint for RSB, but there are concerns that any electronic communications would be in non-compliance of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. **T. Arado** reminded everyone that OMA prohibits any type of email or other electronic discussion. She will look into an environment where documents can be shared electronically, absent any OMA-prohibited discussion.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**G. Slotsve** moved to adjourn, seconded by **T. Arado**. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**Future RSB meeting dates:** Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3.

President Lisa Freeman is tentatively scheduled to meet with the RSB on Oct 4, Dec 6, Jan 10, Mar 6.