MINUTES
University Council
Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Feniza, Lang, Martin, Penrod, Polansky, Staples, White,

OTHERS PRESENT: Blazey, Boutin, Bryan, Chinniah, Conderman, Dawe, Douglass, Falkoff, Hunt, Jensen, W. Johnson, Klapa, McCartney, McEvoy, Miner, Park, Walther, Wesener Michael

OTHERS ABSENT: Ferguson, Gelman, Groza, Hanna, Kortegast, Marsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

University President L. Freeman called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by R. Scherer. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 4-6

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by R. Siegesmund. Motion passed.
V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of University Council members whose terms are completed – Page 7

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Reimagining Shared Governance – Pages 8-234

SECOND READING/ACTION ITEM

**I. Pearson** made the following motion: Given parallel amendments approved by Faculty Senate at its April 22 meeting, I move to approve the proposed amendments to the NIU Constitution and the NIU Bylaws, which recognize the authority of the University Council in non-academic matters, change the structure of University Council, and provide for Faculty Senate to be the primary body authorized to deal with academic matters. Motion was seconded by **J. Royce** and **P. Skarbinski**. Motion passed.

Yes – 47 votes
No – 2 votes
Abstain – 2 votes

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Temporary appointment timeline waiver request per NIU Bylaws, Article 19.5.2.2

Judy Ledgerwood, Acting Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – Pages 235-236

Beth Ingram

**B. Ingram** moved to approve the temporary appointment timeline waiver request, seconded by **I. Pearson**. Motion passed.

B. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 11 Grievance Procedures for Faculty and Staff – Pages 237-267

Therese Arado

FIRST READING

Proposal to waive waiting period

Per NIU Bylaws Article 22.1, **R. Siegesmund** moved to waive the waiting period in order to take action on the proposed amendment during this meeting, seconded by **O. Chmaissem**. Motion passed.

Yes – 49 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 2 votes
T. Arado moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by C. Doederlein. Motion passed.

Yes – 45 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 1 vote

C. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 15.3 Academic Planning Council – Pages 268-270
Beth Ingram
FIRST READING
Proposal to waive waiting period

Per NIU Bylaws Article 22.1, R. Siegesmund moved to waive the waiting period in order to take action on the proposed amendment during this meeting, seconded by B. Bond. Motion passed.

Yes – 43 votes
No – 2 votes
Abstain – 3 votes

B. Ingram moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by I. Pearson. Motion passed.

Yes – 41 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 4 votes

D. Student Grievance Annual Report per NIU Bylaws, Article 12.6 – Kendall Thu

IX. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborio – report

1. March 20, 2020 FAC-IBHE meeting report – Pages 271-272


B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
   Jeffry Royce, Catherine Doederlein, Kendall Thu
   Alex Gelman, Sarah Marsh, Jason Hanna

C. Academic Policy Committee – Vicki Collins, Chair – no report

D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – report

E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Richard Siegesmund, Chair – report

1. Election of 2020-21 executive secretary of University Council per NIU
   Bylaws – Page 277

   Kendall Thu – Page 278

   **R. Siegesmund** moved to accept the nomination of Kendall Thu, to close the
   nominations, and to approve the election of Kendall Thu, seconded by **T. Arado**. Motion passed.

   Yes – 44 votes
   No – 1 vote
   Yes – 1 vote

F. University Affairs Committee – Hamid Bateni, Chair – no report

G. Student Government Association – report
   Naomi Bolden, President
   Ian Pearson, Speaker of the Senate

H. Operating Staff Council – Jeffry Royce, President – report

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Catherine Doederlein, President – report

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. [Policy Library](#) – Comment on Proposed Policies (right-hand column on web page)
B. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council
C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board
D. [Minutes](#), Baccalaureate Council
E. [Minutes](#), Board of Trustees
F. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
G. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
H. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
I. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
J. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
K. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
XI.  ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.