MINUTES
University Council
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois


OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Blazey, Jensen, Klapser, McGill, Nicholson, Wesener Michael

OTHERS ABSENT: Falkoff, 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

C. Doederlein moved to adopt the agenda, including an amendment to move Item IX. A. of Unfinished Business to just following Item VI, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2019 MINUTES

P. Skarbinski moved to approve the minutes, seconded by O. Chmaissem. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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 – report

1. Proposed amendment to:
   Academic Policies and Procedures Manual, Section III, Item 23,
   Policies for Distance Education Courses Carrying Undergraduate Credit
   Offered by Northern Illinois University
   and
   Academic Policies and Procedures Manual, Section III, Item 22,
   Guidelines for Online Courses Carrying Graduate Credit Offered by Northern
   Illinois University

   V. Collins moved to accept the proposed amendment, seconded by B. Bond
   and J. Burton. Motion passed.

   Yes – 42 votes
   No – 1 vote
   Abstain – 0 votes

   In addition to the proposed amendment, the committee made the following
   recommendations:

   • Review and update NIU’s Intellectual Property Policy to address
   concerns pertaining to ownership of online and hybrid courses. The
   policy was last approved by the University Council in 2007, well before
   the Higher Learning Commission’s visit and NIU’s Strategic Enrollment
   Plan emphasizing online learning.
   • Update NIU’s course coding system (W, WF, P) to align with definitions
   of online and hybrid courses in the proposed policy. The current code for
   hybrid courses (WF = 75%-99%) is too restrictive and does not reflect
   current variations at NIU.
   • Enhance NIU’s course finder so the course delivery mode (online, hybrid,
   face-to-face) is explicitly indicated.
L. Freeman asked J. Blazey to follow up on the Intellectual Property Policy review recommendation and B. Ingram to follow up on the course coding system and course finder recommendations and to report back to University Council as progress is made.

D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – report
   1. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 2.6.1: Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Composition
      FIRST READING

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

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 17.2.1 University Benefits Committee Composition
   SECOND READING/ACTION

   V. Collins moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by S. Farrell.
   Motion passed.

B. Update: Rethinking Faculty Senate and Shared Governance

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 19.7.1 Performance Reviews – The President
   FIRST READING

XI. 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
L. Minutes, Operating Staff Council
M. Minutes, Student Senate
N. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council
O. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
P. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
Q. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
R. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

S. 2019-20 Faculty Senate meeting dates:
   Sep 4, Oct 2, Oct 30, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 25, Apr 22

T. 2019-20 University Council meeting dates:
   Sep 11, Oct 16, Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 29, Feb 26, Apr 1, Apr 29

XII. ADJOURNMENT

O. Chmaissem moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.