MINUTES

University Council Steering Committee
Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 225
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Barnhart, Bateni, Bolden, Burton, Chen, Collins, Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Johnson (for Royce), Millhorn, Pearson, Siegesmund, Thu

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Royce

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Council (UC) Steering Committee chair, K. Thu, called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

I. Pearson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by C. Doederlein. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MINUTES

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR UC STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DRAFT AGENDA – separate packet

R Siegesmund moved to approve the draft agenda, seconded by C. Doederlein.

Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 2.6.1: Resources, Space and Budget Committee (RSB) – Composition – This proposal to add two student members to the RSB composition is scheduled for a second reading and a vote at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws 19.7.1 Performance Reviews – The President – This proposal to adjust the timeline of the presidential review to take place during the
penultimate year of the term is scheduled for a second reading and a vote at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

**All In Campus Democracy Challenge** – This presentation on getting out the vote is scheduled for the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

**Proposed Admissions Policy** – Per Faculty Senate (FS) request, the Baccalaureate Council has reviewed and approved this proposal. It will be presented for review at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting. Though not required, FS also will review the proposal at its January 22, 2020 meeting. The NIU Bylaws provides for UC to review the proposal within the next two UC meetings (Jan 22 and Feb 19) If UC takes no action, the proposal is approved by default.

A discussion among the UC Steering Committee members ensued regarding various aspects of the proposal.

**Restructuring Shared Governance** – This proposal is scheduled for a first reading at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting. A first reading is an introduction of a proposal, with no requirement that a vote take place at the next subsequent meeting. It is anticipated that this proposal will be vetted by both FS and UC, with information sharing back-and-forth in the coming months until the bodies are ready to vote.

The proposal includes amendments to three different documents. The UC has authority to amend the NIU Constitution and the NIU Bylaws. The FS has the authority to amend the FS Bylaws. As a result, each body’s decisions will be contingent upon the other.

A discussion among the UC Steering Committee members ensued regarding various aspects of the proposal.

**Faculty Advisory Committee to the IBHE** – K. Thu will have a report at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting as he attended the December FAC-IBHE meeting as L. Saborio’s alternate.

**University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees** – K. Thu will have a report for the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

**FS-UC Resources, Space and Budget Committee** – T. Arado will have a report for the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

**FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee** – R. Siegesmund will have a report for the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

**UC-University Affairs Committee** – H. Bateni will bring a motion to approve the 2029-30 academic calendar at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

**Student Government Association** – N. Bolden and I. Pearson will have reports for the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.
Operating Staff Council – It is anticipated that J. Royce will have a report at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

Supportive Professional Council – It is anticipated that C. Doederlein will have a report at the January 29, 2020 UC meeting.

The motion to approve the January 29, 2020 UC agenda passed per above discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.