PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

University Council
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

All University Council members will receive an Outlook invitation to this Teams meeting. Others wishing to join the meeting, please send your request to Pat Erickson at pje@niu.edu.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 3-5

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
   A. Budget report
      Provost Beth Ingram
      CFO Sarah Chinniah
   B. Reimagining Shared Governance – reflections and going forward
   C. Consideration of NIU Constitution, Article 6.1 – Pages 6

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES
   A. IBHE Strategic Planning Advisory Committee – Simón Weffer – report
B. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report

IBHE board approves higher education budget requested focused on equity
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C. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Natasha Johnson, Catherine Doederlein, Kendall Thu
Katy Jaekel, Sarah Marsh, Greg Beyer

D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
Therese Arado, Chair

E. Student Government Association – report
Antonio Johnson, President
Bradley Beyer, Speaker of the Senate

F. Operating Staff Council – Natasha Johnson, President – report

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

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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R. Approved 2030-31 academic calendar – Page 9

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Full transcript


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Barnhart, Blazey, Boston, Bryan, Douglass, Edghill-Walden, Falkoff, Frazier, Hendricks, Klaper, McCord, McEvoy, Miner, Rhode, Saborio, Skarbinski, Thu, Wesener Michael

I. CALL TO ORDER

NIU 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, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 MINUTES

T. Arado and L. Garcia moved to approve the minutes, seconded by B. Beyer. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A. Advancing Administrative Efficiency
   Chris McCord, Senior Advisor to the Vice President, Administration and Finance

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 2.2 University Council Personnel Committee
   SECOND READING/VOTE

   **L. Garcia** moved to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by **N. Johnson**.
   Motion passed.

   Yes – 16
   No – 1
   Abstain – 0

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

L. Garcia moved to adjourn, seconded by D. Collins. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.
Consideration of NIU Constitution, Article 6.1.1

Currently existing language

6.1 The University
6.1.1 Definition of University Faculty
The university faculty shall consist of all full-time staff members holding the ranks of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, or clinical faculty.

Draft replacement language for consideration:

The instructional and research core of the University shall consist of four categories of members hereinafter referred to as: 1) Faculty, 2) Instructors, 3) Clinical Faculty, and 4) Research Faculty

Section 1: Faculty
Faculty refers to the Tenure/Tenure Eligible Faculty of the University to include all Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty with appointments as Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Departmental Chairpersons and professional librarians other than the Dean of the University Libraries. Faculty include part-time faculty who hold positions at Northern Illinois University along with positions at an external affiliate institution as approved by the provost.

Section 2: Instructional Faculty
The Teaching Faculty of the University will include all persons with appointments as lecturer, associate lecturer, and assistant lecturer. This would also include instructors, adjunct, affiliate, and visiting faculty including those faculty with a limited contractual relationship with the University, including part-time (adjunct), non-compensatory (affiliate), and visiting faculty. All full-time faculty members in the ranks of faculty assistants, instructors, and lecturers, who currently hold temporary appointments of 50% or more of a normal faculty appointment, including employees who devote 50% or more of their working time to non-instructional duties at NIU are also considered to be instructors.

Section 3: Clinical Faculty
The Clinical Faculty of the University will include all persons with appointments as Clinical Professor, Associate Clinical Professor, Assistant Clinical Professor and Clinical Instructor. It includes faculty members whose primary responsibilities are clinical supervision and/or clinical instruction and non-tenure track in nature. It includes faculty members whose primary responsibilities include providing and/or overseeing the delivery of professional services to individual patients or clients, teaching at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels, involvement in research activities, and non-tenure track in nature.

Section 4: Research Faculty and Staff
The Research Faculty of the University will include all persons with appointments as Research Professor, Associate Research Professor, and Assistant Research Professor, these appointments are strictly non-tenure track and non-teaching in nature and focus on research, scholarly, and technical activities. Research staff shall include Post-Doctoral Students, Senior Research Appointments and Research Associate Appointments, which focus on research, scholarly, and technical activities.
Jan. 13, 2021

IBHE BOARD APPROVES HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST FOCUSED ON EQUITY

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Board of Higher Education today approved a fiscal year 2022 budget that increases funding to support its continuing efforts to help close equity gaps in higher education outcomes. The budget proposal is $2.141 billion and would reflect a 4.5 percent ($92 million) increase for general funds, excluding the State University Retirement System (SURS).

IBHE Chair John Atkinson said, “This budget recommendation reflects a down payment on the strategic plan, which will focus on equity, affordability, and attainment. The best way to make sure that students from underserved communities, students of color, and other underrepresented students can attend and succeed in college is to increase funding for the Monetary Award Program (MAP), our public universities and community colleges.

IBHE knows that increases in funding to community colleges and public universities is critical to the enrollment, retention, and attainment of this most underrepresented group of students. IBHE is proposing a $5.3 million increase for community colleges and a $23.2 million increase for public universities. “Despite this difficult time for the state budget, investing in higher education—and with a focus on equity— is essential to help the Illinois economy recover and to assist people in securing good jobs. Our higher education system will not only serve to prepare the workforce but will foster the innovation that spurs the economic recovery,” explained Atkinson.

The budget also includes $1 million for the public universities to join the national Common App, which simplifies the college application process. “We applaud Gov. Pritzker’s commitment to making college more affordable and accessible. Providing funding to implement the Common App is another way to make his vision a reality,” said Ginger Ostro, IBHE Executive Director.

—more—
Highlights that focus on equity include:
- $50 million increase for MAP
- $5.3 million (2 percent) increase for community colleges
- $23.2 million (2 percent) increase for public universities
- $1 million for roll-out of the Common App
- Maintained funding for AIM HIGH, which is a merit-based scholarship program
- $10 million toward financial stability for College Illinois!

The budget recommendation next goes to Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and the General Assembly for consideration.

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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2030-2031

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Approved by Faculty Senate on January 20, 2021.