MINUTES
University Council
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT: Almaguer, Barnhart, Blazey, Boughton, Brady, Bridges, Bryan, Edghill-Walden, Gelman, Ghrayeb, Glendening, Klapr, McEvoy, Miner, Saborio, Skarbinski, Stang, Sutherlin, 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 MINUTES
T. Arado 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. Huskie Books and Gear/Follett Higher Education
   Marilyn Almaguer, Manager
   Nathan Sutherlin, Regional Manager

B. Budget Overview
   Provost Beth Ingram
   CFO Sarah Chinniah

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Per NIU Bylaws, Article 2.1.1(A), approve the 2020-21 UC faculty representatives to the FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee

   The consent agenda was approved.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of proposed 2021 university holidays

   T. Arado moved to approve, seconded by T. Borg. Motion passed.

B. Proposed amendment to Spring 2021 academic calendar

   N. Johnson moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Spring 2021 academic calendar, consisting of the elimination of spring break and moving exam week to take place one week earlier, seconded by H. Nicholson. Motion passed 18-yes, 2-no, 2-abstain.

   N. Johnson moved to add two three-day weekends to the spring 2021 academic calendar, seconded by T. Arado. During the discussion, several friendly amendments were offered. These friendly amendments were accepted by the motion-maker and the seconder, resulting in a final amended motion to offer two non-instructional administrative closure days, one of these days to be used to create a three-day weekend to be scheduled during the canceled spring break time period, and the second day to be determined by President Freeman in conjunction with shared governance and the Provost’s Office. Motion passed 17-yes, 5-no, 3-abstain.
XI. 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
   Natasha Johnson, Catherine Doederlein, Kendall Thu
   Katy Jaekel, Sarah Marsh, Greg Beyer

C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report

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

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

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

XII. 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, Honors Committee
K. Minutes, Operating Staff Council
L. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council
M. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
N. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
O. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
P. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
Q. UC 2020-21 dates: Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, Apr 28
   All fall 2020 semester meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. The Teams
   meeting link and the agendas will typically be sent via email on the Friday preceding
   the UC meeting.
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by C. Doederlein.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.