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

M. Stange moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by F. Bohanon. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 3-5

M. Stange moved to approve the minutes, seconded by L. Garcia. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A. What is the future of University Council?
   Peter Chomentowski, University Council Chair
   Simón Weffer, Department of Sociology

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA
IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 6, Grievance Procedures for Students – Pages 6-24
FIRST READING
Peter Chomentowski, University Council Chair
Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost
Gregory Brady, Deputy General Counsel
Lindsay Hatzis, Director of Investigations, Office of Ethics and Compliance

XI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Peter Chomentowski
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Greg Beyer

C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – report
Holly Nicholson, Chair

D. Student Government Association – report
Devlin Collins, President
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate

E. Operating Staff Council – report
Holly Nicholson, President

F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report
Felicia Bohanon, President

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. Approved 2031-32 academic calendar – Page 25
R. UC meets monthly at 3 p.m.
   Spring 2022 meeting dates: Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

M. Stange moved to adjourn, seconded by H. Nicholson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.