PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

University Council
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 6, 2022, MINUTES – Pages 3-5

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

   A. Recognition of University Council members who have completed their service

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

   A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 13, Amendment of Bylaws – Page 6
      Peter Chomentowski, University Council Chair
      FIRST READING

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. UC 2022-23 dates: Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Nov 30, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Beyer, Collins, Conderman, Costello, Cripe, Elish-Piper, Freeman, Heckmann (for Chinniah), Hulseberg, Hunter (for Stange), Ingram, Kozumlak (for Teso-Warner), Martin, Monteiro, Nicholson, O’Grady (for Boughton), Olson, Osorio (for Garcia), Rogers, Scheibe, Timko, Vaughn, Weffer, Yates

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohanon, Boughton, Burg, Chinniah, Garcia, Poyser, Stange, Teso-Warner

OTHERS PRESENT: Blazey, Bryan, Chomentowski, McEvoy, Saborío

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

B. Ingram moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by W. Vaughn. The agenda was adopted.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2, 2022 MINUTES

W. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes, seconded by M. Timko. The minutes were approved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A. Strategic Enrollment Management 2.0
   Beth Ingram
   Executive Vice President and Provost

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 6, Grievance Procedures for Students
   SECOND READING/VOTE
   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

   S. Weffer moved to approve the proposal, seconded by D. Collins. Motion passed.

      Yes – 21
      No – 1
      Abstain – 2

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C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
   Holly Nicholson, Chair

D. Student Government Association – report
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Q. UC meets monthly at 3 p.m.
   Spring 2022 meeting dates: Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

H. Nicholson moved to adjourn, seconded by J. Monteiro. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
The current voting process for amending the NIU Bylaws can be cumbersome.

This proposal is to adopt the same voting process as has been used to amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws for many years. This process is less cumbersome to calculate during the meeting, but still provides for the careful consideration of any bylaw change by requiring more than a simple majority vote to approve a proposed amendment.

ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENT OF THE NIU BYLAWS

Amendment of the NIU Bylaws shall be accomplished as follows:

13.1 Written notice of a proposed amendment to the NIU Bylaws may be presented at any regular meeting of the University Council, but no action shall be taken on a proposed amendment until at least the next regular meeting of the University Council. The waiting period may be waived by a vote of three-fourths of the members voting.

13.2 A vote on an amendment to the bylaws requires the presence of 60 percent plus one of the total voting membership of University Council. To become effective, an amendment must be approved by the greater of: a) a majority of the total voting membership of University Council; or b) two thirds of the voting members in attendance. To become effective, an amendment must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of those voting, provided at least two-thirds of the voting members are present.