I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2021 MINUTES – Pages 3-5

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the 2021-22 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Karen Whedbee for a three-year term, per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1 – Page 6

B. Approve UC Chair Peter Chomentowski to serve as NIU’s academic representative to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 1.2, Terms of Office – Page 7
   Holly Nicholson, Operating Staff Council President
   SECOND READING/VOTE

X. NEW BUSINESS

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
   Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Peter Chomentowski
   Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Greg Beyer
C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report

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

E. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – report

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

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES
University Council
Wednesday, April 28, 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.

Full transcript


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Collins, Royce


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
T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by L. Garcia. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 31, 2021 MINUTES
T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by H. Nicholson. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
Cyberbullying Policy Working Group recommendations
VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

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

B. Budget report
   Provost Beth Ingram
   CFO Sarah Chinniah

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Student Grievance Annual Report per NIU Bylaws, Article 6.6 – Kendall Thu
   Two student grievances were submitted during the 2020-21 academic year. In each case, a Student Grievance Committee concluded its review process.

B. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 1.2, Terms of Office
   FIRST READING
   Holly Nicholson, Operating Staff Council representative to UC

C. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws
   Creation of new Article 12, Supportive Professional Staff Personnel Advisor and Operating Staff Personnel Advisor
   FIRST READING
   Holly Nicholson, Operating Staff Council representative to UC

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. 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
   Therese Arado, Chair

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

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

T. Arado moved to adjourn, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.
8.4 University Advisory Committee (UAC) to the Board of Trustees

8.4.1 Composition

8.4.1.1 The committee shall consist of the president of the Faculty Senate, the presidents of the Supportive Professional Staff Council and the Operating Staff Council, and three additional faculty members selected to represent the faculty's multiple roles in the university, particularly those in teaching, research, and service. These faculty shall be nominated by the University Council chair and confirmed by the University Council. They shall serve three-year staggered terms. In the event of a mid-term vacancy in a faculty position, the University Council chair shall nominate a person to fill the remainder of that term with the nomination confirmed by the University Council. In the nomination of the faculty representatives, the University Council chair shall consult with the Faculty Senate.

8.4.2 Duties

8.4.2.1 The Board of Trustees expects the president to meet regularly with the University Advisory Committee. The president shall keep the University Advisory Committee informed of and shall seek and receive advice from it about matters coming before the Board of Trustees. The University Advisory Committee may appoint one or two of its members to serve as liaison to each of the working committees of the board. A University Advisory Committee liaison, or a spokesperson chosen by the University Advisory Committee because of expertise on a specific issue, will be recognized at a regularly scheduled point on the committee agenda.

8.4.2.2 The committee shall be accountable to the University Council. Members of the committee shall also be accountable to their specific university organization—Faculty Senate, Operating Staff Council, or Supportive Professional Staff Council.

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Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 1.2

Changes operating staff term length from three years to one year.

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP ON THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

1.2 Terms of Office

1.2.1 Persons elected to the position of University Council voting member shall serve terms of three years, except for persons elected as student representatives and operating staff representatives who shall serve terms of one year. The university president, the executive vice president and provost, and the chief financial officer shall serve for the duration of their term of office. The dean representative and the Faculty Senate president/University Council chair shall serve terms of one year.