

## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**University Council  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 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 5, 2023, MINUTES** – Pages 3-5
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**
  - A. Moving Illinois Toward Equity: A Framework and Toolkit  
Vernese Edghill-Walden  
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer
  - B. Recognition of University Council members who have completed their service
- VIII. 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 – no report  
Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Ismael Montana  
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
  - C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
  - D. Student Government Association – report  
Raaif Majeed, President  
Debbie Allen, Acting Speaker of the Senate
  - E. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – report
  - F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Felicia Bohanon, President – report

## **IX. 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. 2023-24 UC schedule: Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6, Jan 31, Feb 28, Apr 3, May 1

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

## MINUTES

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beyer, Bohanon, Costello, Douglass, English (for Majeed), Falkoff, Freeman, Garcia, Hunter (for Geller), Ingram, Jaekel, Kassel, Miguel (for Scheibe), Middlemist, Monteiro, Nicholson, Olson, Rogers, Srygler, Tatara, Vaughn, Walther

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cripe, Geller, Hulseberg, Majeed, Pietrowski, Scheibe, Simonson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Blazey, Bryan, Brinkmann, Edghill-Walden, Hughes, Lee-Gordon, McEvoy, Montana, Saborío, Vinson

### 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

**F. Bohanon** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **W. Vaughn**. Motion passed.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 1, 2023, MINUTES

**B. Ingram** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **M. Falkoff**. Motion passed.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

### VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Athletic Board – Overview**

Courtney Hughes  
Associate Professor, School of Health Studies  
Faculty Athletics Representative

Courtney Vinson  
Senior Associate Athletic Director, Sports Administration  
Intercollegiate Athletics

### **B. Budget Update**

Lisa Freeman  
President

George Middlemist  
Vice President of Administration and Finance  
Chief Financial Officer

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report**

1. Early College: What to Consider?
2. Equity Tools & Resources for Faculty Engagement

### **B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report**

Felicia Bohanon, Holly Nicholson, Ismael Montana  
Katy Jaekel, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe

### **C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report**

### **D. Student Government Association – report**

Raaif Majeed, President  
Dallas Douglass, Speaker of the Senate

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

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- Q. UC 2022-23 remaining meeting dates: Apr 5, May 3

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**H. Nicholson** moved to adjourn, seconded by **K. Jaekel**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.