

MINUTES

University Council
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Bohanon, Freeman, Garcia, Geller, Ingram, Jaekel, Kassel, Middlemist, Monteiro, Nicholson, O’Grady (for Costello), Olson, Pietrowski, Rogers, Simonson, Srygler, Tatara, Vaughn, Walther

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Beyer, Costello, Cripe, Douglass, Falkoff, Hulseberg, Majeed, Scheibe,

OTHERS PRESENT: Blazey, Bryan, Edghill-Walden Montana, 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

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 5, 2023, MINUTES

M. Geller moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **A. Rogers**. Motion passed.

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 – no 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

H. Nicholson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.