

MINUTES

University Council
Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Beyer, Birch, Bohanon, Elish-Piper, English, Falkoff, Hartman, Howell, Johnson, Larkin, Martin, Middlemist, Monteiro, Morris, Myung, Njue, O’Grady, Phares, Pitney, Reneau (for Freeman), Richter, Stoker, Vaughn, Walther, Ziarati

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Freeman, Hensley, Sutcliffe

OTHERS PRESENT: Arado, Bryan, Creed, González, Heckmann, Kettering, Kruse, Sumner

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Council Chair **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Z. Birch moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **T. Hartman**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2023, MINUTES

W. Pitney moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Hartman**. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Budget and Planning Update

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A. Normal Road Closure

George Middlemist
Vice President of Administration and Finance/Financial Officer

John Heckmann
Associate Vice President, Facilities Management and Campus Services

IX. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no report
Linda Saborío, NIU Representative to FAC-IBHE
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed
Larissa Garcia, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee –no report
Marc Falkoff, Chair
- D. Student Government Association – report
Chris English, Deputy Speaker of the Senate
Landon Larkin, SGA Treasurer
- E. Operating Staff Council – report
Natasha Johnson, OSC President
Zac Birch, Jay Monteiro, Tiffany Morris, Sara Richter
- F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report
Felicia Bohanon, SPSC President
Tom O’Grady, Shannon Stoker, Christina Sutcliffe

X. 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](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- G. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- H. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- I. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- J. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- K. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- L. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- M. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee

- N. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- O. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- P. 2023-24 UC schedule: Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6, Jan 31, Feb 28, Apr 3, May 1

XI. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by **J. Monteiro**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.