I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2024, MINUTES – Pages 3-5

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A. Budget and Planning Update

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A. Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action and its Impact on NIU
   Bryan Perry, Vice President and General Counsel

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A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – report
   Linda Saborío, NIU Representative to FAC-IBHE

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   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

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   Natasha Johnson, OSC President
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University Council
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

Full transcript

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bohanon, Elish-Piper, English, Freeman, Hartman, Howell, Johnson, Martin, Middlemist, Monteiro, Morris, Myung, Nicholson, Njue, O’Grady, Phares, Pitney, Richter, Stoker, Sutcliffe, Vaughn, Walther, Ziarati

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Beyer, Falkoff, Larkin,

OTHERS PRESENT: Acardo, Bryan, Creed, Kettering, Kruse, Reneau, Saborío, Soukup, Weffer

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 JANUARY 31, 2024, MINUTES

W. Pitney moved to approve the minutes, seconded by S. Stokker. Motion passed.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS
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A. Budget Update

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Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Laurie Elish-Piper
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XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**H. Nicholson** moved to adjourn, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.