

## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**University Council  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2024, MINUTES** – Pages 3-5
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - 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
- VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**
  - A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – 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  
Jay Monteiro, Tiffany Morris, Sara Richter, Holly Nicholson

- F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – report  
Felicia Bohanon, SPSC President  
Tom O’Grady, Shannon Stoker, Christina Sutcliffe

**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](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
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**X. ADJOURNMENT**

## MINUTES

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**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.

### 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. Budget Update**

George Middlemist  
Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Laurie Elish-Piper  
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

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## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.