

# MINUTES

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

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beyer, Davis (for Richter), Elish-Piper, English, Falkoff, Freeman, Hartman, Howell, Martin, Monteiro, Morris, Myung, Nicholson, Njue, O’Grady, Phares, Pitney, Rogers (for Middlemist), Stoker, Sutcliffe, Walther, Ziarati

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bohanon, Johnson, Larkin, Middlemist, Richter, Vaughn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Creed, Kettering, Kruse, Perry, Reneau, Saborío, Sumner

## 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

**T. Hartman** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **B. Pitney**. Motion passed.

## IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2024, MINUTES

**S. Stoker** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **B. Pitney**. Motion passed.

## 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
- 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

## X. ADJOURNMENT

**C. English** moved to adjourn, seconded by **J. Monteiro**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.