I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2024, MINUTES – Pages 3-4

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

   A. Budget and Planning Update

VII. NEW BUSINESS

   A. Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver Request per NIU Bylaws, Article 10.5.2.2
      Acting Dean, College of Education – Page 5
      Laurie Elish-Piper, Executive Vice President and Provost

VIII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

   A. FAFSA Update
      Samantha McCarron
      Director of Financial Aid

   B. Normal Road Update

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

      John Heckmann
      Associate Vice President, Facilities Management and Campus Services

      Bill Nicklas
      City Manager, City of DeKalb

      Zac Gill
      City Engineer, City of DeKalb
IX. 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 – no 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

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N. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
O. Minutes, Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE
P. 2024-25 UC schedule: Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 29, Feb 26, Apr 2, Apr 30
Q. Spring Commencement
   Graduate School – Friday, May 10, 4 p.m.
   Undergraduate – CLAS, CEET, CVPA – Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.
   Undergraduate – CEDU, CBUS, CHHS – Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES

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

Full transcript

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
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X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Temporary Appointment Timeline Waiver Request per NIU Bylaws Article 10.5.2.2
Acting Dean, College of Education

Per NIU Bylaws, Article 10.5.2.2, the Executive Vice President and Provost Laurie Elish-Piper seeks University Council approval of a request for waiver of the timeline restrictions outlined in NIU Bylaws, Article 10.5.2 pertaining to temporary administrative appointments. The College of Education College Council and College Senate support reappointment for another year.

Brief description
Currently, Dr. William Pitney serves as Acting Dean for the College of Education. The Provost requests reappointment of Dr. Pitney for another year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). Due to the search for the Executive Vice President and Provost position that concluded in March 2024, there wasn’t enough time to launch a national search and select a candidate by July 1, 2024. A national search for a permanent dean for the College of Education will begin in Fall 2024 semester.

The relevant bylaw article:

NIU BYLAWS
Article 10.5 Acting and Other Temporary Administrative Appointments

10.5.1 If it is necessary to fill an administrative office, either because the incumbent is on leave of absence or because the office must be filled on a temporary basis while the search procedures specified in Article 10.3 of these bylaws or in other university regulations are being completed, the administrative officer to whom the person to be appointed will report may appoint a temporary, acting replacement. This appointment shall be made only after consultation with the principal faculty committee and other committees routinely involved in advising the administrative office being filled. Questions regarding the appropriate committees for such consultation in any particular instance shall be resolved by the FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee.

10.5.2 When a vacant administrative office is being filled with a temporary or acting appointment, search procedures to secure a permanent incumbent for the office must be instituted within six months of such an appointment. Temporary or acting appointments made under such circumstances shall be for a term of no more than one year, and may not be renewed unless the subsequent search to fill the position fails to produce a permanent appointee.

10.5.2.1 This section of these bylaws may be waived when the office responsible for making the acting or temporary appointment is itself filled by an administrative officer holding office on an acting or temporary basis. In such instances, this section shall become operative on the date that an administrative officer who has a regular appointment as the incumbent in the appointing office assumes the responsibilities of that office.

10.5.2.2 This section of these bylaws may be waived if approval for such a waiver is obtained by the officer making the acting or temporary appointment from appropriate advisory committee and subsequently from the University Council. Questions about the appropriate advisory committee for any position shall be resolved by the FS/UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee.