

## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**University Council  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 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. Technology Accessibility at NIU  
Katy Whitelaw, Technology Accessibility Officer
  - B. Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act – Update  
Tim Paquette, Director of Counseling and Consultative Services  
Kelly Olson, AVP Student Development and Dean of Students
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Approve Professor Steven Howell to serve on the  
2023-24 University Fee Advisory Group
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 8, to remove Article 8.3,  
Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee – Pages 6-7  
**SECOND READING and VOTE**  
Scott Mooberry, Director, Environmental Health and Safety

## **X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report
  - 1. What are some of NIU’s university-wide or college-specific requirements for graduation, other than general education and major courses? A few examples are the COB Business Passport program, a writing infused course and the human diversity requirement.
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report  
Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed  
Larissa Garcia (Katy Jaekel alternate for fall 2023), Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe
- C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Marc Falkoff, Chair – no report
- D. Student Government Association – report  
Olivia Newman, SGA President  
Cole Hensley, Speaker of the Senate
- E. Operating Staff Council – Natasha Johnson, President – report
- F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Felicia Bohanon, President – report

## **XI. 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](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- G. [Minutes](#), Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- H. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- I. [Minutes](#), Graduate Council
- J. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- L. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- N. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee
- O. [Minutes](#), Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
- P. [Minutes](#), University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
- Q. 2023-24 UC schedule: Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6, Jan 31, Feb 28, Apr 3, May 1
- R. [2022-23 Annual Reports](#)
- S. Annual call for [honorary doctoral degree nominations](#); materials must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 27.
- T. 2024 University Holiday Schedule – Page 8

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

## MINUTES

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### [Full transcript](#)

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Acardo, Bryan, Creed, Mooberry, Ngassa, 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**

**Z. Birch** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. Phares**. Motion passed.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2023, MINUTES**

**F. Bohanon** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **W. Vaughn**. Motion passed.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Budget and Planning Update

#### **VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

A. Welcome and Information Sharing  
Chief Human Resources Officer John Acardo

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the 2023-24 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Larissa Garcia for a three-year term and Katy Jaekel as Larissa Garcia's alternate for the fall 2023 semester per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1
- B. Approve Department of Economics Professor George Slotsve and Assistant Vice President and HR Chief of Staff Liz Guess to serve as NIU's academic and non-academic representatives, respectively, to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC).
- C. Approve the University Council tenured/tenure-track faculty serving on the FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, and approve the University Council Personnel Committee per NIU Bylaws, Article 2.1.1(A) and 2.2.1(A)

**B. Pitney** moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **S. Howell**. Motion passed.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 8, to remove Article 8.3, Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee  
FIRST READING  
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**Z. Birch** moved to adjourn, seconded by **N. Johnson**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

## Proposal to Amend NIU Bylaws, Article 8, Other Standing Committees of the University

The CSEQ Committee met April 19, 2023, and unanimously voted to dissolve this committee. This proposal comes with the support of NIU Chief of Police Darren Mitchell and AVP for Facilities Management and Campus Services John Heckmann, who have historically had a vested interest in the committee.

Currently Police and Public Safety, Facilities Management and Campus Services, and Environmental Health and Safety have mechanisms and workflows in place to respond to the needs of the university community without the assistance of this committee. This appears to be evident as the committee has entertained few requests for assistance from the university community in recent years in accordance with the scope of the committee bylaws.

Furthermore, there is optimism that the spirit of the committee bylaws will be incorporated into existing related student-centric committees and/or emerging committees including but not limited to the Environmental Sustainability Task Force and the Presidential Commission on Well-being.

### ARTICLE 8: OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

#### ~~8.3 Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee~~

##### ~~8.3.1 Composition~~

###### ~~8.3.1.1 The committee shall have the following members:~~

~~(A) The executive vice president and provost; the vice president for administration and finance; the associate vice president for student affairs; and the vice president for enrollment management, marketing and communications, or their designees;~~

~~(B) The chair of the University Council, the associate vice president of facilities planning and operations; the chief of police; the director of parking services; the director of environmental health and safety; and the campus planning coordinator, or their designees;~~

~~(C) Two faculty appointed to serve two-year staggered terms by the Faculty Senate from nominees submitted by the college councils, the Library Council, and the faculty of the College of Law; two operating staff appointed to serve two-year staggered terms by the Operating Staff Council; and two supportive professional staff appointed to serve two-year~~

~~staggered terms by the Supportive Professional Staff Council;~~

~~(D) Four students appointed to serve one-year terms, including one resident undergraduate student, selected by the Residence Hall Association; one graduate student, selected by the Graduate Council; one Greek Community student selected by the president of the Student Government Association; and one commuting student, selected by the president of the Student Government Association;~~

~~(E) A representative of the City of DeKalb, appointed by the City Manager.~~

**8.3.2 Duties** ~~The Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee shall meet on a regular basis and shall advise the president, or his/her designee, on matters involving the security (including personal and property security) of the university community and protecting and enhancing the interior and exterior quality and security of the campus environment. Membership on the committee shall assure broad and balanced representation of the university community and its geographic regions (e.g., Greek row, residence halls, parking areas, classrooms). The chair of the committee shall be appointed by the president from its membership.~~



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## 2024 UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day (Holiday)	Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday)	Monday, January 15, 2024
Memorial Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 27, 2024
Juneteenth (Holiday)	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Independence Day (Holiday)	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Administrative Closure	Friday, July 5, 2024
Labor Day (Holiday)	Monday, September 2, 2024
Thanksgiving (Holiday)	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Floating Holiday	Friday, November 29, 2024
Administrative Closure	Monday, December 23, 2024
Administrative Closure	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
December 25 (Holiday)	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
December 26 (Floating Holiday)	Thursday, December 26, 2024
Administrative Closure	Friday, December 27, 2024
Administrative Closure	Monday, December 30, 2024
Administrative Closure	Tuesday, December 31, 2024
New Year's Day (Holiday)	Wednesday, January 1, 2025