

MINUTES

University Council
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Hartman, Hensley, Martin, Njue

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Creed, González, Saborío

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 **Z. Birch**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2023, MINUTES

S. Howell 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. Multiyear budgeting: an overview of the process and faculty and staff engagement in the planning and implementation

Laurie Elish-Piper
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no 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 – no report
Olivia Newman, SGA President
Cole Hensley, Speaker of the Senate
- E. Operating Staff Council – Natasha Johnson, President – no report
- F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Felicia Bohanon, President – no 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](#), 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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

S. Howell moved to adjourn, seconded by **B. Pitney**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.