

MINUTES

University Council
Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bohanon, Falkoff, González (for Elish-Piper), Hartman, Hensley, Howell, Johnson, Martin, Monteiro, Morris, Myung, Njue, O’Grady, Phares, Pitney, Reneau (for Freeman), Richter, Rogers, (for Middlemist), Walther, Ziarati

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Birch, Elish-Piper, Freeman, Middlemist, Stoker, Sutcliffe, Vaughn

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Creed, English, Saborío, Silva Tovar, Sumner

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Council Chair **B. Creed** called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. Walther moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **F. Bohanon**. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2023, MINUTES

S. Howell moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **D. Phares**. Motion passed.

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
Interim Chair, School of Interdisciplinary Health Professions (SIHP)
Kelly Fiala, Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences

C-M. Reneau moved to approve the temporary appointment timeline waiver request, seconded by **B. Pitney**. Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- A. Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action and its Impact on NIU
Bryan Perry, Vice President and General Counsel
- B. Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: It's All in the Name
Carol Sumner, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer
Jade Silva Tovar, Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Joe Flynn, Executive Director, Equity and Inclusion

IX. 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 – 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

X. 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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

N. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by **J. Monteiro**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.