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**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 3 p.m.**  
**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Arriola, Bateni, Briscoe, Bujarski, Carpenter, Chen, Clapp, Creamer, Crowley (for Ryan), Downing, Flynn (for Tonks), Frank, Gaillard, Gupta, Hunt, Kowalski, McHone-Chase, Millis, Moremen, Naples, Newman, Novak, Pitney, Rodgers, A. Rosenbaum, M. Rosenbaum, Saborio (for Nissen), Sagarin, Schlabach (for Looney), Siegesmund, Slotsve, VandeCreek, Wilson

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Abdel-Motaleb, Azad, Bisplinghoff, Chandler, Cripe, Daniel, Deng, Fang, Farrell, Feurer, Fredericks, Giese, Hamayatsu (sabbatical), Henning, Jones, Kapitan, Koren, Kostic, Lee, Lenczewski, Liu, Long, Looney, Lopez, Mackie, Martin, Middleton, Mogren, Mohabbat, Munroe, Nissen, Onyuksel, Patro, Plonczynski, Rheineck, Rollman, Ryan (sabbatical), Schneider, Sirotkin, Thu, Walker, Ward

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Armstrong, Bryan, Birberick, Clark, Falkoff, Gebo, Haliczzer, Hathaway, Streb, Tollerud, Waas

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Small, Smith, Thompson, Klaper

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Rosenbaum** called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**A. Rosenbaum** noted one walk-in item. **J. Novak** moved to approve the agenda, seconded by an unidentified member, motion passed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2013 FS MEETING**

**S. McHone-Chase** moved to accept the minutes, seconded by **J. Novak**. The minutes were approved as written.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Rosenbaum:**

- Summarized the Pension Reform Forum which Faculty Senate co-sponsored with SPS Council and Operating Staff Council and which was held earlier in the day. Representatives Pritchard, Demmer, and Fortner, and Senator Syverson all attended, along with Steve Cunningham and Jim Lockard (NIU SURS representative). More than 400 employees and annuitants were present and many asked questions. There were some

heated exchanges. A link to the video will be posted on the Faculty Senate homepage or can be accessed at [http://www.niu.edu/u\\_council/faculty\\_senate/forum\\_11-2013.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/u_council/faculty_senate/forum_11-2013.shtml).

- Commented on the Faculty Club lunches and encouraged senators to publicize them in their departments. More will be scheduled in the new year. Also, the Faculty Holiday Wine and Cheese Social will be held on December 3 and is sponsored by the NIU Foundation and the Faculty Fund.
- Updated the senate on the status of the provost search and the CFO search.
- Noted that we will need to elect a new executive secretary for next year and encouraged all interested parties to contact him.

**D. Haliczzer** reminded senators to make nominations for the SPS awards.

**A. Rosenbaum** noted that the Faculty Senate is entitled to a liaison to the Undergraduate Coordinating Council when none of the elected members is also a faculty senator. A. Birberick briefly described the position. The Undergraduate Coordinating Council meets on the first Thursday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m. **J. Kowalski** and **K. Millis** both expressed interest and J. Kowalski eventually ceded to K. Millis who was elected by acclamation and will represent the senate on the UCC.

## **V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

A. NIU Admissions Standards – [Presentation](#)  
Eric Weldy, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

**A. Rosenbaum** introduced Eric Weldy, guest speaker, and reminded the senate that it passed a motion last spring to invite the vice president for student affairs to talk about admissions standards at the university; how those admission standards are enforced; and more specifically whether those standards have changed over the last couple of years. Senate members have expressed concern that the admissions standards set by the faculty have not been enforced the way they were intended to be.

**E. Weldy** presented to the senate on admission standards, recruitment, and retention.

**A. Rosenbaum** asked the senate to solicit information regarding the characteristics the faculty are looking for in the new provost so that information could be used to craft the position description. A discussion board thread will be opened on Blackboard for input from senators.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

## **VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – [report](#) – walk-in

**S. Armstrong** reported that the group met on Friday at McMurray College. First and foremost, the Public Universities Caucus spent almost the entire time talking about the issue of pension reform. Second, guests from the ISBE and also from the IBHE presented on the upcoming PARCC assessments. This will be the suite of assessments that will determine college and career readiness in the very near future. Armstrong will post the PowerPoint and also the written report of that presentation on Blackboard as soon as she gets it [website provided below].  
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/parcc.htm?col3=open#CollapsiblePanel3>

B. Student Association – Rebecca Clark – report

**R. Clark** reported that next week’s football game is the main focus right now with hopes for a good turnout. It is senior night so the seniors will be able to go on the field. The “It Can Wait” campaign, don’t text and drive, will also be featured and, hopefully, a lot of students will commit to not texting while driving. It is also Greek night and the blackout game as well. So wear black if you’re planning to attend.

Recently, the Student Association formed working groups to reach out beyond the university to get DeKalb involved with NIU students.

Meet-the-Police-Chief Night will be held December 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Huskie Den. This is an opportunity for students to meet Chief Phillips in a casual setting.

Elections will be held this Sunday to elect a new Speaker of the Senate for the spring semester [Current speaker, James Zanayed, is graduating.]

C. University Benefits Committee – Deborah Haliczzer, Chair;  
Therese Arado, FS-Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession Liaison  
– no report

D. Computing Facilities Advisory Committee – George Slotsve – no report

E. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee –  
Dan Gebo and Andy Small – [report](#) – Page 3

**D. Gebo** reported that there are two important points that faculty are probably interested in. Ray Alden, as provost, organized and paid for a summit on diversity. So there’s a lot of information on diversity on campus with percentages from last year, 2012, included in Gebo’s meeting report. They gave more data at the meeting and the bottom line is nothing’s changed in the last decade.

The other thing was exactly what we heard from Eric Weldy today. There’s a lot of information about enrollment and this dominated the meeting in terms of information content. As you expect, you can ask – the first question is: Why do students leave NIU? And the answer is: We don’t know. Things such as finances, academics, homesickness and campus perception are some of the

leading themes. Probably the most important number that came out of the discussion was that 35 percent of students who leave NIU are in good academic standing and they can afford NIU. So it's not about money, it's not about grades, it's about something else.

There were several questions about the type of information the university collects from students who drop out and whether we are conducting any type of exit interview.

F BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Alan Rosenbaum – [report](#) – Page 4

G. BOT Legislation and External Affairs Committee –  
Deborah Haliczzer and Rosita Lopez – [report](#) – Pages 5-6

**A. Rosenbaum** briefly described the UAC and how it operates.

H. BOT Compliance, Audit, Risk Management and Legal Affairs Committee –  
Deborah Haliczzer and Alan Rosenbaum – [report](#) – Page 7

I. BOT Ad Hoc Committee on Sponsored Research Activity and Technology Transfer –  
Greg Waas – [report](#) – Pages 8-9

J. BOT – Alan Rosenbaum – [report](#) – Page 10

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Brad Cripe, Chair – no report

B. Academic Affairs – Sarah McHone-Chase, Chair – no report

C. Economic Status of the Profession – George Slotsve, Chair – no report

D. Rules and Governance – Robert Schneider, Chair – no report

E. Resources, Space and Budgets – Jim Wilson, Liaison/Spokesperson –  
[report](#) – Pages 11-12

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Joe Flynn, Chair – no report

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

## **XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**A. Rosenbaum** reviewed some of the items previously discussed:

- The wine and cheese social is December 3. Make sure you publicize it.
- Let's start thinking about who wants to be executive secretary next year.
- Attend those Faculty Club lunches.

Rosenbaum wished everyone a healthy and happy holiday.

## **XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. [Minutes](#), Academic Planning Council
- B. [Minutes](#), Admissions Policies and Academic Standards Committee
- C. [Minutes](#), Athletic Board
- D. [Minutes](#), Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
- E. [Minutes](#), Committee on Advanced Professional Certification in Education
- F. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Improvement of Undergraduate Education
- G. [Minutes](#), Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
- H. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Undergraduate Academic Experience
- I. [Minutes](#), Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum
- J. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee
- L. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- M. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- N. [Minutes](#), Undergraduate Coordinating Council
- O. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- P. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**J. Wilson** moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by an unidentified member, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.