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**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 3 p.m.**  
**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arado, Azad, Bateni, Bisplinghoff, Briscoe, Bujarski, Carpenter, Chandler, Chen, Clapp, Deng, Frank, Gaillard, Gorman, Gupta, Hathaway (for Novak), Henning, Hunt, Koren, Kostic, Kowalski, Lenczewski, Looney, Lopez, Mackie, McHone-Chase, Millis, Moremen, Naples, Newman, Nissen, Patro, Pitney, Rodgers, Rosenbaum, Siegesmund, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Tonks, van Veenendaal, VandeCreek, Wilson

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Abdel-Motaleb, Arriola, Creamer, Cripe, Daniel, Downing (PTP leave), Fang, Farrell, Feurer, Fredericks, Giese, Hamayatsu (sabbatical), Jones, Kapitan, Lee, Liu, Long, Martin, Middleton, Mogren, Mohabbat, Munroe, Novak, Onyuksel, Plonczynski, Rheineck, Rollman, M. Rosenbaum, Sagarin, Schneider, Thu, Walker, Ward

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Domke, Freeman, Haliczzer, Klaper, Streb, Suttentfield, Tollerud

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Armstrong, Falkoff, Gebo, Small, Smith, Thompson, Waas

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Rosenbaum** called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**A. Rosenbaum** noted one walk-in item, the updated list of University Council faculty members eligible to be nominated for executive secretary of the University Council. **T. Arado** moved to approve the agenda, seconded by **S. McHone-Chase**, motion passed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2014 FS MEETING**

**R. Lopez** moved to accept the minutes, seconded by **W. Pitney**. The minutes were approved as written.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.** "Policies and Guiding Principles for Annual Budget Development and Multi-Year Financial Planning" [draft](#) – Pages 4-8  
and [Presentation](#) – Pages 9-21  
Nancy Suttentfield, Interim Chief Financial Officer

**A. Rosenbaum** introduced Nancy Suttentfield who presented on the budget making process. Interim provost, Lisa Freeman, was also available to answer questions. In response to questions,

both noted that the mechanics for implementing these guiding principles have not yet been developed and it is anticipated that it could take 18-24 months to roll out the new procedures.

**A. Rosenbaum:**

- reminded the senate of the next Faculty Club lunch coming up on March 4. Reservations are due to Pat Erickson by Monday, February 24.
- gave a brief update on the ongoing searches for CIO and provost.

**V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION**

A. The Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy [Award](#) – Page 22

**A. Rosenbaum** reported that we did not get any nominations so this year we are not giving out a Bob Lane Faculty Advocacy Award.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

- A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – no report
- B. Student Association – report

**D. Domke:** Elections are coming up and we're going to be having information meetings February 24 and 25 which is this upcoming Monday and Tuesday. We'd like to urge all of you as faculty members that if you have bright, outstanding students that you think would be good in a leadership position in the university, if you could urge them to possibly come by these informational sessions so that we can cultivate student leaders and further that student career success that President Baker's been talking about.

Also the S.A. is going to be working with Dr. Baker to get the faculty and student input on the campus master plan. We're going to be hosting an open house in the art gallery downstairs in the student center the first two weeks after we come back from spring break and we'll invite everyone – faculty, students, staff – to take a look at all the layouts and drawings and blueprints that the architects that President Baker brought in and presented to us and then also be able to give your own feedback about some of the things that you think might be pertinent to the university.

Also already today we've talked in this meeting about shared governance. The Student Association had a strong victory in that department this past week with the cancelation of the Circus Spectacular that was first brought up to us by Dr. Mitch Irwin from the Anthropology Department. The [Student] Senate this past Sunday passed a resolution urging the university to cancel it. And then two days later it was canceled. Now it was stated because of weather but I do have a source that confirms that the resolution that we passed did have a part to play in it.

One last thing, this Thursday at 7 p.m., I believe, is we have a home basketball game. I do believe it is Faculty[/Staff] Appreciation Day and Red Riot has been asking everyone to wear red if you are going to the game.

- C. University Benefits Committee – Deborah Haliczzer, Chair;  
Therese Arado, FS-Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession Liaison  
– [report](#) – Pages 23-24

**D. Haliczzer:** A lot of people have been expressing concerns about the impact of the pension law changes and how that’s going to affect decision making about retirement. We are still waiting from SURS for an interpretation by their legal counsel of what this is going to mean.

We will soon be announcing SURS campus visits on April 23 and 24. And when the mailing goes out to the campus, you’ll be able to get online, sign up for appointments on campus. Don’t wait for that. You know those are going to go quickly so get on right away and do that if you’re within four years of retiring. If not, you can call the SURS office and make an appointment at our NIU Naperville site and see the counselor there as many people have. There will be a presentation on April 24 from 10 a.m. until noon for employees here on campus and we will be recording and streaming that for those who are not able to be here that day.

- D. Computing Facilities Advisory Committee – George Slotsve – no report
- E. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee – Dan Gebo and Andy Small – no report
- F. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Alan Rosenbaum – no report
- G. BOT Legislation and External Affairs Committee – Deborah Haliczzer and Rosita Lopez – no report
- H. BOT Compliance, Audit, Risk Management and Legal Affairs Committee – Deborah Haliczzer and Alan Rosenbaum – no report
- I. BOT Ad Hoc Committee on Sponsored Research Activity and Technology Transfer – Greg Waas – no report
- J. BOT – Alan Rosenbaum – no report

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

- A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Richard Siegesmund, 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
  - 1. Committee meeting [report](#) – January 29, 2014 – Pages 25-31

**J. Wilson:** Starting from page 25 up to page 33, you'll see a series of reports from our meeting with the president and provost and an addendum or appendix on enrollment initiatives that was supplied to us when we asked. We did not get a chance to discuss that with the president and the provost.

- 2. Committee meeting [report](#) – February 7, 2014 – Page 32
- 3. Proposed [Statement](#) of Budget Priorities – Pages 33-35

**J. Wilson:** With that, I'm going to go ahead and move to page 33 which is a Statement of Budget Priorities. Last year's statement that we created was based on a desire to move a step ahead of just being passive recipients of information passed down to us from on high and then just reporting it to everyone.

And this statement is based more or less on extensive conversations we've had with the president, the provost and Nancy Suttentfield and Mr. Cunningham. With that, the preamble is a reflection of our meetings. We've divided the statement into three parts: the resources, space, budget and what we envision our role as part of the new budget process. I would like to make the motion that the senate approve this statement of priorities.

**W. Pitney** was second.

The motion passed by the following vote and will be brought to the University Council for approval.

- 1 – YES – 33 votes
- 2 – NO – 2 votes
- 3 – ABSTAIN – 1 vote

**A. Rosenbaum:** I do want to echo the comments that have been made. We have a great Resources, Space and Budgets Committee. They have really made a lot of progress over the last couple of years. And again, next year when people are signing up for committees, seriously consider being on this Resources, Space and Budget Committee and making that a priority and only do that if you really want to work and get involved in this because it's a time commitment; they meet with the president, the provost, and the chief financial officer. We need to keep this a very strong committee and we need to keep them in the face of the administration so that our voice continues to be heard. Thank you to both Paul and Jim and everyone else on these committees.

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Tonks, Chair

1. Nomination for Executive Secretary of University Council/  
President of Faculty Senate – See [list](#) of University Council  
Members eligible for election – Page 36

**Letters of acceptance are due in the Office of University Council and Faculty Senate by noon Friday, March 14, 2014**, and will be included in the March 26 FS agenda packets. Election will take place at the April 23 FS meeting.

**S. Tonks:** Thank you. It is time now to take nominations for the position of executive secretary of University Council and president of the Faculty Senate for next academic year. The list of eligible members is the walk-in item that is at your place. If you're nominated, we need a letter of acceptance in by noon by Friday, March 14 and then we'll have an election on April 23. So now we're accepting nominations.

**G. Slotsve** nominated Bill Pitney. **A. Gupta** seconded

**R. Hunt** nominated Sean Farrell. **J. Kowalski** seconded.

**H. Bateni** nominated Paul Carpenter. **J. Wilson** seconded.

**K. Millis** nominated Brad Sagarin. **A. Rosenbaum** seconded.

**S. Tonks**, seeing no additional nominations, closed the nominations.

[After the meeting, nominees were notified by email that they had been nominated and that they had until March 14 to provide a letter of acceptance/declination, along with any statement supporting their qualifications for the position, as well as any platform statements.]

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor –  
Position [announcement](#) and NIU Bylaws, [Article 9](#) – Pages 37-39

**Letters of self-nomination are due in the Office of University Council and Faculty Senate by noon Wednesday, March 19, 2014**, and will be included in the March 26 FS agenda packets. Election will take place at the April 23 FS meeting.

**A. Rosenbaum:** Toni Tollerud who is our faculty and SPS personnel advisor who had one more year to go on her term has notified me that she is retiring in June. Toni has been a great Faculty and SPS personnel advisor. We hate to lose her but, we respect Toni's need to make the decision.

We put this out in NIU Today. Toni has offered to speak to people about what the job involves, so anyone who would like to call Toni, please feel free to do that. Please spread it to your constituent groups. The faculty and SPS personnel advisor doesn't have to be a member of the council or the senate, so it's open to any tenured faculty member in the university. We need letters, either letters of self-nomination or other nomination by Wednesday, March 19. If you have questions about that, again you can talk to Toni. There's also somewhat of a description, in the bylaws Article 9 even though it doesn't really give you an idea of what's involved in this job.

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

**M. Lenczewski:** I'm the chair of the committee to evaluate the ESP this year. Please make sure you fill out the SurveyMonkey evaluation that was sent to all members of the Faculty Senate and University Council. If you did not receive it, please contact Pat If you want to talk to me, feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail.

## **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**

**S. McHone-Chase** moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **J. Wilson**, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.