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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arriola, Azad, Bateni, Bislinghoff, Briscoe, Carpenter, Chandler, Chen, Clapp, Creamer, Deng, Fang, Frank, Gilbert (for Gaillard), Henning, Hunt, Koren, Kowalski, Lenczewski, Looney, Lopez, Mackie, Martin, McHone-Chase, Moremen, Naples, Newman, Novak, Pitney, Rodgers, A. Rosenbaum, M. Rosenbaum, Sagarin, Schneider, Siegesmund, Sirotkin, Slotsve, Tollerud (for Rheineck), Tonks, Wilson

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Arado, Bujarski, Cripe, Daniel, Downing (PTP leave), Farrell, Feurer, Fredericks, Gaillard, Giese, Gorman, Gupta, Hamayatsu (sabbatical), Jones, Kapitan, Kostic, Lee, Liu, Long, Middleton, Millis, Mogren, Mohabbat, Munroe, Nissen, Onyuksel, Patro, Plonczynski, Rheineck, Rollman, Thu, van Veenendaal, VandeCreek, Walker, Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Doederlein (for Haliczzer), Falkoff, Gebo, Klaper, Long (for Small), Roberson (for Domke)

OTHERS ABSENT: Armstrong, Haliczzer, Hathaway, Small, Smith, Streb, Thompson, Waas

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A. Rosenbaum noted two walk-in items: 1) FAC-to-IBHE March 21 meeting report, and 2) Paul Stoddard's Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor self-nomination. **J. Kowalski** moved to approve the agenda, seconded by **R. Lopez**, motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2014 FS MEETING

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

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Rosenbaum:

- Discussion of the "goosinator" as a humane way to reduce the pollution and health consequences of Canada goose problem on campus. There was general support for the use of the goosinator but there were also comments regarding alternative (possibly less labor intensive) solutions, such as landscaping changes. M. Lenczewski, director for the

Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability and Energy, volunteered to consult with the administration if invited to do so.

- Update on the status of the EVP and Provost search. Four finalists have been selected and will be coming to campus for interviews over the next month. Dates and times for open forums will be announced as they become known.
- Announced the next Faculty Club Lunch (April 9 in the Chandelier Room) and the deadline for reservations (March 31). Also emphasized the importance of a united faculty and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- We have hired a new chief information officer. His name is Brett Coryell.
- Discussed the issues regarding the pension reform bill and advised senators to warn any faculty members eligible to retire that it is in their best interests to consult with SURS regarding the impact of the pension reform bill on them.

E. Arriola and M. Falkoff expressed an interest in making inquiries to the law firms handling the pension-related lawsuits for purposes of exploring the issue of injunctions. The senate was predisposed to having them pursue this information on our behalf and supported it with a unanimous show of hands.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – report

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2. [March 21, 2014](#) – walk-in

B. Student Association – report

S. Roberson reported that this week we're having Student Association's executive elections. So far we had a great voter turnout. We had over 600 voters alone yesterday which is more than all combined in last year's election. We are encouraging all the faculty and staff to come out and vote. You guys have until 6 p.m. today to do so. We have two e-mailed surveys going around: one for late night ride and one for the bus route. We're working with the campus police department to accomplish fixing late night ride because there's a lot of problems with that. Faculty and staff can definitely participate in those surveys.

C. University Benefits Committee – Deborah Haliczzer, Chair; Therese Arado, FS-Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession Liaison – [report](#) – Page 5

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

G. Slotsve reported on the February 28 four-hour meeting of the CFAC.

- They're trying to start a catalog of software and data sets on campus so maybe there is some efficiencies that a lot of departments are using similar software. Rather than a department purchasing, a broader university license for example might make more sense.
- The committee broke into small groups to talk about the direction of technology on campus at NIU, specifically looking at an overview of technology strategy key processes and operations and implementation. A summary of this is available publically on the CFAC website and I there's a link to the CFAC minutes in the informational items section of the Faculty Senate agenda.
- We have some cluster computing facilities if you have very computationally intensive programs that you need to run. Each machine's got 12 processors; ours almost made the list of the 500 fastest computers in the world this past year. So it's a very good computing system if you've got something that's computationally intensive. Right now that's being underutilized. If you're interested or have something that's very computationally intensive, contact me and I'll try to put you in contact with the right people.

E. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee – Dan Gebo and Andy Small – [report](#) – Pages 6-8

F BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Alan Rosenbaum – [report](#) – Page 9

Following the report, a question was raised about the possibility of doing something to reduce fees for graduate students who tend to not use many of the activities supported by the fees. The fees tend to substantially reduce their stipends.

G. BOT Legislation and External Affairs Committee – Deborah Haliczler and Rosita Lopez – [report](#) – Pages 10-11

H. BOT Compliance, Audit, Risk Management and Legal Affairs Committee – Deborah Haliczler and Alan Rosenbaum – [report](#) – Page 12

I. BOT Ad Hoc Committee on Sponsored Research Activity and Technology Transfer – Greg Waas – [report](#) – Pages 13-14

J. BOT – Alan Rosenbaum – report

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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 – no report
- F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Tonks, Chair – report
 - 1. Faculty & SPS Personnel Advisor
Faculty Senate will vote at the April 23, 2014 meeting.

[Paul Stoddard](#) – walk-in

S. Tonks called attention to the two letters – one that Alan already mentioned, the walk-in item from Paul Stoddard, a self nomination for the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor position. And the other is on page 17 in the packet. It’s a letter of acceptance of nomination for president of Faculty Senate and executive secretary of University Council from Bill Pitney. Both of these positions will be voted on April 23 at the meeting on April 23.

- 2. Letter of acceptance of nomination for President of Faculty Senate/
Executive Secretary of University Council;
Faculty Senate will vote at the April 23, 2014 meeting.

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IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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](#), Computing Facilities Advisory Committee
- K. [Minutes](#), General Education Committee
- L. [Minutes](#), Honors Committee

- M. [Minutes](#), Operating Staff Council
- N. [Minutes](#), Supportive Professional Staff Council
- O. [Minutes](#), Undergraduate Coordinating Council
- P. [Minutes](#), University Assessment Panel
- Q. [Minutes](#), University Benefits Committee

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

J. Wilson: moved to adjourn, seconded by **M. Lenczewski**, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.