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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 3 p.m.  
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

Full transcript


OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Dean, Doederlein, Falkoff, Heckmann, Kassel, Mini, Monteiro (for Nicholson), Teller

OTHERS ABSENT: Hoffman, Johns, Nicholson, Reynolds, Shortridge, Thu, VandeCreek

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President G. Long called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

L. Beamer moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by R. Hunt. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2016 FS MEETING

R. Siegesmund moved to approve the minutes, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Response to resolution regarding College of Visual and Performing Arts’ Art Annex – Page 3

B. Program Prioritization update
Matt Streb, Program Prioritization Liaison/Facilitator
V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Religious holiday observance
   Proposal to refer to Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Pages 4-6

   G. Slotsve moved to refer this topic to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee asking the committee members to work with the Presidential Commission on Interfaith Initiatives to develop a syllabus statement regarding religious holiday observance and also to identify specific religious holidays of which faculty can be aware. Seconded by T. Pavkov. Motion passed.

B. Brand Research and Refresh
   NIU Brand Research
   Harlan Teller, Interim Vice President, Marketing and Communications
   Abby Dean, Senior Director of University Marketing and Creative Services

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Resolution regarding accommodations for students with disabilities – Pages 7-10

   S. McHone-Chase moved to approve the resolution, seconded by G. Slotsve. Motion passed.

IX. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – no report

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
   Cathy Doederlein, Greg Long, Holly Nicholson, Rebecca Shortridge, Kendall Thu, Leanne VandeCreek
X. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – Katy Jaekel, Chair – no report
B. Academic Affairs Committee – John Novak, Chair – report
C. Economic Status of the Profession Committee – Paul Stoddard, Chair - no report
D. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Rebecca Hunt, Liaison/Spokesperson – report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. United Faculty Alliance update – Virginia Naples, UFA President

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board
C. Minutes, Baccalaureate Council
D. Minutes, Board of Trustees
E. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
F. Minutes, Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
G. Minutes, General Education Committee
H. Minutes, Graduate Council
I. Minutes, Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
J. Minutes, Honors Committee
K. Minutes, Operating Staff Council
L. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council
M. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
N. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
O. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
P. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

H. Bateni moved to adjourn, seconded by M. Riley. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.