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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, January 30, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Alden, Bender, Block, Bohn, Bond, Cho, Coles, Dawson, Downing, Duerkes, Entzminger, Farrell, Feurer, Fredericks, Gregolunas, Guerrero, Haliczzer, Harris, Hecht (for Neal), Henning, Holly, Kapitan, Kolb, Latham, LeFlore, Long, Lopez, McCord, Middleton, Mirman, Mohabbat, Naples, Peters, Plonczynski, Porter, Richard, Rosenbaum, Sagarin, Small, Theodore, Thu, VandeCreek, Vohra, Zanayed

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Carpenter, Gupta, Hofer, Houze, Kowalski (on fellowship), Lee (on sabbatical), Lenczewski, Lin, Munroe, Neal, Prock, Rollman, Rosato, Schoenbachler, Smith, Von Ende, Walker, Ward, Zahay-Blatz

OTHERS PRESENT: Armstrong, Blakemore, Bryan, Cunningham, Klaper, Michael, Stone (for Freeman), Sunderlin, Williams

OTHERS ABSENT: Freedman, Freeman, Kaplan, Prawitz, Slotsve, Snow, Waas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

J. Peters: I will call for a motion to adopt today's agenda with one walk-in item titled Student Conduct Board to be added under VIII. B.

R. Lopez: Made the motion. **Z. Bohn:** was second.

The agenda was adopted with the one walk-in item without dissent or abstention.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2012 UC MEETING
(distributed electronically)

A. Small: made the motion. **D. Cho:** was second.

The minutes were approved without correction and without dissent or abstention.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. Peters:

- Noted that this was his last semester as president of NIU as he is retiring in June.
 - Reflected on NIU's participation in the Orange Bowl, in particular noting the amazing turnout by NIU students and fans
- Updated the UC on the fiscal state of the university noting in particular that all FY 12 obligations have been paid by the state. We are still owed most of the FY 13 appropriation and MAP monies.
- Updated the UC on that status of the Stevens Building renovations and the Gilbert Hall renovations, both of which are proceeding. Gilbert Hall is on track to open in the fall. Work is also proceeding on the Chessick practice center and the intramural athletic fields.
- The governor has asked for an FY 14 budget that is 4.6 percent below this year's budget. This is concerning because it is on top of the FY13 reduction of over 6 percent, because it is only the opening request and last year the opening request was for no reduction and yet we still ended up with a 6+ percent cut, and because the state appropriation has dwindled dramatically since 2000 when it was \$118 million. Also of concern is that we have probably reached the limit of how high we can raise tuition.
- One option is to grow our enrollment and that has been an objective for some time and is reflected in Vision 2020.
- We need to pay attention to performance-based funding because, although it is a very small percentage of our budget this year, the concern is that that will continue to grow and we must be vigilant to make sure it is done in a way that is fair to NIU.
- We have a consultant looking at our IT operations and benchmarking us against other universities. The new president will have on her or his desk a report with some recommendations.
- Provost Alden is also leading our efforts to get involved with distributed learning and also the implementation of the recommendations of the Baccalaureate Review Committee.

A. Rosenbaum: Updated the UC on the progress of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC). UC members were encouraged to make nominations if they knew of qualified applicants. UC members were also directed to the NIU website dedicated to the presidential search.

UC members were also advised that we are trying to reduce paper usage and will post the agenda with all of its attachments electronically. UC members were advised to download the agenda to laptops or tablets for the February meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 2022-2023 academic [calendar](#) – refer to University Affairs Committee – Page 4
- B. Review and update [Guidelines](#) and Principles for Establishment of Academic Calendar – refer to University Affairs committee – Pages 5-6
- C. Annual evaluation of the university ombudsperson, NIU Bylaws, [Article 19.4](#) – refer to University Affairs Committee – Page 7

M. Theodore: made the motion. **T. Latham:** was second.

The motion passed without dissent or abstention.

VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong – report

[November 16, 2012](#) (carryover from December 5, 2012 meeting)

[December 7, 2012](#) – Pages 8-12

[January 18, 2013](#) – Page 13

S. Armstrong: Yes, if it's okay I can just summarize, I think in five topics:

- First, in case everyone has not heard, the IBHE has been given permission to assemble a search committee to find a replacement for the executive director. But in the interim, Harry Berman is taking that spot.
- Second, you kind of already touched on this, but for performance-based funding the recommendation is one half of one percent for the next fiscal year.
- Third, the MAP task force has now completed its work. There is a report available online and I think I linked to it in the report. MAP funding used to be sufficient to cover all applicants. At this point, it's about 50 percent and the 50 percent who do get funded, the amount is about 37 percent of their annual cost.
- The next is on pension reform. The public caucus has been trying to put together a set of reform items that we would then get approved through the FAC and then sent on to the IBHE. If anyone has any contributions to make that I can take back to the public caucus about specific reform suggestions, please send them to me.

- And the other thing that we're working on still is a report or rather more of a paper on the value of higher education that we aim to distribute to the public.

- B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee – Kerry Freedman and Andy Small – [report](#) (carryover from December 5, 2012 meeting)
- C. BOT Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee – Alan Rosenbaum and Greg Waas – [report](#) (carryover from December 5, 2012 meeting)
- D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Todd Latham and Rosita Lopez – [report](#) (carryover from December 5, 2012 meeting)

J. Peters: Remember at our last meeting of the year in December, we didn't get to reports because we had a full agenda? What I'm going to suggest is that we bundle B., C. and D. and just take questions on those previous reports. There were no questions or comments.

- E. BOT – Alan Rosenbaum – report
[November 8, 2012](#) (carryover from December 5, 2012 meeting)
[December 6, 2012](#) – Page 14

A. Rosenbaum: After the Board of Trustees meeting, the board met with the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for purposes of finalizing the position description for the next president.

- F. Academic Policy Committee – Sean Farrell, Chair – no report
- G. Resources, Space and Budgets Committee – Paul Carpenter, Chair – [report](#) – Page 15
- H. Rules and Governance Committee – Melissa Lenczewski, Chair – no report
- I. University Affairs Committee – Kathleen Coles, Chair – no report
- J. Student Association – Delonte LeFlore, President, and James Zanayed, Speaker – report
- K. Operating Staff Council – Andy Small, President – report

J. Peters: All right, Andy Small Operating Staff Council report.

A. Small: Called the UC's attention to the Outstanding Service Award nomination letter that was mailed out and encouraged members to make nominations. He also noted that President Peters will be the guest speaker at the next OSC meeting.

- L. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Todd Latham, President – [report](#) – Page 16
- M. Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee – Abhijit Gupta, Chair – no report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SPS Grievance Procedure – [revisions](#) to APPM – Pages 17-29

D. Haliczzer: Moved the changes to the APPM. There was an unknown second.

The motion passed by the following vote:

1 – YES – 38

2 – NO – 0

3 – ABSTAIN - 0

J. Peters: Those policies will now go in the APPM.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed [revisions](#) to NIU Bylaws, Article 14.6.4 Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum – **FIRST READING** – Pages 30-31

J. Peters: All right, New Business. We have a proposed revision to the NIU Bylaws. This is a first reading. It comes from the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum.

A. Rosenbaum: My understanding of this is that the committee has been following these procedures so they are not instituting new procedures. They just want the bylaw to be consistent with what they've already been doing. We'll make sure that we have somebody who can speak to the requested changes at the next meeting.

B. Student Conduct Board – approve two committee member [replacements](#) – walk-in

- Richard Tom, Senior Assistant Director, Office of Admissions (SPS) and
- Dain Gotto, Assistant Director, Student Involvement & Leadership Development (SPS)

J. Peters: All right, let's move to the walk-in item B. which is replacements for the Student Conduct Board and this is pretty straight forward. The guidelines call for five SPS staff and operating staff members recommended by the vice president for student affairs and approved by the University Council. Well, recently two of the five board members, Scott Peska, and Adam Neal resigned from NIU and, therefore, we have to replace them. Kelly Wesener Michael has recommended the following replacements: Richard Tom, senior assistant director of the Office of Admissions and Dean Gotto, assistant director of Student Involvement and Leadership Development. We need a motion to approve.

D. LeFlore: So moved. **D. Haliczzer:** was second.

The motion passed without dissent or abstention.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

X. 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](#), Graduate Council
- 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
- R. A [Guide](#) to University Resources for Students Wishing to Resolve Various Complaints

J. Peters: Information items, I want to draw your attention to, and ask Alan to talk a little bit about, letter R. – A Guide to University Resources for Students Wishing to Resolve Various Complaints.

A. Rosenbaum: This was actually on the agenda of the December meeting and the contents of this are in that agenda as well. You know that the students have asked for, and we are in the process of working on developing, a grievance procedure for students so that they can grieve against faculty and staff. The impression was created that the students do not have any recourse if they are mistreated in some way. That is actually not correct. They do have many different avenues depending on the nature of the problem. For example, they can certainly bring complaints about discrimination to AADR. While we are working on the grievance procedure, this item was put together and it is simply a list of the places that students can go if they have complaints or grievances. The Student Association has agreed to put this on their website.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.