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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Arriola, Bond, Campbell, Cordes, Doederlein, Farrell, Hedin, Jemison, Khoury, Liberty-Baczek, McCord, Penrod, Schoenbachler, Thomas,

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Coryell, Falkoff, Klapier, Konen, Phillips, Weldy

OTHERS ABSENT: Armstrong, Kaplan, Levin

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

W. Pitney moved to adopt the agenda; L. Saborio seconded. It was noted that Jaime Schumacher is unable to attend the meeting today and, as a result, her presentation on Open Access Publishing will be rescheduled. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2015 MEETING

W. Pitney moved to approve the minutes; T. Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

A. Our Open Access Policy – Impact and Opportunities
Jaime Schumacher, Director of Scholarly Communications, University Libraries

Jaime Schumacher is unable to attend; the presentation will be rescheduled.
B. **Ombudsperson Annual Report** per Bylaws, Article 20.1 – Sarah Klaper – Pages 3-14

Presentation

For complete oral report, see the meeting transcript.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Disposition of University Council resolution:

“Resolved, that the University Council supports the Student Association’s efforts in procuring MAP funding and support for a state budget for higher education through its demonstrations and meetings with Governor Rauner.”

G. Long reported that the resolution will be forwarded, along with resolutions from other NIU shared governance bodies, to Gov. Rauner and selected legislators. K. Thu suggested that it might be valuable to share the resolution with NIU parents, as their message to the legislature would add support, and it also shows that NIU is supporting their students.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws, Article 15.8.1, University Assessment Panel – Pages 15-17

FIRST READING

D. Haliczer moved to approve the proposal; D. Ballentine seconded. A vote on this proposal will take place at the second reading on December 2, 2015.

B. Proposed revisions to NIU Constitution, Article 2.2.3, Membership on the University Council – Page 18

FIRST READING

P. Vohra moved to approve this proposal; J. Hathaway seconded. A vote on this proposal will take place at the second reading on December 2, 2015.

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sonya Armstrong; Paul Stoddard, alternate – report – Page 19

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees
   Greg Long, Dan Gebo, Rebecca Shortridge, Leanne VandeCreek
   Deborah Haliczer, Holly Nicholson – no report

C. Academic Policy Committee – no report

D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Mark Riley, Chair – no report
E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report

F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborio, Chair – no report

G. Student Association – Nathan Lupstein, President – report

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

H. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – report

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Deborah Haliczer, President – report

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

For complete comments, see the meeting transcript.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Admissions Policies and Academic Standards Committee
C. Minutes, Athletic Board
D. Minutes, Board of Trustees
E. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
F. Minutes, Committee on the Improvement of Undergraduate Education
G. Minutes, Committee on the Undergraduate Academic Experience
H. Minutes, Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum
I. Minutes, General Education Committee
J. Minutes, Graduate Council
K. Minutes, Graduate Council Curriculum 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
R. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
S. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.