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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

[Full transcript](#)

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, D. Baker, G. Baker (for Sagarin), Bauer, Bishop, Block, Bond, Brubaker, Builta, Carlson, Chakraborty, Chen, Cordes, Deng, Doederlein, Domke, Douglass (for Freeman), Farrell, Hanley, Hathaway, Holt, Hulseberg (for Liberty-Baczek), Irwin (for Thu), Joseph, Khoury, Kreml, Lagioia, Lee, Long, Macdonald, McCord, Naples, Nicholson, Novak, Nissenbaum, Olson, Pavkov, Penrod, Pitney, Riley, Rodgers, Saborio, Scherer, Slotsve, Staikidis, Sto. Domingo, Towell (for Schoenbachler), Vander Schee, Vazquez, Wang, Wood

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Campbell, Carey, Dhar, Elish-Piper, Freeman, Gilson, Jaffee, Jemison, Liberty-Baczek, Sagarin, Schoenbachler, Thomas, Thu, Vohra, Wagenecht

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Coryell, Falkoff, Jacob, Kaplan, Klaper, Phillips, Stoddard, Weldy

OTHERS ABSENT: Hoffman, Konen

I. CALL TO ORDER

D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

W. Penrod moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **S. Nissenbaum**. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2016 MEETING

C. Wang moved to accept the minutes, seconded by **D. Chakraborty**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws [Article 22](#),
Amendment of Bylaws – Pages 3-5
SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM

H. Nicholson moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **J. Novak. C. McCord** proposed the following friendly amendment which was accepted by **H. Nicholson**:

A vote on an amendment to the bylaws requires the presence of 60 percent plus 1 of the voting membership of University Council. To become effective, an amendment must be approved by the greater of: a) two thirds of the voting members in attendance, or b) a majority of the voting membership of University Council.

Motion passed 46-3-0.

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed revisions to NIU Bylaws [Articles 15.5 and 15.6](#)
Undergraduate Coordinating Council and
Standing Committees of the Undergraduate Coordinating Council – Pages 6-27
FIRST READING
[Presentation](#) – Chris McCord

For complete comments, see the [meeting transcript](#).

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. FAC to IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no report
Greg Long, Dan Gebo, Rebecca Shortridge, Leanne VandeCreek
Steve Bulta, Holly Nicholson
- C. Academic Policy Committee, Chris McCord, Chair – no report
- D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Mark Riley, Chair – no report
- E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – no report
- F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborio, Chair – no report

- G. Student Association – report
Giuseppe LaGioia, Student Association
Dillon Domke, Speaker of the Senate
Stuart Nissenbaum, [Green Office Initiative](#)
- H. Operating Staff Council – Holly Nicholson, President – report
- I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Steve Bulta, President – no report

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](#), 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
- T. [Annual Report](#), Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.