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**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 3 p.m.**  
**Holmes Student Center Sky Room**

**[Full transcript](#)**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Abdel-Motaleb, Baker, Bauer, Bishop, Bond, Brubaker, Builta, Carlson, Chakraborty, Chen, Deng, Dhar, Domke, Elish-Piper, Farrell, Freeman, Gilson, Hanley, Hathaway, Henry (for Block), Holt, Jaffee, Khoury, Koss (for Kreml), Lagioia, Lee, Liberty-Baczek, Long, Love-Moore, Macdonald, Manning, McCord, Nicholson, Novak, Nissenbaum, Olson, Pavkov, Pitney, Riley, Rodgers, Saborio, Sagarin, Scherer, Slotsve, Staikidis, Sto. Domingo, Thu, Towell (for Schoenbachler), Vander Schee, Vazquez, Vohra, Wang

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Arado, Block, Campbell, Carey, Cordes, Doederlein, Jacob, Jemison, Joseph, Kreml, Naples, Penrod, Schoenbachler, Thomas, Wagenecht, Wood

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan, Clemens, Kaplan, Phillips, Pickett, Stoddard, Streb, Weldy

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Coryell, Falkoff, Hoffman, Konen

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President **D. Baker** called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**P. Vohra** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **K. Thu**. Motion passed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE MARCH 2, 2016 MEETING**

**K. Thu** moved to accept the minutes, seconded by **G. LaGioia**. 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 [Articles 15.5 and 15.6](#)  
Undergraduate Coordinating Council and  
Standing Committees of the Undergraduate Coordinating Council – Pages 3-24  
**SECOND READING – ACTION ITEM**  
[Presentation](#) – Chris McCord

**W. Pitney** moved to approve the proposal, seconded by **S. Farrell**. Motion passed  
46-2-2.

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

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [NIU Constitution, Article 2.9](#), Removal from University Council Membership  
Discussion and Fall 2016 Implementation – Page 25

**P. Liberty-Baczek** moved to endorse the implementation of NIU Constitution,  
Article 2.9, seconded by **R. Scherer**. The plan is to contact the absent member after  
two consecutive absences and bring the matter to University Council for final  
decision following the third consecutive absence. Motion passed by voice vote.

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 Builta, Holly Nicholson
- C. Academic Policy Committee, Chris McCord, Chair
1. Approve [Five-Year Review](#) of Student Evaluation of Instruction  
Academic Policies & Procedures Manual, Section II, Item 14 – Pages 26-31

**C. McCord** moved to approve the proposed revisions contained in the  
review, seconded by **A. Hanley**. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Mark Riley, Chair

1. Approve [2016 Budget Guidance Letter](#) – Pages 32-35

**M. Riley** moved to approve the 2016 Budget Guidance Letter with one change (\$113 to \$113 million on page 2), seconded by **D. Domke**. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – no report

F. University Affairs Committee – Linda Saborio, Chair

1. Approve [2025-26 academic calendar](#) – Pages 36-38

**L. Saborio** moved to approve the 2025-26 academic calendar, seconded by **A. Hanley**. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

G. Student Association – report  
Giuseppe Lagioia, Student Association  
Dillon Domke, Speaker of the Senate

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

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Steve Builta, President – report

## IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A. [Program Prioritization Update](#)

PPTF Chairs: George Slotsve, Alan Clemens, Michelle Pickett, Matt Streb

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**

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.