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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Andree, Arado, Azad (for Haji-Sheikh), Baker, Barnhart, Bishop, Block, Bond, Boughton, Briscoe, Carlson, G. Chen, J. Chen, Chitwood, Chmaissem, Chung, Cordes, Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Freeman, Graff, Hathaway, Hunt, Kassel, Ledgerwood, Lesnicki, Martin, McCord, Millhorn, Mogren, Naples, Newman, Nicholson, Patro, Penrod, Plum, Prabhaker (for Rajagopalan), Rheineck, Saborío, Scherer, Schmidt, Segura, Shi, Song, Staikidis, Tahernezehadi, Thu, Torres, Wang, Wilson, Woods

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell, Click, Flores, Haji-Sheikh, Hernandez, Jacob, Krmeneč, Maddali, Milot, Peterson, Rajagopalan, Stephen, Stiggers, Zolotor

OTHERS PRESENT: Blazey, Bryan, Doyle, Falkoff, Gorman, Jensen, Klaper, Pinkelton, Smith, Stang (for Wesener Michael), Stoddard, Subramony

OTHERS ABSENT: Kortegast

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting President **L. Freeman** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

W. Penrod moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2017 MEETING

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **T. Bishop**. Motion passed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. Freeman reported on four topics:

1. Congratulated **P. Stoddard** on his retirement with 29 years of service to NIU.

2. Called attention to [time sensitive federal issues](#):
 - a. DACA – Thirty-four Republicans in the House of Representatives sent a [letter to Speaker Paul Ryan](#) calling for a permanent legislative solution for DACA recipients before the end of the calendar year.
 - b. Tax Reform – The House of Representatives and the Senate have each passed their respective versions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which will now need to be resolved. Higher education positions and priorities are summarized in a [letter from APLU President Peter McPherson](#) to the leadership of the Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committees.
3. Going forward, the University Council and its seven standing committees will seek to comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Moving toward compliance will require training time, effort and additional resources. The spring 2018 semester will provide opportunity to put things in place for compliance with the act on a test-run basis, with the intent that the University Council and its seven standing committees will reach compliance by Fall 2018.
4. The [President’s Appreciation Gathering](#) will take place Monday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 4:30 in the Altgeld Hall auditorium
 - A. [Higher Learning Commission 2018 Assurance Review NIU HLC web page](#)
Carolinda Douglass, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws [Article 15.5](#) Baccalaureate Council – Pages 3-4
FIRST READING
- B. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws [Article 15.3](#) Academic Planning Council – Pages 5-7
FIRST READING
- C. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws [Article 15.8](#) University Assessment Panel – Page 8-11
FIRST READING

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Paul Stoddard – report
- B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Barbara Andree, Catherine Doederlein, Alex Gelman,
Mark Riley, Linda Saborío, Kendall Thu
- C. Academic Policy Committee – Terry Bishop, Chair – no report
- D. Resources, Space and Budget Committee – Jim Wilson, Chair – report
- E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair – no report
- F. University Affairs Committee – Reed Scherer, Chair – no report
- G. Student Association – Rachel Jacob, President; Christine Wang, Speaker of the Senate – report
- H. Operating Staff Council – Barbara Andree, President – report
- I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Catherine Doederlein, President – report

IX. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

X. 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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

B. Andree moved to adjourn, seconded by **C. Doederlein**. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.