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## FS Steering Committee Minutes 2023-03-22

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## MINUTES

Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 3 p.m.  
Altgeld Hall 225  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hartenhoff, Hunter, Kim, Liberty, Marsh, McConkie, McGowan, Montana, Valentiner

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bohanon, Demir, Douglass, Nicholson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Naples

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate (FS) Steering Committee Chair **I. Montana** called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

### II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

### III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**B. McGowan** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by **D. McConkie**. Motion passed.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, MINUTES

**D. Valentiner** moved to approve the minutes, seconded by **S. Marsh**. Motion passed.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

### VI. ITEMS FOR FS STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

**D. Valentiner** is researching issues related to academic freedom at NIU. **I. Montana** called his attention to FS Bylaws Article 14, Grievance Procedures for Violation of Academic Freedom.

**VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FACULTY SENATE DRAFT AGENDA – attached packet**

A review of the draft FS agenda included the following points:

- Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist will make a brief self-introduction.
- Chief Engagement Officer Rena Cotsones and Professor Alicia Schatteman will provide a presentation on Centering Engagement, Driving Impact Task Force.
- Professor Biagio Palese will be presented for approval to serve on the Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee via the consent agenda.
- Nominations for 2023-24 FS president will be taken.
- A proposal to amend FS Bylaws, Article 4.8, University Assessment Panel, will be presented for a first reading.
- Reports are anticipated from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE, Social Justice Committee, Student Government Association, Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council.

**L. Hartenhoff** moved to approve the draft FS agenda per above discussion, seconded by **B. McGowan**. Motion passed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.