MINUTES
University Council
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall 315
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Birch, Bohanon, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Freeman, Hensley, Howell, Johnson, Martin, Middlemist, Monteiro, Morris, Myung, Njue, O’Grady, Phares, Pitney, Richter, Stoker, Sutcliffe, Vaughn, Walther, Ziarati

OTHERS PRESENT: Acardo, Bryan, Creed, Mooberry, Ngassa, Reneau, Saborío, Sumner

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Z. Birch moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by D. Phares. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2023, MINUTES

F. Bohanon moved to approve the minutes, seconded by W. Vaughn. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. NIU PRESIDENT LISA FREEMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Budget and Planning Update

VII. ITEMS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A. Welcome and Information Sharing
   Chief Human Resources Officer John Acardo
VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the 2023-24 University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees membership roster, confirming Larissa Garcia for a three-year term and Katy Jaekel as Larissa Garcia’s alternate for the fall 2023 semester per NIU Bylaws, Article 8.4.1.1

B. Approve Department of Economics Professor George Slotsve and Assistant Vice President and HR Chief of Staff Liz Guess to serve as NIU’s academic and non-academic representatives, respectively, to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC).

C. Approve the University Council tenured/tenure-track faculty serving on the FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee, and approve the University Council Personnel Committee per NIU Bylaws, Article 2.1.1(A) and 2.2.1(A)

B. Pitney moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by S. Howell. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 8, to remove Article 8.3, Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee

FIRST READING
Scott Mooberry, Director, Environmental Health and Safety

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Linda Saborío – report

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed
Larissa Garcia (Katy Jaekel alternate for fall 2023), Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe

C. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report

D. Student Government Association – report
Olivia Newman, SGA President
Cole Hensley, Speaker of the Senate

E. Operating Staff Council – Natasha Johnson, President – report

F. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Felicia Bohanon, President – report

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. [Policy Library] – Comment on Proposed Policies (right-hand column on web page)

B. [Minutes], Academic Planning Council

C. [Minutes], Athletic Board

D. [Minutes], Baccalaureate Council
E. Minutes, Board of Trustees  
F. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee  
G. Minutes, Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience  
H. Minutes, General Education Committee  
I. Minutes, Graduate Council  
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  
Q. 2023-24 UC schedule: Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6, Jan 31, Feb 28, Apr 3, May 1  
R. 2022-23 Annual Reports  
S. Annual call for honorary doctoral degree nominations; materials must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 27.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Z. Birch moved to adjourn, seconded by N. Johnson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.