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MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois


VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Chomentowski, Finch, Harris, Kreitzer, Lampi, Martinez, Ruetsche, Scanlon, Xie

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan, Elish-Piper, Falkoff, Garner, Hughes, Pitney, Richter, Streb, Sumner

OTHERS ABSENT: Cripe, Ferguson, Garcia, Saborío, Swingley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate President B. Creed called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by F. Bohanon. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2023, MINUTES

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by C. Campbell. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
VII. PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Executive Vice President and Provost Search Update
   Matt Streb, Chief Strategy Officer/Liaison for the Board of Trustees
   Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President

B. Title IX, Addressing Sexual Harassment at NIU
   Sarah Garner, NIU Ethics and Compliance Officer

C. Blackboard AI Design Assistant
   Stephanie Richter, Director of Teaching Excellence and Support
   Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bob Lane Award – Call for nominations
   Submit written letters of nomination to Faculty Senate President Ben Creed no later
   than noon, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

B. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
   Article 4.8.1.6, University Assessment Panel – Administration Representation
   FIRST READING
   Amy Buhrow, Assistant Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation

C. Proposed amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws
   Article 3, Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate
   Article 8, The Academic Personnel Process
   Article 9, General Academic Personnel Procedures
   FIRST READING
   Ben Creed, Faculty Senate President

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – no report
   Linda Saborío, NIU representative to FAC-IBHE
   Ben Creed, NIU representative alternate to FAC-IBHE

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – report
   Felicia Bohanon, Natasha Johnson, Ben Creed
   Larissa Garcia, Karen Whedbee, Brad Cripe

C. Baccalaureate Council – no report
   Amanda Ferguson, Chair
   Alicia Schatteman, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee – no report

E. Social Justice Committee – no report

F. FS-UC Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – no report
   Emily McKee, FS/RGE Liaison/Spokesperson

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

H. Operating Staff Council – no report
   Natasha Johnson, President
   Mandy Kreitzer, OSC Representative

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – no report
   Felicia Bohanon, President

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Policy Library – Comment on Proposed Policies
B. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
C. Minutes, Athletic Board
D. Minutes, Baccalaureate Council
E. Minutes, Board of Trustees
F. Minutes, Comm. on the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience
G. Minutes, General Education Committee
H. Minutes, Graduate Council
I. Minutes, Honors Committee
J. Minutes, Operating Staff Council
K. Minutes, Supportive Professional Staff Council
L. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
M. Minutes, University Benefits Committee
N. Minutes, Univ. Comm. on Advanced and Nonteaching Educator License Programs
O. Minutes, University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
P. 2023-24 FS schedule: Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 27, Apr 24

XII. ADJOURNMENT

D. Valentiner moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.