
VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Bond, Briscoe, Campbell, G. Chen, Click, Graff, Hays, Konen, Krmenc, Ledgerwood, Patro, Rajagopalan, Song, Stiggers, Valles

OTHERS PRESENT: Bateni, Bryan, Collins, Falkoff, Klaper, McGill, Nelson, Parks, Wesener Michael, Williams

OTHERS ABSENT: Blazey, Jensen, Kortegast

I. CALL TO ORDER

L. Freeman: Good afternoon everybody. If there is still food out there, please feel free during the course of the meeting to go out and help yourself.

University Council Acting President L. Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

L. Freeman: Our first agenda item today is a call to order, which I just did with my trusty gave, and then verification of a quorum, which we will be doing with our trusty clickers. So if everybody could follow the drill, turn their clickers on and, when Pat tells us that she’s ready, go ahead and vote. Pat, we’re pressing 1? So we’re pressing 1 or A to verify our quorum. Okay.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

L. Freeman: Having verified a quorum, can I have a motion to adopt the agenda? So moved, Doederlehn. Second? Okay, second Boughton or Andree, kind of simultaneous there. All in favor, say aye.

Members: Aye.
L. Freeman: Opposed? Motion is approved. We have adopted the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 4, 2018 MINUTES

L. Freeman: Can I have a motion for approval of the April 4, 2018 minutes?

I. An: So moved.

L. Freeman: I don’t know who got it first, but we’ll just – could you state your name for the record, please?

I. An: [inaudible]

L. Freeman: All right, and a second, Haji-Sheikh, that works well. Any revisions, suggestions, edits, changes? Hearing none, all in favor of approving those minutes, please say aye.

Members: Aye.

L. Freeman: Any opposed? All right. We’ll move forward.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Freeman: We are now at the point in our meeting where we call those who have signed up for public comment to the microphone. My understanding is from the parliamentarian that we have one person who has registered to speak, is that correct? Okay. Will you please come forward. There’s a microphone at the front of the – okay, you can stand in the back too, whatever you’re more comfortable doing.

S. Kincaid: Good afternoon. I’m pretty sure many people in the room already know who I am, but for the record, my name is Sid Kincaid. I am a former graduate student who has turned into somewhat of an independent government watchdog. I’ve been listening to the community’s conversation regarding student conduct these past few months. And I’ve also contributed to it during Faculty Senate and in the Northern Star. I’d like to take this opportunity for public comment right now to add more information and some of my own thoughts to this conversation.

Over the past few years, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights has required public K-12 schools to collect and report demographic data on student discipline. The most recent data for the 2015-2016 academic year shows that Black male students represent eight percent of all students enrolled, but represent 25 percent of students who have received a suspension, which means they’re three times more likely than average to be suspended.

Students with disabilities represent 12 percent of all students enrolled, but represent 26 percent of students who have received a suspension. For whatever reason, the Department of Education does not require institutions of higher learning to report this kind of data; and to the best of my knowledge, NIU does not voluntarily compile it for its own use. But I suspect there are similar
biases in play here.

I’ve made an individual effort to collect general sanctioning data at each of the universities across the state. While it’s difficult to draw many conclusions due to the differences in how each adjudication office organizes and reports their numbers, it is fair to say that NIU has one of the highest dismissal rates. The most common reason for dismissal is for drugs and alcohol, accounting to 45 percent of them between 2011 and 2015. I believe the primary reason for this trend is due to the punitive disposition of Jeanne Meier, Director of Student Conduct. On April 3 of last year, the Northern Star reported that, despite the decriminalization of possession of small amounts of cannabis, the Student Code of Conduct would remain unchanged. They quoted Jeanne Meier as having said, “Cannabis, in particular, is against federal law. We as an institution, in order to receive federal financial aid, have to follow that.”

I doubt there is any actual federal law that requires universities to insure their codes of conduct are congruent with the Controlled Substances Act. Codes of Conduct are not intended to duplicate criminal and civil laws, and I believe Jeanne Meier is winging this as an excuse.

I’ve also heard from members of the community that, during a meeting to set up collaboration with Counseling Services at NIU to provide help for students dealing with drug and alcohol addiction, Jeanne Meier was repeatedly insisting that there had to be some sort of punishment. This is the kind of approach that the war on drugs has taken, treating a public health matter as a criminal one. And it has contributed to our nation having built the largest incarceration rate in the world.

Suspensions and expulsions should be used as a last resort, and this sort of attitude has absolutely no place at a public university. I know that there are efforts underway to reform Student Conduct already, but I also want to make this body aware that my own efforts to address problems that I’ve experienced in the past with Student Conduct. I had filed a grievance against their staff only to have it denied because I was no longer enrolled. I also requested to speak to the University Affairs Committee to have them review my concerns. They made several recommendations, but most of them were ultimately ignored, including one about creating restorative justice practices.

Changes to the efficacy of either of these routes can only be made at the level of University Council, so I am compelled to express my full agreement and support for the suggestion made by Michael Haji-Sheikh at the end of Faculty Senate last week that University Council should have the authority to ratify the Student Code of Conduct. I personally think it should also have the authority to hold the Student Conduct Office accountable if it deviates from established policy. Considering all of this, if this university is serious about making real changes, then I would ask for it to exclude Jeanne Meier from their development, because as a wise man once said, “We cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used to create them.”

Lastly I want to respond to one other remark made by Kelly Wesener Michael at Faculty Senate last week. The assertion that mistrust of administrators by students is common at universities across the country. On the contrary, the annual youth poll conducted by Harvard University’s Institute of Politics shows that 61 percent of students trust their college administration, either all or most of the time. This is a greater level of trust than any other institution, group or person that was asked about in the poll, above local police at 52 percent and the military at 51 percent.
If you’re like me and you read a lot of news about higher education, you won’t find many articles about students’ unfounded suspicions, but you will find plenty that are critical of the university administration. So I believe that, when students have lost trust, it’s usually justified. I believe that the concerns faculty have raised about these issues affecting retention or enrollment are justified as well. I’m kind of proof of that. And I believe that statements such as these are dismissive of these concerns. So I would appreciate it if there was an apology for that.

Thank you, everybody, for your time and attention. I look forward to your discussion.

L. Freeman: Thank you for your comments.

VI. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of University Council members whose terms are completed, who have been re-elected and who are newly elected – Pages 4-5

L. Freeman: We’re now going to move on to Item VI, the President’s Announcements. And I’m going to start with Item A, which is a recognition of the University Council members whose terms are completed, who have been reelected and who have been newly elected. And the names of these folks, faculty, staff and students, appear on pages 4 and 5. And I’m not going to spend time by reading every one of them to you. Rather, I’d like to spend the time by saying, thank you, to everyone in this room.

We are all very, very busy. We are particularly busy this month. But I’m glad to see a big turnout for our last meeting. It speaks to the commitment of the people in this room to NIU as an institution, to our students and to shared governance. And I want to say that I really appreciate that, and I really appreciate your service. And in addition to providing a little better than usual snacks today, I want to say that I know this has been a very interesting year. It’s been a year where we were all happy to have a budget, challenged to regain our equilibrium. And it’s a year when people came together in a way that was very, very important to the future of NIU.

Over the course of the past year, there were a few times when I recognized in myself sort of a sequence of emotions I haven’t felt since I was in my early teens. And it was kind of the transition from fright to relief to frustration, and a little bit of a recycling every once and a while. And I say that I remembered it in my early teens, because that was when my father’s store burned to the ground. My father was a TV repairman; he fixed TVs, small appliances; he put antennas on people’s roofs. He ran a cash business, and that income was very critical to my family. And in the spring his store burned to the ground, and our way of life was threatened. I was unable to take advantage of an educational opportunity that I’d worked hard to qualify for; my mother, who was a teacher, changed her summer plans’ she and I worked to make extra income. My father’s store was insured; money came in; eventually, he was able to establish another business. And so we went from being very, very scared to being relieved that things were starting to look like they were normal. But the truth is they weren’t normal for at least another year, because we had spent down our savings, we had changed our plans, we had lost our sense of security. And it took a while to really feel normal again. And when I look back at that experience with the eyes of an adult, I realize
that part of my relief at this point, and part of my relief then, was also for the fact that my family came through it intact. That my parents didn’t get divorced. That I didn’t say something that, you know, as a smart teenager, sometimes rolls too easily off your lips that you can never, ever take back and never, ever undo the damage. And I’m very grateful for that.

And I think what my family went through, and the emotions that I went through at that time, have some resemblance to what we all went through with 700 days without a budget – not knowing if we were going to have an appropriation; having some other unexpected transitions and changes during that time; feeling immensely relieved when the override vote came through so that we had appropriated funds for this fiscal year. And then having to realize that things weren’t back to normal. It’s not like you flip a switch and recover from the type of deprivation of state funding that we went through. But when things seem like they’re normal, it’s when you give yourself permission to be angry and frustrated in a way that you were just too scared to do before. I think we’ve been through this together and what I’m really happy about is that the Huskie family has stayed intact. That’s not to mean that people aren’t angry, they’re not frustrated, but what we do is hard, and what we do is important. And when we’re not hard on each other, it actually helps our students and it helps the mission. And I’m very, very grateful and honored to serve people like you.

So if you could just give yourselves a hand, I would really appreciate it. [applause]

And now I’d like to say a special thank you to our outgoing exec secretary of the University Council and Faculty Senate president, Linda Saborío, who has served us and this institution well during this very challenging year. We wouldn’t want her ever to forget the fun times we’ve had together. The good work she’s done, we will see the lasting impact she’s had on the institution every time we do something like use the Policy Library, when it goes forward. But I also want Linda to have something to remember us by. [applause]

You didn’t burn any buildings down, and I know you have an adolescent at home, so sometimes having a hammer can be helpful. [laughter]

B. Cyber Security Update – Self-Service Password Reset, MFA and Account Lifecycle
   Matt Parks, Chief Information Officer
   Fred Williams, Senior Director, IT Operations
   Presentation

L. Freeman: Moving on to Item B, we are fortunate to have with us here today our Chief Information Officer, Matt Parks, and our Senior Director of IT Operations, Fred Williams, who’s serving as our chief security officer at the moment. And they’re going to give us an update on cyber security. Matt and Fred, take it away.

M. Parks: So it’s noted that, at the last meeting of the year, we’re going to talk about information security. So there’s three topics that we wanted to hit over the next ten minutes or so. First, we want to spend a few minutes on Multi-Factor Authentication. Those of you who were on the council this time last year, a little over a year ago, Drew Bjerken, our chief information security officer at the time, presented a plan to implement Multi-Factor Authentication or MFA to campus based upon, driven really by the volume of phishing attacks that were coming into NIU on our email system.
And at the time, we were dealing with about 250 compromised accounts, mainly student accounts across campus on a weekly basis. And so we had seen a spike in the amount of phishing attacks and compromised accounts, and Multi-Factor Authentication is the industry standard, if you will, to deal with that. And so my colleague, Fred Williams here, will talk briefly about what we’ve done with that implementation and where we stand today.

Secondly, we’ll be talking about our self-service password reset implementation, looking for ways to automate the experience at NIU as folks need to reset their passwords, faculty, staff and students at NIU. We’d like to make that as easy and automated as it can be for them in a secure way, instead of having to direct many of those calls, many of those requests, into DoIT’s service desk to resolve those things. And then finally we have an Account Lifecycle Project that’s just getting started from the Division of IT that will engage a number of different stakeholders on campus. There’s a lot to that, so I’ll pause now and allow Fred some time here to talk about those in more depth. Fred.

**F. Williams:** Thank you, Matt. So let’s first go back in history about a year ago when the university was experiencing a very bad rash of phishing emails, compromised accounts and very aggressive bad actors on our campus. And Drew Bjerken, together with our Enterprise Infrastructure Apps Team that manage that manages O365 were able to implement MFA for our students and select staff at the time. And you’ll see this precipitous drop at about April timeframe when that was actually implemented.

So the efficacy of MFA in actually preventing unauthorized access to our email system and continued phishing attacks was just tremendous. Now through the year, the numbers are still non-zero, so it’s a non-perfect solution, because accounts can still get compromised in a number of different ways. Primarily can still use some phishing. There’s still some group force attacks. There’s password reuse, a number of students or staff will use the same password for Internet services as they do for NIU services. So those are all ways that accounts can still get compromised. MFA does not prevent the compromise to the account. It prevents the unauthorized use of those credentials.

So how do we know when accounts are compromised? We have three main ways that we know today. That is we do advanced access and behavioral analytics. We do some in-house, and some we use with our managed security provider, Rapid7. And the main source of those behavioral analytics is coming from our O365 email resources today.

The second way we know are self reported to the service desk. So some compromised accounts are not caught through the analytics, but people indicate that their machines were compromised, something isn’t operating right, they see some changes in their email, and they report that back to DoIT. We then invoke our investigations and incidence response. We determine if there was a compromise, and we fix their accounts and resolve the issue with their computers.

Lastly, we are notified of credentials being sold on the dark web. So there’s this whole aspect of the Internet that is largely hidden where criminal activity takes place. And I want to call out in March 2018 of this year, another red spike. That was when we were notified that about 50 credentials of NIU’s accounts were sold on the dark web. And our managed security provider was aware of that and alerted us. And we were able to take action to protect our accounts from that.
Over the past year then, so from April to April, we also had about 100 staff accounts still compromised. Now MFA was largely rolled out to our student population, not so much our faculty and staff population. Our faculty and staff population do an excellent job protecting their credentials. I want to thank everybody for that. But still the incident rate is non-zero. There’s still room for improvement there, especially as the information [inaudible] and access to information is probably the number one resource for universities today. We do have a process today that for compromised staff accounts, we enroll them into MFA. So if you’ve gotten bit once, we just roll you right into MFA. It will help protect you. We are continuing to expand the footprint of MFA into other critical areas.

VPN is one where accounts come in to the NIU network from outside or all over the world and are able to access resources that are not available directly online. Typically more secure data. We have noticed compromised accounts being logged in to MFA from other countries around the world that were not legitimate access. So bad actors that do gain access to credentials are savvy enough to try to VPN into our system, and they have succeeded. So we’re watching that, and we’re going to be rolling MFA to VPN to stop that going forward in the next month or so.

Blackboard e-Learning is now moving to the Cloud. That authentication system will also be integrated with our Cloud authentication system in case we have any network outage on campus today. So there will not be an outage to Blackboard if we do have an incident on campus. Integration with that Cloud access also brings in MFA for Blackboard. The experience will be no different for Blackboard than it is for O365. So if you have to MFA into O365 occasionally, the same experience will be for Blackboard. Blackboard offers one additional benefit in that it can do single sign-on with O365. So if you’ve already MFA’ed, you’ve already authenticated O365, and you go to Blackboard, it will just let you right in.

PeopleSoft is probably our crown jewel for data, personal data, privacy data, financial data. Due to both technical – and I will say in some ways political – concerns, we have no solution for rolling MFA into PeopleSoft yet. We don’t want MFA to be an overly burdensome hurdle for people to do work, and there are some technical challenges to rolling it in that both are PeopleSoft platform and our MFA solution aren’t ready to integrate yet. But we’re looking at that on the horizon.

We desire, me personally [inaudible] always desire greater security, so I just want to make the statement that I desire broader adoption across our applications and staff. If you have any further question on MFA, go.niu.edu/mfa.

All right, MFA provides additional contact information in our central systems that we can leverage for the benefit of self-service password reset. Prior password reset, as Matt indicated, used to generate calls to our service desk, in particular because it was kind of a catch 22. We didn’t really collect or use other contact methods for students or faculty or staff, other than internal NIU resources. So if you’re already locked out of your account, you can’t get into your email account where we send the reset information. So we were kind of stuck. So if you opt in to MFA, you don’t have to have MFA on, but you can do self-service password reset today. So due to licensing, we have currently enrolled students, faculty and employed faculty and staff that can leverage this. We’re not able to do, again, the licensing today. We’re not able to include applicants, alumni or retirees. So the total number of self-service password resets at the service desk, again, will be non-
zero today. But we’re going to cover largely 80 to 90 percent of them with enrolled students and employees.

Just to put a cost number on it, we’ve taken the fully burdened cost of the number of calls and password resets that we do at the service desk, and that rounds out to be about $100,000 per year that we will no longer be spending on resources to reset passwords. Instead, we can redirect those resources into more technical incidence response. We can broaden the scope of service desks throughout campus in ways that make sense, and we can better use that money and our talent at the service desk.

And lastly, of course, better student experience. The students definitely need to be able to change their password whenever they need to change their password, however it they’re nights, weekends, anytime, anywhere, without having to pick up the phone and call us.

Again, if you have any questions about password resets or the eligibility, go to password.niu.edu.

What I really like here is starting in November of 2017, we did a soft opening of self-service password reset where the black bars are typical phone calls to the service desk. December, because of the break, we generally have a dip in December. And then January we generally have a bit of a spike. Now the nice thing is our spikes going back to 2017 would exceed about 1800 to 2000 calls at the service desk. We didn’t quite get that total spike if we add these two together, but you can see, as self-service password adoption is coming, almost exponentially month over month, we expect and desire these bars to drift down to maybe under 100 per month. So, like I said, we won’t be able to get 100 percent, because we don’t cover all applicants, alumni and retirees, but definitely continue the adoption here, it’s wonderful.

Then the last thing I’d like to mention is our account lifecycle management. We have a definition here of what it really is. And if you think about it, it’s provisioning identities and access, authentication and authorization to all IT systems used across campus. It’s fairly complex. It’s very broad. It impacts everybody. If you log in to somewhere, you have an identify. You have an account. It’s part of our access management process.

Last year there was a major audit finding. I don’t know if it’s major material, how they present it, but the audit finding was that, due to our current account lifecycle management processes, we have user accounts that, once they separate from the university for whatever reason, still remain active 210 days after termination. And those accounts largely still retain access to all systems and data unless specifically requested to be removed by the manager or other third party. So this is a risk, because they’re no longer with the university and yet their accounts are still active, the same password, they’re just not here. And if their account gets compromised, they’d have that same access to the data.

So what we’ve done, though, over the past year is we’ve had over 200,000 accounts that have never had or no longer have active business with the university. So we’ve eliminated those as part of starting first steps into managing and changing our account lifecycle. We also have a tighter compliance with new regulations. GDPR is a big one that’s coming up. You’ve probably heard of that. Allowing us to streamline better business processes and the complexity used to manage, create,
authorize authenticate, audit – all of that is going to consolidate to reduce complexity, provide better user experience and ultimately some cost savings.

I’m getting close to my time, I think. I have had some high-level deliverables for the account lifecycle project. The one I think if I would call out is probably the last one or two here. We definitely with governance need to identify issues, challenges and risks with our current manual provisioning and de-provisioning process and largely non-role-based access to systems across campus. That needs to be addressed. And then lastly, implement recommendations and automated processes for firming all of this up.

A couple of quick hits and then time for questions. I really wanted to call out and mention something that’s been going on recently on campus. We have a significant rise in distributive denial of service attacks happening on campus nowadays. We’ve had over 90 DDOS attacks since January. These have largely, hopefully, not been impacted too badly. Our last one was Monday night. There was some outages across campus Monday night. We continue to work with upstream providers to provide denial of service protection, and we’re looking at purchasing additional services and expanding our portfolio for handling this.

Part of the reason for the rise in DDOS is it’s become affordable in a dark web business where anybody with a PayPal account can order up a denial of service attack for 20 bucks. It’s happening all over the country. High schools are targeted. Elementary schools are targeted. Universities are targeted. Kids that just want to play havoc. We don’t know the source of these denial of services is yet, but we are aware of it, and we’re working with our upstream providers to address this.

And lastly, there was a question sent to me from email regarding can we use electronic forms of voting for maybe this forum or other forums. And Qualtrics being one of our platforms, the answer is yes. There can be authenticated – there can be all the things you’d want in a voting platform. It does require a little bit of development and additional advance skill set for those who are creating the voting surveys in Qualtrics, but I believe we can accommodate that with Qualtrics.

Thank you. I’ll open it to any questions. All right, thank you. [applause]

L. Freeman: Thank you, Fred and Matt. As someone who really thinks first of MFA as a master of fine arts rather than multi-factor authentication, I’m actually glad that we have Huskies who actually think of multi-factor authentication first. So, thank you.

I am now going to ask Linda to present Item C.

L. Saborío: This is regarding the student grievance annual report. Oh, did you have a question?

L. Freeman: I’m sorry I didn’t notice.

M. Haji-Sheikh: [inaudible] One is on you doing the MFA on the coming basically on the Cisco VPN.

F. Williams: Yes?
**M. Haji-Sheikh:** That [inaudible] an interesting, I’m not sure how that’s going to work. I mean you’re going to send me an email to say: Am I logged in on the VPN?

**F. Williams:** So the experience for the VPN will be exactly the same experience for O365. So typically if you have the authenticator app and you’re trying to log in, it won’t let you log in to the VPN until you say “approve” on the authenticator app.

**M. Haji-Sheikh:** Okay. And Google uses phone app with a pop-up like a number. I usually the phone app.

**F. Williams:** Yes, it’s exactly similar. If you want to meet afterwards, I can show you the authenticator app code here.

**M. Haji-Sheikh:** Okay. And another couple things I saw was that you were talking about all the regulations. One of the things about faculty and staff emails is that there’s 5 ILCS 160, which I didn’t see up there, which is the State records Act. And that means that, even though you lose the account, you’re still going to have to keep track of the person’s in-box and sent-box.

**F. Williams:** Yes, okay, so actually I’m on a small committee, and I’m going to meet tomorrow with that committee on the records retention policy. I can say that for email we have already complied with that regulation by a three-year – we currently have a three-year or a by-request non-disposal of the email records. So anything that gets put on legal hold, we will not get rid of.

**M. Haji-Sheikh:** You do know you have to send that request to delete to the state?

**F. Williams:** Yes I do.

**M. Haji-Sheikh:** I just wanted to make sure, because that hadn’t been done in the past. And that’s why I wanted to ask about emails.

**F. Williams:** That’s right.

**M. Haji-Sheikh:** Okay. That was pretty much, the rest of it I can talk to you later. [inaudible]

**F. Williams:** Thanks, thank you.

**L. Freeman:** Great. Did that dialog generate any other questions? Okay, we’ll move on to Item C.

**C. Student Grievance Annual Report per NIU Bylaws** Article 12.6 – Linda Saborío – Page 6

**L. Saborío:** Again, this is regarding the student grievance annual report per our NIU bylaws. There was one student grievance that was submitted, and it was resolved informally and withdrawn. That’s good news, right? End of my report.
VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 2.6, Resources, Space and Budget Committee – C. Doederlein – Pages 7-8

SECOND READING/ACTION

L. Saborío: So let’s just keep moving along here. Item VII [VIII] Unfinished Business. We’re going to ask once again that you use your clickers so we can verify that we have our threshold for these bylaw amendment proposals, and we need to make sure that we have 38 for the threshold. So go ahead – and are we ready with the clickers – okay so if you could just push one then.

So it looks like we’re good. Okay we have the right numbers, so no more need to click.

So Item A is the proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 2.6, Resources, Space and Budget Committee. And before we have Cathy re-introduce this and have any discussion, can I get a motion and then a second?

H. Nicholson: So moved.

L. Saborío: Thank you, Holly. And a second? Thanks, Barb Andree. And Cathy, please go ahead.

C. Doederlein: Sure thing. So as discussed in the first reading, this amendment is primarily focused toward increasing the number of Supportive Professional Staff members and Operating Staff members from one each to two each from our voting members within University Council. It also corrects the position title and kind of in addition to correcting the position title, more formally identifies who is going to be part of the ex officio members.

I can definitely speak from the Supportive Professional Staff and Operating Staff side of things. We really appreciate the opportunity that RSB presented in terms of bringing this forward, just to insure that there is a bit more representation, given the number of people that Operating Staff Council and SPS Council represent, and the extent to which it is non-curricular in nature, it’s dealing with resource, space and budget issues, having a bit more of a voice from the staff population is very helpful and very appreciated. So we appreciate the consideration.

L. Saborío: Thank you. Any questions for Cathy? Okay so then if there are no questions, no further discussion, we’re going to vote on the motion. One will be for yes; two, no; and three to abstain. And I believe we’re ready. Has everyone had a chance to vote? Can we close the voting? Okay, go ahead and close it, and let’s see. Excellent. So the motion passes. Thank you everyone.

Yes – 40 votes
No – 1 vote
Abstain – 3 votes

And, for the record, this goes into effect immediately, is that correct? And there is a meeting this
Friday for the RSB, so we hope to see the new members present at the meeting.

B. Proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 4, Election Procedures of the University Council – Therese Arado – Pages 9-10

SECOND READING/ACTION

L. Saborío: Okay second item under Unfinished Business is a proposed amendment to NIU Bylaws, Article 4, Election Procedures of the University Council. Can I get a motion and a second before we have a discussion about this second reading? Thank you, Kendall [Thu]. And a second? Thank you, Becqui [Hunt]. Therese, did you want to introduce this for a second time.

T. Arado: Sure, thank you. This is actually part of it is to clean up the bylaw and change the committee name to RGE instead of Elections Committee. And then also to provide for the option in the colleges when electing UC members to use either paper or electronic voting at the college’s choice. And we’d like to get that approved.

L. Saborío: Any questions? Okay, so once again we’ll be using our clickers. One will be for yes; two, no; and three abstain. Are we ready? Okay, we’re ready. Everybody have a chance to vote? There we go, 44. Go ahead and close it. And the motion passes. Thank you everyone.

Yes – 40 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 4 votes

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

L. Saborío: So the next Item X, Reports from Councils, Boards and Standing Committees. The first one is my report from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE. I have two reports for you. Those of you who were at Faculty Senate, you get to hear this again. One is from our March meeting, and the other report is for the April meeting.

For the March meeting, the IBHE Executive Director, Al Bowman, joined us, and he explained that the recent change in the quarterly board lunches is to allow the board members to have more interaction. And then he suggested that perhaps every other lunch meeting could include a constituency group. Bowman’s goal with legislature is to avoid another budget crisis and to stop the declines in appropriations, thereby reducing the pressure to raise tuition rates.

The board approved a modest two percent increase in requested funding, and there was some debate as to whether that was too low. Another request was for $100 million increase in MAP funding, and the goal is to increase that amount over time to cover 90 percent of eligible students. He mentioned that there is an idea floating around to create a merit scholarship program for students in the top ten percent of their class. And they are working with ISAC on a proposal.
And then after lunch, we were joined by State Senator Julie Morrison where we discussed increased specialization of higher institutions and transfer of credit from community colleges to four-year institutions; the uncertainty of higher education funding and how this drives students out of state; and the need to provide something innovative to keep students in-state. That was a good meeting, actually with State Senator Julie Morrison. We were able to really express a lot of our concerns with higher education with her.

For the April meeting, the president and provost of Eastern Illinois University talked about falling enrollment numbers, which I mentioned at Faculty Senate, from 12,000 to a little over 7,000. That’s a huge drop. And the impact of the budget impasse.

And then during the crisis, they put together their visualization project, which to me seemed similar to Program Prioritization, a strategic plan involving shared governance. The project includes new college alignment; a new college, Health and Human Services; two new schools; a sharper mission; student success restructuring; and some more.

Let’s see, what else did we discuss. After lunch, the caucus chairs reported to the committee, and we talked about the importance of a liberal arts education; and the religious exemption bill; and the three-year teacher prep degree that you’re looking at over my head here. Some concerns again regarding the three-year teacher prep degree were – and I don’t know what happened with this, it was moving through the House rather quickly. Do you know? Some of the ideas that we – ideas – complaints we had actually. How to complete 120 credit hours in three years; the lack of financial aid in the summer, because it obviously would require summer courses in order to complete 120 credit hours in three years; where does student teaching fit in; what gets cut if hours are reduced; and how will this affect quality and student success.

And then we had a discussion with the Western Illinois University representative regarding their vote of no confidence in the administration and the vote of union members to authorize a strike due to a lack of agreement on a contract.

For our May meeting, we plan to lobby in Springfield on the Thursday before we meet using our – I don’t know if we should change the title of this document or not – Make Illinois Great Again Through Funding Higher Education info-graphic document. I’m concerned that some Democrats may just toss it as Republican propaganda, but I’m not sure if we should change that or not. Unless they read the whole thing, right, Through Funding Higher Education, they’ll actually get it.

And that was it. That concludes my report.

B. University Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees – no 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, and
Sarah McHone-Chase Faculty Senate Liaison/Spokesperson – report

L. Saborío: Okay, what is up next. Oh, we have Item E, Rules, Governance and Elections Committee. And we have the election of our 2018-19. Is there a D? Oh, I’m so sorry. Resources, Space and Budget Committee? Is there a report? I don’t think Sarah McHone-Chase is here. For Faculty Senate, she mentioned that their last meeting is on Friday, and I think Provost McCord will be there and you’ll [L. Freeman] be there. And it is an open meeting, so you are welcome to attend. That’s all it was, was the report.

E. Rules, Governance and Elections Committee – Therese Arado, Chair

1. Election of 2018-19 Executive Secretary of University Council per NIU Bylaws Article 14.5 – Kendall Thu – Page 11

Therese Arado – Page 12

L. Saborío: So let’s go on to E, Rules, Governance and Elections. We need to have our election of the 2018-19 executive secretary of University Council per the NIU bylaws. And Therese Arado was elected by Faculty Senate last week. And so we are here to confirm her nomination. Go ahead, Kendall.

K. Thu: Since the chair of this committee is usually the one that oversees this process, since she’s the nominee, they asked me to take over. So pursuant to Article 14.5 of our bylaws, it’s time to elect our executive secretary of University Council, who also serves as the president for Faculty Senate. And we’re going to use our clickers. I think we’ll set a record for using clickers in University Council.

L. Saborío: I think so. We have one more.

K. Thu: I assume that one is to confirm the election of Therese Arado. And two is to say no. And three is to abstain. So whenever you’re ready, Pat. Okay, the verdict is…

Yes – 45 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 1 vote

Congratulations, Therese. [applause]

L. Saborío: Please pass her the microphone. Therese, would you like to say a few words?

T. Arado: Thank you, and I’ll see many of you next year.

M. Haji-Sheikh: [inaudible]

L. Saborío: I will. I’ll be seeing her, if that’s what you’re referring to.
F. University Affairs Committee – Reed Scherer, Chair – no report

G. Student Association – report
   Rachel Jacob, President
   Christine Wang, Speaker of the Senate

L. Saborío: All right, next up we have – I’m making sure I don’t skip anybody here – Student Association, we have a report.

I. An: So on the executive branch, we have been working on really diligently on making the scholarship fund for the DREAM Action with the undocumented students. So most likely it will go up for referendum during the special election in the fall of 2018. So there will be more information later when the next school year starts on the undocumented student scholarship that was created between DREAM Action, the NIU Foundation and the Student Association.

Right now we are wrapping up the campus social event policy task force and, hopefully, we’ll make some recommendation and propose it to the Division of Student Affairs soon. Rachel [Jacob] has been really working closely on that so, hopefully, that will be done before she graduates in ten days.

Right now we are also in the process of doing transitioning between the old cabinet to the new cabinet as well. And also within that additional to that, I’ve been working really closely with Rachel on doing data analysis on the Student Association experience on the directors and the executives, so we can use those data that I analyzed for the Program Prioritization that our advisor will put in the report for the president. Thank you, and I yield to Christine.

C. Wang: Thanks, I. I just wanted to say congratulations to Rachel. She’s going to law school. She’s going to John Marshall, so really happy for her. And I’m glad that she’s going to be graduating on time, unlike me. I want to talk about a few things.

So last month, we had our last student leader government work group meeting. We talked a lot about the State Street Initiative. I want to pass the mic over to Cass, because Cass is our legislative director. She’s the person who has been working most closely with Safe Streets, and so I wanted to yield some time to her, and then I’ll continue my report after than.

C. Kamp: Hello everyone. My name is Cassandra Kamp. I’m the legislative director for the Student Association. I wanted to start with talking a little about the Safe Streets Initiative. For those of you who aren’t familiar with it, it’s a multi-faced initiative that incorporates four phases of various parking provisions and making the streets clear by clearing bushes and adding more lights. And so the four phases, two of them have already been passed. So the first one is for Russell and Crane. The second is for the residential areas. And the third and the fourth are for west of Annie Glidden and east of Annie Glidden. Those are directly affecting students who are living in the apartments such as Eco Park and also Greek Row.

So as you know, we’re really trying to support the students. And I want to start by saying that we aren’t opposed to the Safe Streets Initiative. We are all for having safer streets for all our students. And if this is what’s going to help us, then we are more than happy to support it. However, we do
have a couple of grievances.

So on April 9, we went and presented. Speaker Wang made a speech, and she presented to City Council and was met with some very concerning feedback. So Alderman Marquardt said that students were “spoiled” because students did not want to walk to their classes in the middle of the night and walk back or if they had events and clubs. He thought it wasn’t necessary that we would be able to park on campus. And that was a bit concerning, because we all know that the streets aren’t necessarily safe.

And then we decided to go to the Committee of the Whole on April 23. And I went with three points. The first one was asking for a grace period. So Phases 3 and 4 will be passed most likely over the summer, and they will be implemented by August of this year.

The second one will be interchangeable parking permits. And so what we asked for for these interchangeable parking permits is that, if students had a parking permit through NIU, such as a yellow pass, that they would be allowed to use that to void the $25 fee. And they would still have to show proof of residency, a valid license and proof of car insurance.

And then the final one was we just wanted a lot more communication. Some of those ideas included reaching out to the different culture resource centers or going to the Greek councils or their chapters on campus. And then going door-to-door at the Greek houses similar to the way that they went door-to-door for Phase 2 in the residential houses.

And it was very concerning, because I was met with a lot negative feedback as well. So we really pushed for a grace period of a month, and they were not for it at all. They were very opposed to it. And then we asked for even two weeks. And the reason why we asked for this grace period is because they’re asking some of these students, who have been living in these areas forever, to just flat out be conditioned to not park their cars from 2 to 6 a.m. And that’s really hard when that’s something that we’ve been accustomed to for a very long time, especially for those students who have been living in those areas. So we just requested that there would be a grace period so students could acclimate and get used to all these.

And then the second one for the interchangeable parking permits, they just said that wasn’t really an option. We would still have to go through the same procedures as everyone else. And if we wanted guests to park overnight, we would have to have them park in the university parking lots.

And then finally, they said that they have been communicating with us. And we are very happy that the university has been putting out more announcements in the emails, posting it on Facebook and on social media. However, we’re just a little bit concerned how the city is reacting to the students’ concerns. And it’s really stressful, because we really want to be represented to the City too, and they’re not showing us any support.

And we are coming to University Council right now asking the administration to show a little bit more support and advocate for our students, because the City is not listening to our grievances. So we’re hoping that the university, itself, will listen and advocate for our. And the number one thing that we’re really truly asking for right now is this grace period and further communication between
the City of DeKalb and the students. The reason why I say the grace period is because, as I said before, it’s really hard to acclimate to that, and they just aren’t listening to us. So we really hope that the university will be in support of that, because, as I’ve said, that’s going to be something that’s going to take a toll on students, especially when they’re trying to get used to coming back, getting used to all of the things that will be happening, especially all of the Greek events that will be starting up at the beginning of the year. And with that, I think I yield.

C. Wang: Are there any questions about Safe Streets before I move on?

K. Thu: What kind of feedback did you get from either Chief Lowery – was he at the meeting – or Chief Phillips? Did they respond?

C. Kamp: Yes, I forgot to add about working with the NIU PD. Also on April 23, I met with the NIU PD, and we talked about the Huskie Safe Line. And so something we wanted to do as the Student Association is add more spots. So Chief Phillips has been really working with us to improve upon that. So something that we had in mind was we are going to add more stops west and east of Annie Glidden, and potentially more spots near John Street, because there’s a lot of the UGC Councils, that’s where a lot of those students are living for the Greek Council. And then we’ll move on from there. We’re going to reevaluate the Huskie Safe Line going in to next year and see how it’s going with these new parking ordinances. And if we see that there needs to be more added, then we’ll do that.

As for Chief Lowery, he really has not been listening to any of our complaints. He’s always had something back to say. So for the grace period, his concern, he said that he wanted to implement it before August, and then he didn’t want to take a grace period after and then implement it again. So we said, well why can’t you just implement it in August, because every single other phase has gotten a grace period. Phase 2 hasn’t even started yet and Phase 2 was passed on April 9. So we don’t really understand why there can’t be a grace period, especially for these students who it mostly affects. I know that it’s to make the town safer, but all of the residents have gotten a grace period, so we don’t understand why there can’t be one for this one.

And they all just supported the idea that with the interchangeable parking permits there’s other parking ideas and, if somebody wants a parking pass, they can get a guest pass for $5. And one of our members, Ashley Burkhardt, who is a senator, and also Speaker-Elect Tristan Martin went to the City Council meeting that was held – not the City Council – the meeting held at the DeKalb Police Department talking about student concerns. And they kept asking for the grace period, and I believe he was very rude about his responses about how giving these interchangeable parking passes is discriminating. And we didn’t really understand what he meant by that. I think from what we understood, when he said discriminating, he meant that it wasn’t fair that students would get one and the residents wouldn’t. And we just were really concerned about how – we just feel that the students are being treated unequal in this process. Does that answer your question? Okay, thank you. Any other questions? All right, I yield.

C. Wang: Thank you so much, Cass. She’s done a lot of really good work with this. A couple other things that we’ve done in the last month. So the cabinet for the next year has been filled, seven out of 12 positions actually have been filled. Five of them remain unfilled and will continue to remain
unfilled over the summer. And they will, hopefully, be filled in the fall pending President-Elect Khiree Cross’ picks. And the inauguration for the new executive branch will take place this Friday. So I’m very excited to see that and see the torch get passed on.

We also passed the FY19 budget for the Student Association on this last Sunday. We – I was a little scared because it seemed like for a second we might not pass a budget, in which case I’d literally made a comparison to us and the Illinois state government. It was like, we really don’t want to make an example of that, so. But we passed it and really happy about that. We also made some changes to our finance policy to update it to what we currently practice.

And then we also have events going on this week that are related to No Shame Campaign. We did the Don’t Stress the Test. One of the things that we’ve done is have cookies with positive messages being passed out in the MLK Commons and in areas across campus. We also have therapy dogs tomorrow in the CLB at 7:30, which I’m very excited for, I don’t know about you.

And then finally, Cass had already kind of mentioned this, but on Sunday we had our speaker elections, which was a continuation of what we had already done. On April 15, we had our initial election, but the Supreme Court ruled that to be incomplete and that the incorrect winner was declared. And therefore, we needed to hold a third round of voting, which we held on our last meeting. And our new speaker for the 50th session of Student Association Senate is Tristan Martin. So I just wanted to give a quick congratulations and happy to be passing on the torch to him. [applause]

And very happy to be serving as just a regular senator, kind of going to be nice not to have those responsibilities anymore, honestly. So I just wanted to say that I’m not graduating until December, but just because I don’t have the title, the fight and the resolve will still remain the same. So thank you guys so much for an amazing year and such an amazing experience as speaker. [applause]

1. Proposed resolution supporting March For Our Lives – Pages 13-14
Christine Wang, Speaker of the Student Senate

L. Saborío: The next item we have is your proposed resolution for supporting the March For Our Lives. And before we actually have a discussion, we do need a motion and a second.

T. Martin: So moved.

S. Torres: Second.

L. Saborío: So we’ve got a couple motions and a second over here, so did you catch that? So why don’t you go ahead, Christine, and introduce the resolution. And then we will open the floor up for discussion.

C. Wang: Sure. So two months ago now in March, the Student Association Senate passed a resolution to support the March For Our Lives. Earlier that month, there was a large-scale march on Washington. There was school walk-outs to protest the lack of action on gun violence that people perceived the legislators to have not taken. And so a student actually came forth and presented this
resolution to the senate, and we passed it unanimously. We also took it to Faculty Senate, and it passed as well. And that student is Kelsey Barr. She’s actually here, and I’m going to yield some time to her to talk a little bit more about it.

**K. Barr:** Hi, I’m Kelsey Barr. I was here last week so some of you may recognize me. Some may see me as a new face. I brought this idea to Christine, like she said, about two months ago, with the idea of us standing in solidarity with the students of Parkland. And then from that point on, it just kind of snowballed into us standing in solidarity with many of the schools and institutions and even some of the other places like the Pulse Nightclub shooting, just to stand in solidarity with these people who have suffered violence because Northern Illinois in the past was a victim of a mass shooting. So the idea for this proposal was we wanted to highlight, obviously, the school shootings. And then additionally, the idea was to highlight some of the violence that not only goes on in schools, but in the Chicagoland area. And many students are affected by that immediately, including myself.

The other issue we wanted to bring up was I know that a lot of the issue has been mental health and the idea that a lot of these shooters have been said that they were mentally ill. So the idea is either we would like to stand behind the idea of the proposed gun legislation or the idea that we need to have better mental health screenings so that these individuals can seek the help that they need before the issue escalates.

The other thing that I wanted to discuss as well, and I did discuss in the previous meeting was that this particular resolution has like a soft spot for me just simply because for me just simply because I mean you wouldn’t know, but I’m 27 and I was here in 2009. So I was here immediately after the shooting. I was the first class to come in immediately after the shooting. Now the thing that’s really important, and I said this the last time that I spoke, was the fact that I remember how the campus felt to that incoming class. And what I mean is that so many of us may have not been directly impacted by the shooting. But we knew many who were. Or we sat in class with people who were here on campus or maybe lost a friend or they sat and they waited for that text message or that phone call to make sure that their family member or their friend or their boyfriend or girlfriend or whoever that was special to them was safe. Like I said, I can remember, I will use this as an example: My cousin went to school here. NIU is a family school for me. Many of my cousins and aunts are all NIU alum. So NIU is special to me. And I remember waiting on those text messages from my cousins hoping, just hoping, that they were okay.

The other thing why this is so special to me is because I’ve gotten to see the transition for Northern, that Northern didn’t take this tragedy and make it something, a tragedy. Rather they made it into something that could be used to empower students. All of the initiatives to make campus safer and also the idea of not turning Cole Hall into something ugly, but instead turning it into something beautiful and something to remember the students by.

So that’s part of the reason why, when it was time for me to come back to school, I came back to Northern, because of the grace that NIU demonstrated throughout this whole ordeal and the fact that no matter what, rather than giving the power to the shooter, they gave the power to the students. And so that’s what I’m asking now, is that NIU gives the power to the students, considering some of our legislators – not all, of course, we have some great legislators out there – but some of our
legislators are saying that the kids who are marching are “children,” neglecting the fact that a lot of them will be voters come fall time.

So the other idea is to lend, if you will, an “adult” voice to this discussion, considering if you don’t want to listen to high school students, maybe you would listen to an institution of higher learning. And I think that was about it for the resolution. We wanted to discuss the idea of the shootings. We wanted to highlight mental illness. And then we also wanted to highlight violence and what our part in this resolve would be. So once again, just to reiterate like I did last time, we’re not asking to take away anyone’s second amendment rights. I really want to say that. The idea is I know that they keep saying that it’s common sense gun laws, but I said last time that the idea is that maybe it should be common ground gun laws. So then, if you don’t like guns, that’s okay. But if you do, then that’s okay too. But we can all collectively get along in society and that we can all see eye-to-eye and make sure everyone feels safe and everyone’s voice is heard. So thank you so much for your time. [applause]

L. Freeman: I think I’m going, if everyone is okay with that, take the first opportunity to discuss the resolution and to thank Kelsey for coming here today, for sharing her personal story, for having the courage and the conviction to use her voice, and for promoting non-violence and respect and freedom of expression. And I am going to suggest a friendly amendment to the resolution. We discussed this very briefly before. To sort of capture in the final paragraph, maybe more the essence of the values that are so important to us that we heard from you, and that we also heard from the Student Association who were not respected appropriately at the Committee of the Whole of City Council.

And so I think Pat has highlighted the friendly amendment that I have proposed, and I’m going to actually turn around so I read it correctly.

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the University Council of Northern Illinois University fully support the students behind March For Our Lives with respect to their right to express and advocate for their individual viewpoints.

And I would actually suggest striking “other related causes and urging our legislators to take action” because I really believe that this is about mutual respect, using your voices. And I’m a little concerned with the length of the resolution and then adding other related causes that the message of the important of respect, freedom of expression, advocacy, and the power of the voice might be lost.

So there would essentially be I think a period after “viewpoints” and take the rest away. Yes. That’s my proposal.

So without hearing other discussion.

B. Andree: I’d just like to make a brief statement of solidarity. I was one who marched in solidarity in Rockford during that March For Our Lives, and they had many high school students who spoke who impressed me greatly. And I just think that this is a wonderful opportunity for young people to get involved. I hope you stay involved. I’m on the other end of the spectrum as a baby boomer, but I really respect and support your courage and everything that you’re doing. So thank you.
K. Thu: I concur with Barb. I just want to say that I feel like we are all adults in this room, and I appreciate your work on this front.

L. Freeman: Okay, so hearing no more comments, I believe our first vote is on the friendly amendment? Is that correct? Or are we just voting on the motion? Okay, they accepted the friendly amendment, we’re just going to vote on the motion as amended, the amended motion, the friendly amended motion. As always, one is yes, accept; two is no, reject; and three is abstain.

Amended Resolution

Yes – 43 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 1 vote

[applause]

L. Saborío: Thank you all so much.

H. Operating Staff Council – Barbara Andree, President – report

L. Saborío: With that, we’re going to continue with our reports, and we have Item X. H., Operating Staff Council, Barb Andree, with a report.

B. Andree: Thank you. I would just like to report about a couple of items. One is past, the other is coming up. The item that has taken place yesterday was a vote by the new local 1890 AFSCME union, that was formed almost three years ago on campus for the clerical sector of our Civil Service employees, that are represented along with many other employees who belong to other unions on campus, and some of our constituents who belong to no union on campus. However, that being said, there is a large portion of our constituency that has become part of this local 1890. And I’m very happy and relieved to say that yesterday was the vote to ratify the contract that was agreed upon between NIU and our AFSCME negotiating team over a period of more than two years. That contract has been ratified by our members. And now it will go to the Board of Trustees at their May 10 meeting to be ratified by the university and, at that point, it will become active on campus for us. [applause]

Sigh of relief. And I’d like to thank Dr. Freeman and many others in the administration, the people on the employer’s side, as well as the 16 or so members of the negotiating team from our unit who spent a lot of time on this. And now we’re very happy to go forward.

Something that’s coming about in the near future is an election for Operating Staff Council representatives. Holly Nicholson is the chair of our Elections Committee. Do you want to make any comment about that? Right, if you have Operating Staff in your office, please remind them to vote. We have how many candidates? Fifteen candidates to fill several slots, so it’s very important, and I believe that we’ve moved forward over the past couple of years to bring Operating Staff Council and the Operating Staff personnel more to the forefront on this university, because we’re an integral
part of this university. We love this university. Some of us are alums. And we continue to, I think, bring good ideas to campus.

And just on a personal note, this will be my last council meeting, because I’m retiring effective June 30. [applause] And over the last year that I’ve been the Operating Staff Council president, I’ve had an exponential growth and steep learning curve of what really happens at this university, and to me, it’s amazing. There’s a lot of good work that’s happening here. I’ll miss it a lot. If I could take my job to Wisconsin where I’m moving to be closer to my granddaughter, I would. I love my job. So thank you.

L. Saborío: Thank you and congratulations, June 30.

I. Supportive Professional Staff Council – Catherine Doederlein, President – report

L. Saborío: Okay, next up we have Supportive Professional Staff Council, Cathy Doederlein here with a report.

C. Doederlein: Thank you. I’ll be brief. Supportive Professional Staff Council this week is doing a student appreciation event, so you may see many of us out in the Commons passing out cookies, and that’s going pretty much through the whole week and has been well received so far.

Our elections are all wrapped up. The real challenge we’re going to face is, as potential positions shift from Supportive Professional Staff to Operating Staff, which will be happening more with the State Universities Civil Service System’s procedure update, we’ll probably have to adjust things election-wise, but we do have our new members who will start July 1. And I can confirm that you are stuck listening to these reports from me for a little bit longer as I have gotten elected for another term as president. So look forward to the opportunity to continue working with University Council as well as the other shared governance bodies to just continue our efforts for the campus. Thank you.

L. Saborío: Any questions for Barb or Cathy?

XI. 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
Q. 2018-19 University Council Meeting Schedule

University Council will meet monthly on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Altgeld Hall 315.
2018-19 dates: Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 30, Feb 27, Apr 3, May 1

L. Saborío: Before we adjourn, just a couple more quick comments. I just wanted to point out Item Q on page 3 of your agenda. This is the meeting schedule for University Council for the 2018-19 academic year. And also please note the change in location for our UC meetings next year. We’ll be in Altgeld Hall 315, the BOT Room. I’m almost certain that Pat will remind you in the fall when she sends out her email where we are meeting in the fall.

And before you leave, one more item.

L. Freeman: I just have one more sad announcement. For those of you who have been here and active in shared governance, or for those of you who are attached to the law school, Cherilyn Murer, who was our trustee for a long time and is now on the Board of Higher Education, her husband, Michael, who’s been very active in the law school and an active supporter of NIU, passed away earlier this week. The funeral arrangements are such that there will be visitation from 11 to 2:30 on Saturday at the Dames Funeral Home in Joliet, and I will make sure that Pat has this information for anyone who wants it. There will be a memorial service from 3 to 4, and we’ll make sure that Liz and Pat both have the Murer’s home address so if you want to send Cherilyn a card and remember Michael and all he’s done as a Huskie, I’m sure that would be much appreciated.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

L. Freeman: Motion to adjourn.

S. Torres: So moved.

L. Freeman: Motion. Second?

M. Haji-Sheikh: Second.

L. Freeman: All good? Have a great summer everybody. [applause]

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.