I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING

IV. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
   A. The Green Team and Campus Sustainability
      Melissa Burlingame, Green Team Chair
      Asst. Director, Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability and Energy
      Melanie Costello, Green Team Member
      Director, Lorado Taft Field Campus
      Proposed resolution regarding sustainability – Page 3

V. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Approve nominee, Mark Brown, Chicago Sun-Times, to serve as a community-at-large member of the Northern Star Publications Board for a three-year term (2017-20) per committee membership guidelines – Page 4

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Proposed university holidays for 2018 – Page 5

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 – 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 – 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
The University Council of Northern Illinois University

Resolution Regarding Sustainability

October 11, 2017

Whereas Northern Illinois University (NIU) has an existing and growing commitment to protecting the environment for present and future generations with the Environmental Studies undergraduate degree, the Director of Environmental Affairs for the Student Association, infrastructure improvements from office-scale to entire sections of campus, and as a signatory of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in 2014;

Whereas every Illinois state university and benchmark institution outside of Illinois (ie: Mid-America Conference schools) has some form of strategic plan to address institutional sustainability efforts;

Whereas NIU has a strong record of energy efficiency and recycling initiatives that are largely unknown to constituents and lack cohesive coordination;

Whereas previous projects to install energy-efficient infrastructure have resulted in significant fiscal savings for NIU;

Whereas better planned and publicized sustainability efforts have a positive effect on recruiting and retaining students; and

Whereas the NIU Green Team develops socially-conscious citizens, in alignment with the NIU mission and vision, by engaging faculty, staff, and students in experiential learning opportunities that provide critical thinking skills and content knowledge important to long-lasting civic engagement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that in light of Northern Illinois University’s commitment to sustainability, University Council:

1. urges the NIU Green Team to facilitate efforts to develop and implement a plan for coordinated sustainability initiatives at the university;
2. urges the NIU community to participate in drafting and adopting sustainability practices;
3. urges the NIU Green Team to continue current efforts to collect information about completed and ongoing NIU sustainability initiatives and publicize these efforts;
4. urges NIU to seek state and national recognition for these initiatives and to capitalize on the long-term budget savings and student recruitment and retention potential gained through appropriate planning, coordinating, and publicizing of sustainability initiatives; and
5. urges the NIU community to use sustainability initiatives as a way to mentor students in becoming socially-conscious citizens concerned about the ongoing success of sustainability at NIU, in the community, and across the globe.

Movers:
Seconders:
Nomination of Mark Brown
to serve as a community-at-large member of the
Northern Star Publications Board

Mark Brown
News Columnist
Chicago Sun-Times

Mark Brown graduated from NIU in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism. He worked at the Northern Star during all four of his years at NIU. During that time, he served as reporter, sports editor and editor-in-chief. Mark attended the Public Affairs Graduate Program at Sangamon State University in Springfield.

Mark joined the Quad City Times in Davenport, Iowa and served as the Des Moines Bureau Chief and investigative reporter. He joined the Chicago Sun-Times in 1982 where he has primarily reported on government and politics. Currently Mark is a much read Sun-Times columnist.

He resides in Chicago.
**PROPOSED UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS FOR 2018**

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