UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 3 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Sky Room

**Full transcript**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andree, Arado, Baker, Barnhart, Bateni (for Chung), Block, Bond, Boughton, Cannistra (for Jacob), Carlson, G. Chen, J. Chen, Chitwood, Click, Cordes, Doederlein, Fredericks (for Briscoe), Freeman, Graff, Haji-Sheikh, Hathaway, Hernandez, Hunt, Kassel, Krmenc, Ledgerwood, Lesnicki, Maddali, Martin, McCord, Millhorn, Naples, Newman, Nicholson, Penrod, Pluim, Prabhaker (for Rajagopalan), Rheineck, Royce (for Nicholson), Saborío, Scherer, Schmidt, Segura, Shin, Song, Stiggers, Tahernezhadi (for Peterson), Thu, Torres, Walker (for Elish-Piper), Wang, Wilson, Zolotor

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bishop, Briscoe, Chung, Elish-Piper, Flores, Jacob, Milot, Mogren, Patro, Peterson, Rajagopalan, Staikidis, Stephen, Ward

**NONVOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Blazey, Bryan, Burlingame, Costello, Falkoff, Klaper, Pinkelton, Stoddard, Wesener Michael

**NONVOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jensen, Kortegast

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting President Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

T. Arado moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by B. Andree. Motion passed.

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

R. Hunt moved to approve the minutes, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

IV. **PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. The Green Team and [Campus Sustainability Proposed resolution regarding sustainability – Page 3](#) NIU Green Team presentation

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

Following the presentation, K. Thu moved to approve the resolution, seconded by H. Nicholson. Motion passed.

Yes – 39 votes
No – 0 votes
Abstain – 1 vote

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

C. Doederlein moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by J. Hathaway, Motion passed.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed university holidays for 2018 – Page 5

H. Nicholson moved to approve the proposed university holidays for 2018, seconded by R. Hunt. Motion passed.

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

M. Haji-Sheikh moved to adjourn, seconded by K. Stiggers. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.