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## University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda, January 26, 2009

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**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA FACULTY SENATE**  
**Agenda for Meeting of January 26, 2009**  
**3:15 P.M. Seminar Room, Towers Center**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Call for Press Identification
2. Comments from Interim Provost Lubker
3. Comments from Faculty Chair, Jesse Swan
4. Comments from Chair Wurtz

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING**

- 977/883 Emeritus Status request, Melba R. Widmer, Department of Design, Textiles, Gerontology and Family Studies, effective 8/08
- 978/884 Resolution from NISG - "A Resolution for: The Northern Iowa Student Government Support of Changing the Electronic Media Devices Policy"

**NEW BUSINESS**

Elect representative to Faculty Senate Speakers Series Review Committee

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS**

- 882 Motion that the UNI Faculty Senate endorse the Academic Program Assessment Prioritization Project under two conditions; first, that monies from the academic budget that have been given to athletics and the Wellness/ Recreation Center (WRC) be returned to the academic budget; and secondly, that any proposed changes in academic programs be sent to the Faculty Senate for discussion and approval before said changes take place. (*Motion to docket out of regular order at the head of the docket passed.*)
- 879 Report and Recommendations on Research/Scholarly Activities
- 880 Diversity of Faculty/Staff and Students at UNI
- 881 Committee on Committee 2008 - 2009 Report

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

Consultative session with Interim Provost Lubker

**ADJOURNMENT**

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA FACULTY SENATE

Calendar Item \_\_\_\_\_

Docket Number 882

Title: Motion that the UNI Faculty Senate endorse the Academic Program Assessment  
Prioritization Project under two conditions; first, that monies from the  
academic budget that have been given to athletics and the Wellness/  
Recreation Center (WRC) be returned to the academic budget; and secondly,  
that any proposed changes in academic programs be sent to the Faculty  
Senate for discussion and approval before said changes take place

Standard Motions

- \_\_\_1. Place at head of docket, out of regular order.
- \_\_\_2. Docket in regular order.
- \_\_\_3. Docket because of special circumstances for \_\_\_\_\_  
And notify sender(s).
- \_\_\_4. Refer to (standing committee) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_5. Refer to (administrative officer) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_6. Refer to (ad hoc committee) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_7. Return to petitioner with request for a more specific proposal.
- \_\_\_8. Return to petitioner with request for additional information and documentation.
- \_\_\_9. Return to petitioner because of decision not to docket at this time.
- \_\_\_10. Other procedural disposition \_\_\_\_\_

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Calendar item 977

Docket Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Emeritus Status request, Melba R. Widmer, Department of Design,  
Textiles, Gerontology and Family studies, effective 8/08

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3. Docket because of special circumstances for \_\_\_\_\_  
And notify sender(s).
4. Refer to (standing committee) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Refer to (administrative officer) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Refer to (ad hoc committee) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Return to petitioner with request for a more specific proposal.
8. Return to petitioner with request for additional information and documentation.
9. Return to petitioner because of decision not to docket at this time.
10. Other procedural disposition \_\_\_\_\_

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## Request for Faculty Emeritus Status at the University of Northern Iowa

Name Dr. Melba R. Widmer Department Design, Textiles, Gerontology, & Family Studies

I wish to retire from my position as Assistant Professor in Interior Design

at the University of Northern Iowa, effective 8 / 1 / 08

*Month Day Year*

I have twenty (20) or more years of creditable service in higher education. (List institutions and dates of employment.)

<u>University of Northern Iowa</u> <i>Institution</i>	<u>1979-2008</u> <i>Date</i>
<u>University of Northern Iowa</u> <i>Institution</i>	<u>1977-1978</u> <i>Date</i>
<u>University of Southern Illinois</u> <i>Institution</i>	<u>1972-1973</u> <i>Date</i>
<u>Mankato State College</u> <i>Signature of Applicant</i>	<u>1970-1972</u> <i>Date</i>

*Dr. Melba R. Widmer*

*7/24/08*

**College Senate Chair:** Include a statement verifying that ten (10) years of meritorious service has been concluded with the University of Northern Iowa. (Use back of this form if more space is required.) *Dr. Widmer meets the standard of 20 or more years of creditable service.*

*[Signature]*  
*College Senate Chair*

*Dec. 16, 2008*  
*Date*

**Approved and Accepted**

*[Signature]*  
*Department Head*

*1/9/09*  
*Date*

*[Signature]*  
*Dean of College*

*1/13/09*  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*University Faculty Senate Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Provost and Vice President*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*President*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Please prepare this form: sign and submit to your department Head. When the process for approval has been completed, the Provost's office will make copies and distribute them to each of the above signatories and the Department of Human Resources.

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Calendar item 978

Docket Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Resolution from NISG - "A Resolution for: The Northern Iowa  
Student Government Support of Changing the Electronic Media  
Devices Policy"

Standard Motions

1. Place at head of docket, out of regular order.
2. Docket in regular order.
3. Docket because of special circumstances for \_\_\_\_\_  
And notify sender(s).
4. Refer to (standing committee) \_\_\_\_\_
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A Resolution for: The Northern Iowa Student Government Support of changing the Electronic Media Devices Policy

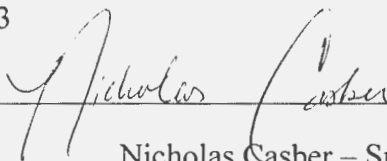
Sponsored by: Senator Boeckmann, Senator Covington, Senator Latting, Senator Meyers

First Reading: December 3, 2008

Second Reading: December 10, 2008

Vote: 26-2-3

Speaker Action:



Nicholas Casber – Speaker

12/10/08

Date

**WHEREAS:** SSR 2007-05 expressed support in establishing an electronic media devices policy which discouraged and/or prohibited the use of any sort of personal electronic media devices within a classroom; and

**WHEREAS:** The UNI Alert System relies on students having access to their cell phones to receive text messages and voicemails about emergency situations; and

**RECOGNIZING:** There will be an upcoming addition of a siren and a loud speaker which will alleviate this concern, but in the meantime, it remains a student concern; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** Students have expressed concerns about the current policy and wish to see it changed;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** The Northern Iowa Student Government Senate encourages the Faculty Senate to adopt changes to the electronic media devices policy which will allow the use of cell phones in the classroom in emergency situations relating to the UNI Alert System; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Copies of this resolution be sent to University Faculty Chair Jesse Swan, University Faculty Senate Chair Susan Wurtz, Supreme Court Chief Justice Andrew Clopton, and President of the Student Body Pernell Cezar Jr., and the Department of Public Safety Advisory Committee.