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## University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2023

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**University Faculty Senate Agenda**  
March 27, 2023 Online Zoom meeting

**Please note that a complete audio recording of this senate meeting is available at [UNI Scholarworks](#). The time stamps noted throughout these minutes refer to that recording.**

**These are open meetings to all faculty. If you wish to attend, email a member of senate leadership for a zoom link.**

**Senators in attendance:** Francis Degnin (Chair), Melissa Dobosh (Vice-Chair), Gretchen Gould (Secretary), John Burnight (Past Chair), ~~James Mattingly (Faculty Chair)~~, Imam Alam, Nick Bailey, Megan Balong, Karen Breitbart, Michael Conrad, Robert Earle, Kenneth Elgersma, Randall Harlow, Mark Hecimovich, Rob Hitlan, Charles Holcombe, Sang Koh, Karla Krueger, Matthew Makarios, Andrew Stollenwerk, Ali Tabei (Fifty percent quorum met, with 19/19 voting senators present; the Faculty Chair is non-voting, as provided in the Faculty Constitution, and the Senate Chair votes only in case of a tie.)

**Call to Order** at 3:30 PM [time stamp 00:00:00]

**Call for Press Identification**

**Introduction of Guests**

Regular Guests: Mark Nook, José Herrera, John Vallentine, Patrick Pease, Becky Hawbaker, Chris Martin, Leila Masinovic

Additional Guests: Anne Marie Gruber, Mick Mack, Michael Hager, Doug Johnson, Brenda Bass, Disa Cornish, Micaiah Krutsinger, Nathan Taylor

**Courtesy Announcements**

Comments from President Nook [time stamp 00:01:39]

*President Nook announced that the campaign has hit the 200 million mark and that the campanile bells will be back on campus May 1. He also mentioned that the campus climate results will be shared at meetings on April 17 and April 18. President Nook also discussed DEI work on our campus in response to House Bill 616. Finally, President Nook highlighted the FIRST Robotics Competition held at UNI over the weekend, as well as the IHSSA speech tournament being held today.*

Comments from Provost Herrera [time stamp 00:13:09]

*Provost Herrera shared that he is going through a second round of department meetings and provided an update on enrollment where, among other data points, there is an almost 11% jump in applications and about 100 more net confirms than this time last year.*

Comments from United Faculty President Hawbaker [time stamp 00:18:24]

*United Faculty President Hawbaker reminded everyone about the United Faculty Appreciation event at WRC on April 30. She also previewed changes related to the Faculty Handbook Committee.*

Comments from NISG President Masinovic [time stamp 00:23:55]

*NISG President Masinovic reminded us to be accommodating to those practicing Ramadan. She also introduced us to the NISG Vice President Krustinger who will be President next year.*

Comments from Senate Chair Degrin [time stamp 00:25:08]

*Senate Chair Degrin updated the Senate on a couple of policies that were voted on by the Senate last year; but have stalled out at the next level. He shared that we will be electing the next Vice Chair at the next Senate meeting.*

### **Minutes for Approval:**

Minutes from February 27, 2023 [time stamp 00:27:47]

MOTION: Burnight/Elgersma (18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

### **Consultations:**

1539 [Third Consultation: Proposed New Health School](#) [time stamp 00:29:44]

*CSBS Dean Brenda Bass, along with fellow new school working group members Mick Mack, Nathan Taylor, Disa Cornish, and Senator Mark Hecimovich, provided an update on the ongoing work to create a school within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Details on the collaborative processes that have been used to make decisions were shared, along with the school's name (School of Health and Human Sciences), vision statement, mission statement, and organizational structure. CSBS Dean Bass also answered questions on the conversations that are happening concerning other health related programs not included in the school (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders) and will share additional information at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Finally, it was clarified that Nursing students will be required to complete UNIFI.*

1540 [Consultation: UNI Bookstore and Course Materials](#) [time stamp 00:50:17]

*Michael Hager, Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations, along with Doug Johnson, Director of the UNI Bookstore, shared the rationale for returning the university-owned bookstore to a private model. Details on the timeline, as well as the transition tentatively planned for November 1, 2023, were discussed.*

### **Items Requiring Senate Votes:**

1541 [Approval of Updated Policy 2.04: Curricular Changes](#) [time stamp 01:01:00]

MOTION: Burnight/Dobosh (16 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstention)

*This policy was edited to align with the new curriculum procedures.*

1542 [Approval of Policy 13.13: Research Misconduct](#) [time stamp 01:03:23]

MOTION: Dobosh/Balong (14 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention)

*Senator Harlow, Chair of the Policy Subcommittee, along with Senate Chair Degrin, provided a history on the work to update this policy. Chair Degrin stepped down from his role as Chair in order to participate in discussion. Vice-Chair Dobosh assumed Chair duties. There were two amendments to the policy. The first was a minor edit (MOTION: Elgersma/Conrad) and the second was a more substantive change to the language (MOTION: Degrin/Holcombe). Chair Degrin assumed Chair duties after the vote.*

MOTION to extend by 15 minutes (Elgersma/Dobosh) (12 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstention)[time stamp 01:28:23]

**Emeritus Requests:**

1536 [Emeritus Request: Dale Cyphert](#) [time stamp 01:30:57]

MOTION: Holcombe/Hecimovich (14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Senator Bailey, along with Senate Chair Degnin, spoke in favor of the emeritus request.*

1538 [Emeritus Request: Shahram VarzaVand](#) [time stamp 01:35:00]

MOTION: Balong/Elgersma (14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Senate Chair Degnin spoke in favor of the emeritus request.*

**Adjournment** by 5:08 PM.

MOTION (Burnight/Elgersma)

Submitted by Melissa Dobosh, Vice Chair, University Faculty Senate

Zoom chat is appended:

00:16:49 Leila - NISG: Micaiah is here to watch as well

00:26:17 John Vallentine - UNI: President Nook mentioned the new bells in the campanile.

Please see this great historical read from the archives in Rod Library:

<https://scua.library.uni.edu/university-archives/building-histories/campanile>

00:43:02 Leila - NISG: It helps a lot!!!

01:02:29 Patrick Pease: Nursing does take the normal UNIFI

01:15:39 Robert Earle (he/him): I'd be happy to serve on that committee (though I wont be a senator next year); I'm especially interested from a textbook equity perspective