

Northwestern University  
Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
James L. Allen Center - Evanston, Wieboldt Hall 421 - Chicago  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Northwestern University Faculty Senate was held on January 11, 2017, at the James L. Allen Center's McCormick Auditorium in Evanston with videoconferencing to the Chicago campus in Wieboldt Hall 421. A number of Senators participated remotely. President Laurie Zoloth called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was present. The December 2016 regular meeting minutes were approved.

The President introduced the guest speaker, Yale College Dean and incoming Northwestern University Provost Jonathan Holloway, who introduced himself to the Senate and read from an essay entitled "The Price of Recognition," in which he discussed the recognition of Black intellectuals and students in the modern university. Dean Holloway also took questions from Senators.

The Senate then heard reports from the chairs of Standing Committees. On behalf of the Governance Committee, Chair Ravi Jagannathan presented two bylaw revisions for second reading. Senator Jagannathan moved to amend the amendment to Article III, Section 4 by striking out "Faculty Standing Committee" and inserting "Faculty Senate Standing Committee." The amendment passed without objection. Senator Jagannathan moved to amend the amendment to Article III, Section 7 by striking out "Strike out 'chair'" and inserting "Strike out 'Chair'." The amendment passed without objection. Subsequent to the counting of email votes, the two resolutions were adopted as follows by votes of 62-0 and 60-0, respectively.

Resolution #1:

*Resolved*, That the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate be revised as follows:

*Article I:*

*Section 3:* Insert a comma after "In addition".

*Article II:*

*Section 3:* Strike out "spring quarter" and insert "Spring Quarter".

*Article III:*

*Section 1:* Strike out “Chairs” and insert “chairs”.

*Section 5:* Strike out “Broad” and insert “Board”.

*Section 6:* Strike out “Executive committee” and insert “Executive Committee”. Strike out “executive committee” and insert “Executive Committee”. Strike out “, which consists of the President, President-elect, past President, and the chairs of the standing committees of the Faculty Senate”.

*Article IV:*

*Section 2:* Strike out “agenda” and insert “agenda (order of business)”.

*Article V:*

*Section 1:* Strike out subsections 2 and 3 and renumber subsections accordingly.

*Article VIII:*

Strike out Article VIII.

Resolution #2:

*Resolved,* That the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate be revised as follows:

*Article III:*

*Section 3:* Strike out “and the Chairs of the Standing Committees”. Strike out “spring quarter” and insert “Spring Quarter”.

*Section 4:* Strike out “will serve as a Committee on Committees to take chair nominations from the Standing Committees and present them to the Faculty Senate for confirmation” and insert “constitutes the leadership of the Faculty Senate. Nominees for the chairs of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees will be recommended to the Faculty Senate by the President, Immediate Past President, and President Elect of the Faculty Senate after consultation with the immediate past and present members of the Standing Committees for a confirmation vote by the Faculty Senate at its first meeting in the Fall Quarter. Nominees must be members of the Faculty Senate at the time of their nomination. Faculty Senate Standing Committee chairs will serve a one-year term that is renewable.”

*Section 7:* Insert “a” after “In the event of” and before “vacancy in the position”. Strike out “that there is no president to transition to past president, the standing past president will continue in that role until such time as there is a new past president” and insert “of a vacancy in the position of Immediate Past President, the most recently serving past President of the Faculty Senate shall serve as Past President for the remainder of the term”. Strike out “Chair” and insert “chair”.

*Article IV:*

*Section 1:* Strike out “for” after “Faculty Senate can be called” and before “by the Executive Committee”. Strike out “September first” and insert “the first day of October”.

*Section 4:* Hyphenate “Fifty-one”. Strike out “Faculty Senate Members” and insert “Faculty Senate members”. Strike out “if pressing circumstances prohibit attendance in Evanston.” Strike out “NU-Q” and insert “Northwestern University in Qatar”. After “in Qatar,” insert “If pressing circumstances prohibit attendance in one of the above-mentioned locations, other Faculty Senate members may also participate and vote individually by teleconference or video conference after notifying the President of the Faculty Senate.”

*Article V:*

*Preamble:* Insert at the end, “The membership of these committees will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.”

On behalf of the Student Affairs Committee, Chair Karen Springen presented a resolution on the inclusion of language on mental and physical health in syllabi. After some debate, Senator Heather Colburn moved the previous question. The motion was seconded and then defeated by a vote of 23-16. During the debate, the President entertained a motion to suspend the rules and continue debate past 7:30 p.m. The motion was adopted by a vote of 23-11. After further debate, the President entertained a motion for the previous question, which was moved, seconded, and adopted by a vote of 27-2. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 26-1.

After the conclusion of committee reports, the Faculty Senate heard comments on the proposed revision of the bylaws of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) from Assistant Professor of Instruction Jeanne Herrick, the Faculty Senate’s representative to the COIA.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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