

**University Faculty Senate Minutes**  
October 10, 2022 Online Zoom meeting

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**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 Breitbach, Michael Conrad, Robert Earle, Julie Kang, 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 00:00:01]

**Call for Press Identification**

Nixson Benitez, Northern Iowan

**Introduction of Guests**

Regular Guests: Mark Nook, José Herrera, John Vallentine, Patrick Pease, Becky Hawbaker, ~~Leila Masinovie~~

Additional Guests: Chris Martin, Deirdre Heistad, Michael Hager, Amy Igou, Katelyn Browne

**Courtesy Announcements**

Comments from President Nook [time stamp 00:00:43]

*President Nook thanked everyone for a successful Homecoming week. He discussed how the campaign launch, as well as strategic planning and academic positioning, are key in laying the foundation for the future visioning of the University.*

Comments from Provost Herrera [time stamp 00:05:48]

*Provost Herrera shared information about enrollment. Applications are up 40% and there was a less than 5% melt rate for students who attended orientation. Finally, early next month, he indicated that he will be getting information from the scholarship optimization studies as the administration works on strategic allocation of resources for students.*

Comments from Faculty Chair Mattingly [time stamp 00:08:44]

*Faculty Chair Mattingly thanked everyone for voting on the two items of business from the Fall Faculty Meeting on October 3, 2022. 170 members of the voting faculty have voted in the online ballot- far more than in past votes conducted in person during the meeting. The ballot closes October 11, 2022 at 5pm,*

Comments from United Faculty President Hawbaker [time stamp 00:10:36]  
*United Faculty President Hawbaker reminded us that the recertification vote for United Faculty begins tomorrow, October 11, 2022.*

Comments from Senate Chair Degrin [time stamp 00:12:15]  
*Senate Chair Degrin stated that the CSBS curriculum is missing documentation and will need a motion to table it for our next meeting. Additionally, he suggested that Senators could go into executive session for continued discussions after the nursing consultation.*

**Minutes for Approval:** [time stamp 00:13:47]

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MOTION: Breitbach/Hecimovich (16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

**Docketed Items:**

1510 [Curriculum Proposals: CSBS](#) [time stamp 00:15:10]

MOTION: Hecimovich/Burnight (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

*Due to missing documentation in the petition, Hecimovich moved to table this item until the November meeting. Burnight seconded.*

1511 [Curriculum Proposals: COB and Interdisciplinary](#) [time stamp 00:16:13]

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

1512 [Curriculum Proposals: COE](#) [time stamp 00:17:23]

MOTION: Hecimovich/Balong (15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

1513 [Second Consultation: Proposed Nursing Program](#) [time stamp 00:18:21]

*A list of questions generated by Senators was provided to the Provost prior to the meeting. In addressing these questions, Provost Herrera and Michael Hager (Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations) discussed the financial implications of the nursing program in terms of costs (both start-up and ongoing) and revenues (including tuition, lab fees, grants, and gifts). In addition to discussions on program size, potential growth, and collateral revenue, Provost Herrera also shared what the nursing program would mean for UNI's relationships with state and local communities. Senate Chair Degrin followed up with questions throughout the presentation.*

[time stamp 00:58:30]

MOTION to go into executive session: Harlow/Conrad (9 in favor, 2 against, 0 abstention)

*After returning from executive session, Senate Chair Degrin indicated that the Senate would be continuing discussions on the nursing program.*

[time stamp 01:01:06]

MOTION to extend meeting by 15 minutes: Balong/Gould (14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention)

1514 [Emeritus Request: Brian Roberts](#) [time stamp 01:01:52]

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

*Senator Holcombe spoke in support of the emeritus request.*

1516 [Emeritus Request: Min Lee](#) [time stamp 01:04:24]

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

*Senator Balong and Senate Chair Degnin spoke in support of the emeritus request.*

**Adjournment** by 5:07 PM.

MOTION: Earle/Holcombe

Submitted by Melissa Dobosh, Vice-Chair of the University Faculty Senate