

Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
March 27, 2008

The most important thing I want to do today is to recognize the fact that this is our first Board of Trustees meeting following our incident in February, Chair Murer said. To wait until we return from Executive Session later this morning would be inappropriate. Each of the Trustees who chairs a committee acknowledged the situation during the BOT Committee meetings on March 6. These are things that we will never, ever forget. It is part of our fiber. Today, we have a lengthy agenda to deal with and we are going to focus on the business of the university.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Murer at 9:07 a.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Sharon Banks-Wilkins conducted a roll call of Trustees. Members present were Trustees Robert Boey, John Butler, Myron Siegel, Marc Strauss, Barbara Giorgi Vella, Student Trustee Shaun Crisler and Chair Murer. Not present was Trustee Manny Sanchez. Also present were Board Parliamentarian Kenneth Davidson and President John Peters. With a quorum present, the meeting proceeded.

VERIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Confirmation of Open Meetings Act public notice compliance was provided by Board Parliamentarian Ken Davidson.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

After discussion with President Peters and review of the printed agenda before us, Chair Murer said, I propose creation of a Consent Agenda that would immediately precede the beginning of the President's Report for today's meeting, and move President's Report Number 58, Action Items 9.a.(4), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10), (12) and (13) and our receipt of Information Items 9.b. (2), (3), (5) and (6) and 9.c.(5) to that consent agenda. I also propose the inclusion of revised item, 9.c.(3) in the President's Report for action during today's meeting. Agenda Item 9.c.(3) is not part of the proposed Consent Agenda. The Chair then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as now proposed. Trustee Strauss made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Trustee Siegel seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Trustee Strauss made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Trustee Siegel seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Murer asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act: personnel matters as generally described under §2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act, collective bargaining matters as generally described under §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, litigation and risk management matters as generally described under §2(c)(11) and (12) of the Open Meetings Act, property matters as generally described under §2(c)(5) and (6) of the Open Meetings Act, security matters as generally described under §2(c)(8) and (14) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was unanimous.

A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was as follows:

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Siegel	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Trustee Vella	Yes	Student Trustee Crisler	Yes
Chair Murer	Yes		

The roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was unanimous.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Murer reconvened the public meeting of the Board of Trustees at approximately 11:30 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Siegel and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 Board Meeting. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am sorry it took us so long in Executive Session, Chair Murer said, but we have unusual circumstances on our campus, and there is a tremendous amount of business. I want to assure all of you that the Trustees take their responsibilities seriously, so there is a balance of being conscientious regarding time and understanding that you are here waiting for us; but also, we want to make sure that enough time is given to the critical issues we discuss in Executive Session.

It has only been six weeks since the tragedy on February 14, and we are all trying to move along with our lives. People have asked me, "Are you back to 'normal'?" but I do not think that is the right word. What I have said is, "We're back to the 'routine.'" And I think we all have to work very consciously to get back to the routine. It is more difficult for us to go about doing our business than it is for us to take the time to grieve. But the grieving process will be with us for some time to come. This is who NIU is now. But as we have all said before, there is a bit more sensitivity, there is a bit more appreciation, not only for life, but for each other. And we are all committed to make sure that NIU is as strong a representative as we possibly can make it to honor those who are no longer with us.

You cannot thank everyone, because every single person who has something to do with NIU should be thanked. Our President should be thanked – not only because he does his job so well, but because his heart pours out compassion that is reflective of our university. The Trustees, each and every one of them, needs to be thanked. I have such an honor and such a privilege to be the spokesperson for the Board. I am so grateful for this opportunity that I have had to serve as Chair in a very difficult period of time. But when I speak, I speak in the words of the Trustees, my colleagues who have been here, who have shared that compassion. We speak on behalf of every single vice president, dean, professor, secretary, dietary worker, counselor – every single person who did their job better than they thought they ever could. The whole world looked at us, and we responded. One does not understand how well you will respond to a situation until challenged. We can have every plan, we can have every thought, we can prepare. But until faced with a crisis, we do not know how we will respond. The university responded well beyond any of our expectations. We responded from a security standpoint, with leadership from Police Chief Don Grady and Executive Vice President Eddie Williams. Personalities, egos, all of those were left at the door, and there was one focal point, and that was cooperation – cooperation at a level that truly has been unheard of, and we have to remember that.

There will be a point where we will talk about the need for review. In these six weeks, we have taken things all in their own times. We did what we needed to do first, which was take care of our students, our families and this university. But concurrent to all of this was an eye on what are we doing, how are we doing it and how well are we doing it? We must remember that we need to be both objective and pragmatic. Objective in our analysis, but pragmatic in understanding we are human beings, and this was a human occurrence.

We could not continue this meeting this morning without once again identifying our heroes, the five heroes who lost their lives on February 14. They are all embedded in our hearts and in our minds. We know these people. For the record, we will name them again, and I will then ask for a moment of silence: Gayle Dubowski, Catalina Garcia, Julianna Gehant, Daniel Parmenter, Ryanne Mace. Let us now take a moment of silence and think about them.

Healing does not happen instantaneously, it is a process. And there will be times when that healing process regresses, it will not be always progressive in nature. We are a teaching institution, a center of

academic learning. And in that regard, following this incident, we need to do what we know how to do, which is to teach and to learn. Therefore, from this point on, NIU will continue to teach and learn but also share in any reports that will be forthcoming. The reports that we will ask for should be for the primary purpose of learning from our experiences – not blaming, but learning, because certainly the intent to do well and to do quickly was put forth on that day by this university. So we will learn. It is our obligation to share and to follow the lead of our colleague, Virginia Tech, which did not have the experience of watching someone go through that process eight months before, but had to learn for themselves. We thank them for their ongoing generosity of spirit and responsiveness to NIU.

NIU's emergency response was fast. We are so proud when Chief Grady tells us that he had someone there within 29 seconds, less than half a minute. Remarkable. Because without a quick response, without EMT, without people there to care for those who were injured, we might have experienced more loss. So we need to know that we did a remarkable thing. There is so much work involved with appropriate cataloguing and studying of the events that this will not, cannot, should not be done in six weeks. This is an ongoing process involving many people.

We were lucky in many ways. We were lucky that after Virginia Tech, we all took notice. In particular, we were very fortunate that Governor Blagojevich took notice and convened an elite and comprehensive Campus Security Task Force led by the Director of the Department of Human Services, the Attorney General and the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. That is a task force that was in place prior to February 14. NIU was very much involved from the beginning and took a leadership role on that task force, which has been meeting throughout the year. The task force and the committees were already in place. So when our tragedy took place, immediately an Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) representative was onsite within hours of the crisis and remained onsite for more than three weeks. The Department of Human Services (DHS) Mental Health Services also assigned a senior staff liaison to NIU, and this staff member remained on campus for almost two weeks to assist with the coordination of counseling services for victims, families and students. Recently, we were made aware of the fact that this security task force will be issuing a final report, and that report includes an external review and evaluation of the NIU crisis. We are so fortunate that that panel was already in place. With the type of leadership involved on that panel, the campus security task force leaders have agreed to present their findings related to the NIU tragedy to the NIU Board of Trustees in June, and we look forward to that.

Therefore, I am requesting Dr. Peters, within the scope of his administrative duties, to identify appropriate individuals internally to review the events and activities that took place and to report back to this Board of Trustees no later than the September meeting. I ask that, in particular, this internal review address issues related to rapid crisis management and the process itself, coping with today's and tomorrow's security issues, and addressing classroom space. This is something the Provost has been involved with and has been working on with faculty and the deans. Six weeks ago, we had to come up with immediate solutions, but we also need long-term solutions.

Equally important to dealing with the issues of the physical aspects of crisis management, are the spiritual, emotional and psychological needs, and we need to look at them on an equal basis. We need to look at victim recovery and advocacy. We need to look at mental health services. We need to look at information technology and communications. The technological dimensions of communication and the actual aspects of communication – what do we say, when do we say it, how do we say it? As we speak today, there already have been revisions to our Emergency Management Plan. Recommendations have been put into place to be more responsive to and to communicate better with our students. But there are things beyond us at a national and statewide level that we have to remember, in particular, related to the balance of privacy and public policy related to information on mental health. We have practical information technology issues of backup, not just at NIU, but how does the country prepare for appropriate backup on cell phones and computers when a crisis occurs – whether a hurricane; a tornado; a shooting at a mall, a grade school or a university – how do we deal with this? What are our alternative methods? We can challenge our major corporations who are in the business of providing cell phones and computer technology to look at backup measures when we are inundated in an instant with trying to use phones and computers. The numerous state and federal programs that need to be accessed to provide reimbursement and assistance to victims, families and the university must still be addressed. We are very concerned that our satellite campuses be folded into our major plan and that we have our

emergency procedures in place to let a satellite facility know what is happening on campus if an incident occurs. But, conversely, if an incident were to occur on a satellite campus, what are our procedures? So we will focus on that.

To the extent that NIU's experience reiterates the themes from other such incidences, we are obliged to explore these issues and add our findings to the very unfortunate, growing body of knowledge needed to address these types of crises. I say a very unfortunate body of knowledge because it would be a wonderful world if none of us ever had to address these issues. We pray that this form of tragedy will not be repeated. But again, I remember sitting in this room last June when the emergency plan was presented to the Board of Trustees, when we talked about how to implement this. How do we make this document alive, not just put on a shelf? How do we make sure that every professor, every student, every counselor, knows what to do in the time of crisis? We were prepared. We will be more prepared. And we hope that we will have a country that will not need these plans in the future.

Now, I have the privilege and honor of bringing you some good news. As we have talked about and dealt with these issues, we have concurrently had wonderful news about our proton facility. At our March 6 committee meetings, I announced that on February 26 the State of Illinois granted to NIU a Certificate of Exemption to move forward with our proton facility. We have a timeline of 24 months to treat our first patient. We are moving along, and things are very much in order. As a university, because we believe in transparency and in accountability, we volunteered to present quarterly reports on our progress, and we are preparing to present such a report on May 26. So, we are very pleased that proton will move forward and, in many ways, the deadline of seeing our first patient within 24 months of February 26, should end up being an asset for us, because it is pushing everyone in the same direction, that is cooperation and being able to treat patients.

Chair Murer then recognized the University Advisory Committee representatives: Dr. Paul Stoddard, Dr. Ferald Bryan, Dr. Nancy Castle, Dr. Joseph Stephen, Ms. Bobbie Cesarek and Mr. Jay Monteiro.

I would like to again extend a welcome to Trustee Butler, our newest trustee, Dr. Stoddard said. Also, I will express the sentiment I expressed in the BOT Committee meetings that in the days immediately after the events of February 14, I was very struck by the commitment the Board showed to the campus, many of them putting their own lives on hold to be here to help in any way possible with our efforts to cope with that tragedy and to move on. I think the campus is moving towards normalcy – I do not know that we will ever be “normal” again. But I see people wanting to get back to work, wanting to get back to class, to their research studies, their teaching assignments and so forth. So I think we will emerge from this a stronger institution.

I would also like to thank the Board, led by Chair Murer, for their unwavering support of the institution. Ms. Cesarek said. We appreciate that greatly. At the same time, I want to again acknowledge the entire institution for their efforts during the incident, immediately after and as the students return to campus. I could not be more proud to be a 30-plus year member of this institution. It has been an absolutely difficult time, but it is wonderful to see the campus community meld as it has, and to rally the support not only of our immediate communities, but those worldwide.

As we have mentioned, Mr. Monteiro said, there are so many people to thank – Chair Murer, the Trustees, the President, Chief Grady and his people – it would be impossible to remember everyone. But I would like to take a special moment to thank our surrounding communities, the school children who made thousands of red and black ribbons to wear, the Chambers of Commerce that provided us with posters and tried to get one in every window in town. Personally, I have received communications from many places, including Virginia Tech. I received a huge poster from a university in San Antonio, Texas. Just this week, we received a big poster from a high school about an hour and a half from here that had a blood drive in honor of NIU. It has been amazing how everyone in the area has come together and been supportive of us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair asked Board Parliamentarian Kenneth Davidson if any members of the public had registered a written request to address the Board in accordance with state law and Board of Trustees Bylaws. Mr. Davidson noted that he had received no timely requests to address this meeting.

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND BOARD LIAISONS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Barbara Vella reported that the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee met on Thursday, March 6. At that meeting, the committee considered and endorsed the following action items: Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for 2008-2009 Academic Years, a Request for a New Minor in Mechanical Engineering, a Request for a New Emphasis in Electronics within the Mechanical Engineering, a Request for a New Specialization in Nanoscience (Nanotechnology) within the Ph.D. program in Chemistry, acceptance of the Oral Proficiency Annual Report for 2006-2007. The committee heard reports on the following information items: Faculty Reports on Sabbatical Leaves, Requests for New Degree Programs in the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Science in Teaching, Master of Accounting Science Program Fees, Fiscal Year 2009 Programmatic Budget Requests, Fiscal Year 2008 Increment Summary and the Annual IBHE Report on Underrepresented Groups for 2006-2007.

Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee

Committee Chair Robert Boey reported that the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee met on March 6. And at that meeting, the committee considered and approved recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009 Student Fee Recommendations and Room and Board Rate Recommendations; three contract renewals, including Student Accident and Sickness Insurance, the Copier and Controller System and the Northern Star Printing Contract; two spending authorizations for the Athletic Sports Camp Housing and Meals and for the International Program Division; three contract amendments for the Telecommunications Services Parts and Supplies Contract, the Telecommunications Services Right to Use Agreement and the Department of Biological Sciences Research Project Contract; two capital project authorizations including a revision of the budget of the Student Residence Halls Fire Sprinkler System Project and the approval of the Project for the Reconstruction of Parking Lot 24; authorization of the Proton Therapy Project Development Agreement and a Collective Bargaining Agreement; and Requests for Approval of a Master of Accounting Science Program Fee. The committee also received reports including the following: Fiscal Year 2008 Increment Summary Report, Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000, and Periodic Report on Investments. The recommended items addressed by the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee are included in the President's Report that President Peters will present for Board approval.

Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Marc Strauss reported that the Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee met unofficially in DeKalb on March 6 due to lack of a quorum. The LAEA Committee recognized the addition of a new Board member, John Butler. Lori Clark provided a report on substantive legislation before the 95th General Assembly and, in addition, gave a brief overview of the Governor's February budget address where it was learned that public universities are to be funded at 2008 levels with no increase in the upcoming 2009 Fiscal Year due to the state's projected budget shortfall and present economic downturn nationwide. Kathy Buettner provided a report on matters currently before the U.S. Congress and noted some progress on the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which presently is being studied in a joint conference committee by House and Senate conferees. Additionally, Ms. Buettner provided an overview of the Bush administration's Fiscal Year 2009 budget request. One area of interest to public universities in the administration's budget request was the call for Congress to slash earmark requests by a minimum of 50 percent.

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Illinois Board of Higher Education Liaison Myron Siegel stated that there were no substantive matters to report from the IBHE this month.

Universities Civil Service Merit Board

Universities Civil Service Merit Board Liaison Marc Strauss reported that the board met on February 20 in Urbana with a satellite meeting site in Chicago. The board reorganized, electing officers for the new year, and I was reelected as president. Three rule proposals were considered, and after discussion, were approved for circulation to the universities and for publication in the Illinois Register. The rules deal with, first, Nonstatus Appointments, Section 250.70, combining and adopting more flexible provisions dealing with the Learner and Trainee Programs; second, Section 250.90, dealing with probationary periods is proposed for revision to extend this period in the event of both paid and unpaid leave of absence; and third, Seniority Provisions, Section 250.120, is proposed to be modified to further explain and clarify the accumulation of seniority during disability. There was a review of the IBHE budget process and a discussion of the board's budget within that framework. There was a report on procedure manual changes implemented in November 2007 regarding change in title, specialized position certification, student appointments and rejection disqualification. Other procedure manual changes currently in process will focus on veteran's preference forms, police testing, demonstration projects, service and seniority accrual and class plan management. The next meeting of the Merit Board is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at both locations.

NIU Foundation

The response that we in the Foundation have received also has been overwhelming, stated Mallory Simpson. We have heard from hundreds of alumni, colleagues across the country, volunteers and donors. The pride they have expressed in our university leadership, our Board of Trustees and in everyone in this room has been tremendous. They just cannot say enough about how proud they are in their institution.

We are not directly soliciting funds for the February 14 Student Scholarship Fund, because we want to allow people the opportunity to give voluntarily from their hearts. So we are making information available on how to participate by phone, on line or by mail. In the special supplement to the Northern Now magazine, which was quickly and beautifully produced by Vice President Mike Malone and his Publications team, there is information on the scholarship fund. We have had a wonderful, very warm, generous response. The fund totals just over \$219,000 to date from about 975 donors. The February 14 Scholarship Fund is a general scholarship fund and will be administered through the established University Scholarship Committee. We do not have a dollar goal, and we are not publicizing the fund, but our hope is that we have sufficient funds to endow the February 14 Fund and have it generate a sizable scholarship each year in the name of each of the five students.

As with everyone else, we are still feeling our way back to resuming normal activities. We know we need to move forward in order to honor the victims and their dreams and to meet our obligations in the Foundation to enrich student opportunities across campus. So we are continuing with our plans as appropriate in a sensitive, respectful and dignified manner. Continuing with our True North Campaign is our way forward. As you know, the True North Campaign is all about enriching students' experiences at NIU. The five students who lost their lives were each beautiful examples of NIU's finest. And through the campaign, we can honor them by helping other students like them at NIU. We have learned that members of the NIU family scattered across the country appreciate the chance to come together now more than ever. During the last six weeks, we have had alumni in campaign events in San Francisco, L.A. and Phoenix, so we have had the opportunity to engage some very promising, very interesting potential new donors. Since the launch of the final phase of our True North Campaign last May, we have engaged about 250 new potential donors in less than a year. To day, the True North Campaign is at \$118.6 million toward our \$150 million goal, about 79 percent. Endowments total \$17.6 million toward our \$31 million goal. This year our giving pace is much higher than it was last year. We are up about 38 percent at \$7.2 million compared to \$5.2 million this time last year. Only a small portion of that increase is as a result of the giving to the scholarship fund.

Regarding recent commitments, we have received a \$100,000 initial distribution from the estate of Betty Lou Holmes Burton, a 1952 graduate from the College of Education who was an elementary school teacher in Rochelle. She never had any children of her own, so she considered her students her children. She suffered for many years with MS and decided to leave her legacy at NIU to help other students earn what she valued the most in the world, an education. So half of her bequest is to support scholarships and the other will be a dean's discretionary fund. Lastly, this is a name you have heard me talk about before, a grand lady of NIU, Ruth Pollack. She has been a leadership donor to a variety of initiatives, especially the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. But most recently, Ruth has committed to establish an endowment that will be the largest ever created for the Huskie Marching Band. Once received, that endowment will provide financial assistance each year to about 30 to 40 students. Our Huskie Band students impressed Ruth. She started coming to football games just because of the marching band. And when she is up in the skybox, she gets out the door so that she is in the stands with no impediments to hear the marching band. On Saturday, President Peters is helping Ruth celebrate a special milestone, her 90th birthday. She is very much looking forward to the party we have planned for her. So please wish happy birthday to Ruth on Saturday.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the items placed on the consent agenda earlier in the meeting. They include President's Report Number 58, Action Items 9.a.(4), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10), (12) and (13) and receipt of Information Items 9.b.(2), (3), (5) and (6) and 9.c.(5) to that consent agenda. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Siegel. The motion was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 54

Well, thank you Cheryl, and welcome to springtime in DeKalb, President Peters said. For those of you who are new to our meetings, every March meeting is occasioned by a late snowstorm, so we are getting back to normal.

As usual, we have a very full agenda today, but before we move into the action items, I would like to again thank all the Trustees for the extraordinary support that you have provided for the past several weeks. It has been evident that each and every one of you has given of your time, your expertise and your friendship during this difficult time for the campus, and I want you to know what a difference that has made to our community. It is recognized and appreciated. The impact of February 14 on this university is massive and ongoing. It is not over. Many of you in this room know we live with this every day. It presents itself daily in the decisions that are to be made, the discussions that are to be had, and the comfort that must be provided. I think we are just now beginning to understand how significantly changed we are and how that change affects virtually everything we do. Before February 14, many of the items on our agenda today would have seemed routine. In fact, they were routine, the sort of annual program or expense approvals that keep the wheels turning, so to speak, of a great university. But today, when we talk about student fees or new degree programs or fire sprinklers or sabbatical leaves or any other routine issue or topic, they, to me, seem infused with new meaning, as though there was one NIU before February 14 and another, different NIU after. In many ways, that delineation is real and apt. We are different. We are changed. We are less than we once were, and at the same time, we are much more than we ever thought we could be. We have learned that healing is a long journey, not a single destination, and that it is very different for every person. We have been reminded on a daily basis of the power of words and symbols as our community continues to search for the right way to talk about our tragedy. I know you have experienced that and when people ask you, you grope for words like, "We're getting back to normal." Words fail us; and you can only understand that if you go through it. Most importantly, we have been given the bittersweet gift of perspective. We know what is important, and we know what is not. We see our goals with greater clarity than we ever did, and we feel them with more urgency. We suddenly know more about each other and we have a new appreciation for the contribution of colleagues we never knew before February 14, our community here, the people around the world who have done such incredible things, the hundreds and thousands of cards, letters, expressions of goodwill that you have received, and we are archiving them all. I just want to share with you one today that is so poignant to me. I am going to ask Bob Albanese, Associate Vice President, Finance and Facilities Operations, to hold that up. Bob is holding a card from the Amish School, with a watercolor by a woman in the community. She was looking for the right moment to paint and portray the expressions from these

kids. It meant so much to me. I will leave it here so you can see it after the meeting. That is one of thousands that we have received, and we will be the recipient of the 9/11 Quilt that the Amish and then Virginia Tech had. Now we will be the repository of the 9/11 Quilt, and I hope we keep it forever.

So, perspective is a gift we did not ask for, and it came to us at a terrible price. Yet it lifts us up and sustains us, and for that we are grateful. Perspective reminds us why we chose to attend or work at NIU. Perspective also helped us understand in ways that we never knew before that NIU is linked to a much larger community of learners at hundreds of colleges and universities where people took a portion of our pain and reached out to help. I mentioned the great people at Virginia Tech to whom we owe a great deal. We will be sending delegations there for their memorial on April 16. Perspective helps us see how we are all connected across every type of organization boundary and how much we need one another. And finally, this expensive and unsought gift we call perspective lets us abandon formality and speak directly from the heart as we acknowledge how much we love and care for our students and for each other.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 9.a.(1) – Fiscal Year 2009 Student Fee Recommendations

The Fiscal Year 2009 Student Fee Recommendations process is an extensive one with student involvement, President Peters said. It comes to me for approval, and I always like to keep these as low as possible. This year, we are asking for student fee increases in the aggregate that represent an increase of about 5.29 percent, and that includes a 7.71 percent increase in student health insurance. Approximately 40 percent of our students take that insurance; others opt out because they have their own. Excluding health insurance, the fee increase recommended is 2.88 percent for students who pay health insurance coverage, and it is 4.19 percent for those who do not.

I wanted to take this moment and say thank you to Dr. Williams and Dr. Peters, Student Trustee Crisler said, and to Finance and Facilities. I know that particularly for Finance and Facilities, there were some extra meetings involved. A lot of the student fee process is based on student input, and I want to thank Bob and his team, personally, for the extra hours they all put in for some of the requests we made. It was much appreciated.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 Student Fee Recommendations. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Vella. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(2) – Fiscal Year 2009 Room and Board Rate Recommendations

The Fiscal Year 2009 Room and Board Rate Recommendations are shown by residence hall on page 16 of your reports, the President said. These increases represent a 9.4 percent increase in standard room and board rates. A large part of this increase is related to the state mandated need to install sprinkler systems. Our room and board rates still remain near the lower end of room and board rates at public universities in the state.

Madam Chair, the only comment I want to make is, Trustee Boey said, that as usual, the state mandated the sprinkler system, but did not provide the funds to pay for it. That is why the room and board rate request is what it is today.

One of the Trustees asked whether it was possible to be able to complete the work faster, if another mechanism was found to pay for the sprinkler installation. However, Dr. Williams indicated that the installation schedule we will be looking at later is dictated not by the ability to get the money to provide fire safety in the residence halls, but it is dictated by the process of having to take certain halls out of service in order to complete the work.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the requested Fiscal Year 2009 Room and Board Rates. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(3) – Fiscal Year 2009 Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Contract Renewal

We negotiate the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Contract annually, Dr. Peters said. It is largely based on claims from the previous year. We negotiate hard and there are increases, but this still is a very good rate relative to the private sector. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the FY09 Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Contract Renewal. Trustee Vella so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(4) – Fiscal Year 2009 Athletic Sports Camp Housing and Meal Expenditure

Agenda Item 9.a.(5) – Fiscal Year 2009 International Programs Division

Agenda Item 9.a.(6) – Fiscal Year 2009 Document Services Copier and Controller System Contract Renewal

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 9.a.(7) – Fiscal Year 2009 Northern Star Contract Renewal

Fiscal Year 2009 Northern Star Contract Renewal is for their printing contract, the President said. The Northern Star generates considerable advertising revenue, which covers the costs of this item. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the FY09 Northern Star Contract Renewal. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(8) – Telecommunications Services Parts and Supplies Amendment

Agenda Item 9.a.(9) – Telecommunications Services right to Use Agreement Amendment

Agenda Item 9.a.(10) – Department of Biological Sciences Research Project Amendment

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 9.a.(11) – Student Residence Halls – Install Fire Sprinkler Systems Capital Project Budget Revision

This request is to authorize us to proceed on Phases I and II of the resident hall sprinkler project, President Peters said. It has to be phased in because of the need to take some residence halls out of service while they are in use, so we could not do them all at once. Also, we have the issue of financing this over a long period of time due, specifically, to the lack of state funding for the mandate. Also, there was some talk of the state providing a loan pool that we could attach to do this. That has not been deliberated or passed yet. We obviously have to find other revenue streams to fund this. The project budget is \$7.382 million, for Phases I and II, which includes the construction cost, the engineering, the selection process for the engineering and all phases of the construction work. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(12) – Reconstruction of Parking Lot 24 Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 9.a.(13) – The Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center Development Agreement

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 9.a.(14) – Collective Bargaining Agreement

This is a full collective bargaining agreement with our police department, President Peters said, which is represented by the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter 291. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter 291, collective bargaining agreement. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Vella. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(15) – Master of Accounting Science (M.A.S.) Program Fees

The President asked Provost Alden to present the item on Master of Accountancy (M.A.S.) Program Fees. As a result of some of the issues expressed by Trustee Butler at the committee meeting, the Provost said, I had the Dean of the Business College and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences meet and make sure there was no confusion about a communications center. That facility now will be called the Accountancy Professional Development Center, so that it does not become confused

with the Department of Communication. There will be collaboration, as well, that would involve the sharing of graduate students and faculty where appropriate.

Trustee Siegel moved to approve the Master of Accounting Science (M.A.S.) Program Fees, seconded by Trustee Vella. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(16) – Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

The President presented the university's Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2008-2009 Academic Year for Board approval. Trustee Boey moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(17) – Request for a New Minor

This request is for a new Minor in Mechanical Engineering, the President said. Because of the way the field of engineering is developed, it permits electrical engineers and computer scientists to have a specialization in mechanical engineering. Trustee Siegel moved to approve the request for a new Minor in Mechanical Engineering, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(18) – Request for a New Emphasis and Specialization

This item contains two requests, Dr. Peters said. The first is for an Emphasis in Mechatronics within the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. The second is for a Specialization in Nanoscience (Nanotechnology) within the Ph.D. in Chemistry, which we have been working on with Argonne for several years now, and have finally brought to fruition. Trustee Boey moved to approve the Emphasis in Mechatronics within the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and the Specialization in Nanoscience (Nanotechnology) within the Ph.D. in Chemistry. He was seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS FORWARDED FROM THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 9.b.(1) – Fiscal Year 2008 Increment Summary Report

The Fiscal Year 2008 Increment Summary Report gives the details on a four percent distribution in July, the President said, and an additional half percent distributed as indicated, after a lot of negotiation. I am very pleased that we could do this, and I thank the Board for supporting it. It is very difficult in these times to reward our hardworking people. They deserve it and a lot more.

Agenda Item 9.b.(2) – Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000

Agenda Item 9.b.(3) – Periodic Report on Investments

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 9.b.(4) – Fiscal Year 2008 Programmatic Budget Requests

This item contains the university's annual programmatic requests to the state, President Peters said. We hope for funding for some of these priorities.

Agenda Item 9.b.(5) – Oral English Proficiency Annual Report 2006-2007

Agenda Item 9.b.(6) – Annual IBHE Report on Underrepresented Groups 2006-2007

Consent Agenda Items.

ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Agenda Item 9.c.(1) – Public Safety Security Services

Now, we are getting into the financial impacts of February 14 to the campus, the President said. I initially authorized approximately \$100,000 for extra security. We have decided that we need that security from now until the end of the semester and have contracted with a security service. I am asking approval for an expenditure not to exceed \$400,000 to contract with Per Mar Security Services for university security. Trustee Vella moved to approve the President's request for Public Safety Security Services seconded by Trustee Siegel. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.(2) – Dean of University Libraries

We were very fortunate to negotiate with the top candidate for the Dean of Libraries, Provost Alden said. We are recommending Patrick Jose Dawson, who has extensive experience in the University of California System and understands how research libraries work. He has a number of other attributes which I will not go into right now other than to say that he had top support of the constituency groups that he interviewed with. He had great interpersonal skills, he had great vision and he has a great resume. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve Patrick Jose Dawson as Dean of Libraries with tenure and the rank of full professor in the library. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Vella. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.(3) – Request for New Degree Programs

Normally, President Peters said, the Request for New Degree Programs would come from the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee. They did endorse it, but because of February 14, our Academic Planning Committee did not have time to consider and approve it. Our Board committee endorsed it in anticipation of approval by the Academic Planning Committee. We now have their approval for two master’s programs – a Master of Arts in Teaching and a Master of Science in Teaching. These are for individuals who have bachelor’s degrees who go back to get a certification and training so they can teach, either in science or other areas. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Science in Teaching. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.(4) – Center for Governmental Studies Medicaid Transformation Project

This item is a pass-through on a grant to the Center for Governmental Studies to participate in an intergovernmental agreement to help with a Medicaid Transformation Project. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Center for Governmental Studies Medicaid Transformation Project. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.(1) – Grant and contract Awards

Consent Agenda Item.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Murer announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, June 19 on the main campus in DeKalb.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no Other Matters, Chair Murer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Vella so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary