

Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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SWEARING-IN OF NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE

We have a very important duty to attend to before we officially begin the meeting today, Chair Murer said. We have the pleasure of introducing our new student trustee. DuJuan Smith will be sworn in today and his term of office will begin officially on July 1. Soon, he will take the oath of office and be officially sworn in, but first I would like to tell you a little about him.

DuJuan Smith is reflective of the students of NIU. I am always so proud when I have the opportunity to read these bios, the Chair said, because these young people are so accomplished in such a short time. DuJuan received his Bachelor's degree in Applied Sociology from NIU in 2006 and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in community counseling. He serves as a graduate assistant in the mentoring program for Student Support Services, is the Treasurer of the Black Graduate Student Association, Midwestern Regional Historial for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and probably one of his finest accomplishments is that he was 2006 Centennial Homecoming King. He also served as President of the Student Association at NIU during the 2005-2006 school year.

I cannot tell you how pleased we are to have you join the Board of Trustees, DuJuan, and I really hope this is going to be a fulfilling experience for you. Your service in student government and experience on campus has provided you with a depth of knowledge that will be an asset. And the Student Trustee plays a tremendous role on this Board. He or she is really the voice of the students, and they are the ones closest to the student body.

Chair Murer asked Mr. Smith to join her at the podium for the swearing-in and administered the following oath of office.

I, DuJuan Smith, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws thereof, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Student Trustee for the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University to the best of my ability.

Student Trustee-Elect Smith's comments were as follows:

Thank you. I am extremely humbled and honored by this moment and the prospect of what is to come through this journey. When I first came to NIU as a first-generation college student, I did not know what to expect. Instantly, I began to get involved on campus, and I fell in love with the spirit of this institution. With the combination of being blessed with the right people in my life and having amazing opportunities, I have been able to serve NIU in multiple capacities. This university has given me so much relevant in and outside of the classroom experience and knowledge, I feel it is my obligation to contribute back in this capacity. I am excited because I am confident that my natural ability to connect with the student body will be beneficial and an asset to this Board. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for its continued hard work and contributions to the Huskie spirit. It is inspiring to see each and every last one of you bring forth your unique talents and perspectives together for such a worthy institution. I look forward to working with and getting to know you all. To President Peters and his supporting staff, you all have done an outstanding job in renewing the Huskie spirit after the events of February 14. This next year will be crucial for us as an institution to make sure that our students continue to receive the support they need, and I look forward to working with you all in anyway that I am needed.

I want to thank my running mate and newly elected S.A. President, Brent Keller, for his continued support. I just want to let you all know that the Student Association is about to have another dynamic year, so get ready for it. To my Brother Deon, for always just being you and for keeping

me on pace, to my fraternity brothers for always keeping the bar high, and for the support we share together in making sure our expectations are never missed, for anyone who has helped me along the way, I thank you. To those of you I will meet along the way, I thank you as well. And to the outgoing Student Trustee, Shaun Crisler, my friend and mentor, I thank you very much for everything that you have done. I have some huge shoes to fill, but I am confident I can do it. Thank you all.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Murer at 9:15 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, Manny Sanchez, Myron Siegel, Marc Strauss, Barbara Giorgi Vella, Student Trustee Shaun Crisler and Chair Murer. Also present were Board Parliamentarian Kenneth Davidson and President John Peters. With a quorum present, the meeting proceeded.

Chair Murer also recognized the presence of two very distinguished individuals in the audience – Former NIU President Bill Monat and Dean Harold Kafer, NIU's new Deputy Provost.

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 revised 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 59, Action Items 10.a.(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15) and (19) and our receipt of Information Items 10.b.(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9), and 10.c.(1) to that Consent Agenda. The Chair then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as now proposed. Trustee Sanchez so moved, seconded by Trustee Siegel. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Sanchez to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2008 Board Meeting. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

I would like to welcome University Advisory Committee representatives who may be present this morning: Dr. Paul Stoddard, Dr. Ferald Bryan, Dr. Nancy Castle, Dr. Joseph "Buck" Stephen, Ms. Bobbie Cesarek, Mr. Jay Monteiro. It is always my pleasure to welcome the Board to campus, Dr. Stoddard said. I look forward to working with DuJuan in the upcoming year, and I have enjoyed working with Shaun during the past year. So, I welcome the change and look forward to continued good relations with the students.

With the forthcoming ribbon cutting ceremony, Ms. Cesarek said, I would just like to congratulate the Board on their tireless work with the proton therapy program. It has been a lot of hard work, but we appreciate every step that you took to see that through and we thank you. I just want to reiterate Dr. Stoddard's words of welcome to DuJuan and to thank Shaun for his service, Mr. Monteiro said.

ILLINOIS CAMPUS SECURITY TASK FORCE PRESENTATION

We were to talk about the Illinois Campus Security Task Force and there was to be a presentation made this morning, the Chair said, but due to emergency flooding occurring in Illinois communities along the

Mississippi River, the presentation will be moved to our September Board meeting. It is so unfortunate that this is happening, once again, in the Midwest.

I have asked all the vice presidents to try to determine how this university could help those communities, President Peters said. We are helping the University of Iowa with their art students. It is a tragedy, and we are going to stand ready to provide any help we can.

There is an enhanced sense of emotion when tragedy hits someone so soon after we have gone through what we did, Chair Murer said. And for me, the comment that most disturbed me was the picture of the University of Iowa moving its books out of the library with a student chain moving book by book. Books represent the heart of the university, so it was symbolized that the heart was moving. And we give our greatest sympathy to the University of Iowa and to the people of the Midwest.

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 (3) of the Open Meetings Act, collective bargaining matters as generally described under §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, property matters as generally described under §2(c)(5) and (6) of the Open Meetings Act, Executive Session Minute Matters as generally described under §2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss.

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

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Sanchez	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 11:25 a.m.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have had a year of ups and downs, Chair Murer said. It has been a time to call upon our own strengths and to recognize our own character. It will be some time before we can think about 2008 and our students, those who were injured and those who are here with us only in spirit. The loss does not go away. Those of us who have lost someone close know that. As I said before, when we see other tragedies, such as the University of Iowa, we are even more greatly moved because of the loss we have experienced. But we also had some wonderful things happen to us in 2008: the opening of the Monsanto Health facility on Sycamore Road. To take a building that has such great meaning to DeKalb/Sycamore and reinvent it to be part of NIU is a feat we need to champion. And I mentioned that we are having a groundbreaking today; something that has been very meaningful to all of us. These are watershed periods for this university. So, I hope the tragedy and the pain that we suffered in February gives us greater strength as we move forward and take these bold steps. Throughout the development of the strategic plan, it was evident that NIU's longstanding commitment to health and human sciences was going to result in the creation of a Health, Wellness and Literacy Center. The university's renowned speech and hearing and reading clinics were relocated to Monsanto, and will be ready for the fall semester.

Focusing on an opportunity this university has not enjoyed since the addition of our law and engineering colleges, today we break ground for the construction of the Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center at the DuPage National Technology Park. While this facility will be created through a spinoff corporation of the Northern Illinois Research Foundation, it is nonetheless transformational. There are so many people who have worked diligently on this process that it would be easier to identify those

who have not committed themselves to the proton project. It is a bold step this university is taking. It is a step that says, we will now have national recognition as a university in the area of integration of technology, science and medicine. How many people have asked, why NIU? First because we are here. Second, because we have stepped up to the plate. And third, because we are committed to education and the collaboration of knowledge. That is what a university does. And in order to be successful, as we see new technologies in the treatment of cancer it is our responsibility to share. It is in the nature of universities and very much in the nature of NIU to share. We will be collaborative. We will use this as an opportunity to integrate programs, not just in the obvious, such as physics, biology and engineering, but we are committed to integration of the humanities. One of the comments I made to Dean Kafer was that when we open our facility in two years, I would like to see that facility engulfed in music, because it is the music and the arts that will give the soul to that facility, and it will be the technology and the sciences that continue to propel it further.

ELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009 OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This is the time of year when we traditionally renominate the slate of officers to a second one-year term, the Chair Murer said. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board for their support and their counsel and, certainly, their collegiality. I hope that I will have the opportunity to continue to work with the Board in this capacity as I hope that the other elected officers will continue to work in their capacities. The Chair recognized Trustee Barbara Vella to nominate the Board's elected officers for Fiscal Year 2009.

I am honored and proud to place into nomination the following slate of officers to be elected for Fiscal Year 2009, Trustee Vella said:

Chair:	Trustee Cheryl Murer
Vice-Chair:	Trustee Marc Strauss
Secretary:	Trustee Myron Siegel
Fourth Member of the Executive Committee:	Barbara Giorgi Vella
Trustee Civil Service Merit Board Representative:	Trustee Marc Strauss

The motion was seconded by Trustee Butler. The motion was approved.

Trustee Siegel made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. The motion was approved.

In accordance with Board *Bylaws*, Chair Murer said, we are going to distribute secret ballots containing this slate for the election of the Board members in order to assure compliance with state statute. After the Board members mark their ballots, Board Parliamentarian Ken Davidson will collect and tally the ballots and announce the results at the conclusion of the Reports of Board Committees and Board Liaisons.

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 Giorgi Vella reported that the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee met on Thursday, June 5. At that meeting, the committee considered and endorsed the following action items: Recommendations for Faculty Promotions, Tenure, and Promotions with Tenure for the 2008-2009 Academic Year, appointment of the Interim Vice President for Research, appointment of the Acting Dean of the Graduate School, appointment of the Acting Dean of the College of Visual and

Performing Arts, a request for a new Ph.D. degree program in Geography, and a request for a new Emphasis in Advanced Computing and Simulation within Mechanical Engineering. The committee heard reports on the following informational items: the 2007-2008 Program Review Summary, Support Services to Contribute to NIU's Undergraduate Student Success, and an Update on the IBHE Strategic Planning Process.

Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee

Committee Chair Robert Boey reported that the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee met on Thursday, June 5. At that meeting, the committee considered and approved recommendations for Tuition Rates for Fiscal Year 2009. This tuition increase is needed to address the continuing lack of state support necessary for the operation of the university, including possible salary increments for NIU's outstanding faculty and staff. The committee thoroughly reviewed the tuition recommendations with affordability as a forefront of consideration. These tuition recommendations remain some of the most conservative rates offered in the state. As most of you know, in 1996, the first year of the independent NIU Board of Trustees, the state portion of NIU's overall budget was 50 percent. Today, it is less than one-third. And that means we have had to continue to close this widening gap between state support and NIU's ability to move forward.

Additional items considered by the committee were Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Guidelines; Fiscal Year 2009 Internal Operating Budget Interim Approval; contracts and purchase authorizations for NIU Foundation Professional Services Contract, Radiation Oncology Physician Services Contract, ITS Document Services and Materials Management Copy Paper Purchase, Waste Management and Utilities Solid Waste Removal and Recycling Contract, NIU Naperville Catering Services Contract, Gasoline 10 Percent Ethanol Blend purchase, Telecommunications Services Parts and supplies Contract, College of Engineering ROCK Program Project Amendment, Department of Physics Double X-Ray Mirror System purchase, University Health Services Multiyear Medical Reagent Amendment and University Data Warehouse Implementation funding approval; remodeling project budget authorization for the renovation of the Wesley Foundation Building for housing consolidated services of the Academic Advising Center and Office of Retention Services.

The committee also received the following reports: Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000, Periodic Report on Investments, Semiannual Progress Report of Active Capital Projects in Excess of \$100,000, Fiscal Year 2008-09 Appropriated Budget Update. Many of the items addressed by the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee are included in the President's Report for Board approval at today's meeting.

Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Marc Strauss reported that the Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee met in DeKalb on June 5. Ken Zehnder gave an oral report on substantive legislation before the 95th General Assembly. He specifically highlighted several bills such as House Bill 1434, which, if passed, would have allowed Harper Community College in Palatine to create a pilot baccalaureate program under which it could have offered bachelor's degrees in two fields of study. However, it was defeated in committee, thanks in large part to the testimony of Trustee Myron Siegel. Ken also brought us up to date on recent passage of the state budget, which includes a nominal increase for state universities. However, he cautioned that the governor is presently calling for meetings with the legislative leaders to address an approximate \$1.8 billion funding deficit issue within the budget.

Kathy Buettner gave a brief report on matters before the U.S. Congress. Congress is still struggling to pass a rewrite of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which governs federal aid to colleges and the students that tend them. A 900-page Conference Committee Report was issued recently on this legislation.

Mallory Simpson made a presentation on the NIU Foundation Endowment Policy. Keith Jackson reported on the university's FY07 Financial and Compliance Audit Findings. Finally, Lori Clark gave a summary of the work being done by the Campus Security Task Force and brought us up to date on various grants and reimbursement streams the task force is pursuing to assist NIU in recouping some of the costs associated with the February 14 tragedy.

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Board Liaison Myron Siegel deferred to President Peters to give the report on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. President Peters stated that the IBHE had met twice since NIU's last Board of Trustees meeting. The board met on April 1 at Illinois State University, he said, where I addressed the board about the aftermath of our February 14 incident. The budget also was discussed. On June 3, the board met again in Springfield at St. John's College of Nursing. Again, the budget was discussed, and we heard a report on the nursing shortage. Also we receive an update on IBHE's Public Agenda Strategic Planning Process to which we are contributing.

Universities Civil Service Merit Board

Board Liaison Marc Strauss reported that the State Universities Civil Service Merit Board met in Urbana on May 21, 2008, with remote hookups in Chicago and Macomb. Agenda items included one discharge case not including an NIU employee, authorization for implementation of the Fiscal Year 2009 budget, presentation of a proposed provision to Section 250.60 dealing with eligibility registers. This rule was approved for circulation to interested constituencies in advance of the commencement of formal rulemaking. A lengthy discussion of an Attorneys General opinion letter that took three years to obtain concluding that the Merit Board has authority to consider dispositions of disciplinary cases other than reinstatement and discharge. Staff is conducting an additional investigation of alternative approaches for consideration by the Merit Board. There was also discussion of procedure manual changes to be implemented. These include Examination Procedures, Section 3 on Veteran's Preference; Examinations Procedures, Section 9 on Police Testing demonstration projects; Employment and Separation Procedures Manual, Section 6, Service and Seniority Accrual; and Examination Procedure Manual, Sections 11, 13 and 17 regarding rewrite exams, lifting proficiency components and voiding registers, respectively. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, at the system office, in the Chicago area and at other locations throughout the state.

NIU Foundation

Board Liaisons Murer and Boey deferred to NIU Foundation President Mallory Simpson for the NIU Foundation report. Ms. Simpson reported that year to date, the Foundation had received \$9.1 million in gifts. At this point in the fiscal year, she said, we are 24 percent ahead of last year at this time. Our True North Campaign total is at \$121 million toward our \$150 million goal. Of that, \$18.2 million is endowment. As you know, that is the focus of the remainder of our campaign, and already our endowment is making a major impact on student lives. We have two years and 11 days left in the campaign. I was delighted to report to the LAEA Committee recently that through our campaign period, earnings from endowment for scholarships has quadrupled during this campaign; so lots of students are benefited. The Forward, Together Forward Scholarship Fund has grown tremendously. What was originally referred to as the February 14 Fund officially was named the Forward, Together Forward Scholarship Fund. The scholarships will be awarded on a character basis. Each year our hope is that the endowment will yield earnings so that five very significant scholarships can be awarded each year. We hope that this will be among the most distinguished scholarship programs at the university. The first awards will be made on February 14, 2009. Tamara Farley, Director, Treasury Operations, shared with me today that to date half a million dollars has been committed to the Forward, Together Forward Scholarship Fund for general student scholarships. And approximately another \$40,000 has been committed to individual named scholarships for individual students.

We are completing the inaugural year of NIU's first planned giving program which has gotten off to a very strong start. Already received this year are 24 new bequest intentions totaling \$4.4 million, and 30 new members of the Cornerstone Society have been enrolled. There have been many marketing efforts such as mailings, newsletters, seminars for community residents and for annuitants, which have done well. Ms. Simpson introduced the director of the inaugural program, John Sentovich and congratulated him on a very strong year. The campaign leadership group, which is our group of campaign volunteers, is meeting tomorrow with a full agenda. John Castle and Dennis Barsema are cochairing that effort.

Lastly, I wanted to tell you about a new gift commitment. It is in memory of a recent graduate student, Brian Fugiel, who was a standout in the Geology Department, earning his bachelor's and master's

degrees. He died tragically of cancer at the age of 20. His employer, his brother and some other family members have created a scholarship in his name. He was known as a stalwart of the geology program bringing great warmth, humor and passion to everyone. The first award recipient is Ryan Cumpston, who has kind of been our poster child for the True North Campaign. Those of you who were at the kickoff saw him featured at the North Pole. How nice it is that he has been selected as the recipient of the Brian Fugiel Scholarship.

ELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009 OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES-RESULTS

Chair Murer asked Mr. Davidson to provide the results of the secret balloting regarding the FY09 slate of officers for the Board. I have collected and tallied the ballots, Mr. Davidson said, and the count was verified by Board Assistant Secretary Anne Kaplan. No absentee ballots were cast. Each nominated officer received at least a majority of the ballots cast. Trustees duly elected by secret ballot for Fiscal Year 2009 are:

Board Chair	Trustee Cheryl Murer
Board Vice Chair	Trustee Marc Strauss
Board Secretary	Trustee Myron Siegel
4 th Trustee Member of Executive Committee	Trustee Barbara Giorgi Vella
Trustee Delegate to the Universities Civil Service Merit Board	Trustee Marc Strauss

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 59 Action Items 10.a.(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15) and (19) and our receipt of Information Items 10.b.(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9), and 10.c.(1) to that consent agenda.. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 59

Most people imagine that summer is a slow time at universities, President Peters said, but it certainly is not. We have fewer students in residence, but as you walk or try to drive around campus, you can see the dust is flying, we are repairing roads, paving parking lots, repairing roofs, tuckpointing, building a beautiful track, working on a new chiller, and flipping some of our residence halls and getting ready for students to return in August. And I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to get these things accomplished.

We are bringing to the Board this morning a number of items and reports related to budget, and our tuition proposal. As we have discussed in the past, and most recently at our Finance Committee earlier this month, NIU remains committed to the principles of access and accountability. And that commitment is evident, once again, in a tuition proposal that, along with one other university, includes the lowest rate of any public university in the state of Illinois this year. As we discussed in committee earlier this month, Illinois' Truth-in-Tuition Law requires us to package our plan in four-year portions. Actually, NIU guarantees nine semesters of a tuition rate under the Truth-in-Tuition Law. But, if we were not required to do so and we averaged our needs out across all students, we would be looking at an annual increase of less than two and a half percent.

Today you will also be voting on Promotion and Tenure for a very impressive list of our top faculty. While this matter routinely appears on the June agenda every year, these decisions are far from routine and result from careful analysis of records and evaluation. Tenure and promotion are only forwarded to those who meet the test and are committed to our students and their research and creative programs. Our faculty and our students are why we are here. The excellence of this university rises or falls in the quality of our faculty. So, along with the Provost, I am pleased to bring these recommendations to you. In conjunction with this, I want to introduce a new member of the NIU community whose appointment you have already approved. Here with us today for the first time is Patrick Jose Dawson, our new Dean of University Libraries. He comes to us from the University of California at Santa Barbara and brings more

than 22 years of professional experience in academic libraries. At his most recent post, Dean Dawson also directed a nationally recognized information and reference service for Spanish-speaking users and has been active in a variety of campaigns to diversify library collections and improve services for Hispanic Americans.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 10.a.(1) – Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Guidelines

President Peters stated that the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Guidelines are a statutory requirement and recommended establishing the FY10 request at the levels presented in the Board report. Trustee Sanchez so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.a.(2) – Fiscal Year 2009 Internal Operating Budget Interim Approval

The Fiscal Year 2009 Internal Operating Budget Interim Approval also requires Board approval, President Peters said. You will note that the preliminary 2009 budget is flat and does not represent the 2.7 percent increase passed by the legislature, which has not been signed by the Governor, and, of course, there is a deficit. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 Internal Operating Budget Interim request. Trustee Vella so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.a.(3) – Fiscal Year 2009 Tuition Recommendations

The 2009 Tuition Recommendations, which come through the Finance and Facilities Committee, President Peters said, represent a 9.5 percent increase for incoming students under Truth-in-Tuition. That rate is guaranteed to them for nine semesters. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 tuition rates effective for Fall 2008. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.a.(4) – Fiscal Year 2009 NIU Foundation Professional Services Contract

Agenda Item 10.a.(5) – Fiscal Year 2009 Radiation Oncology Physician Services Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 10.a.(6) – Fiscal Year 2009 Copy Paper – ITS Document Services and Materials Management

Agenda Item 10.a.(7) – Fiscal Year 2009 Waste Management and Utilities Solid Waste Removal and Recycling at NIU DeKalb

Agenda Item 10.a.(8) – Fiscal Year 2009 NIU Naperville Catering Services Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 10.a.(9) – Fiscal Year 2009 Gasoline 10 Percent Ethanol Blend

Agenda Item 10.a.(10) – Fiscal Year 2009 Telecommunications Services Parts and Supplies Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 10.a.(11) – College of Engineering and Engineering Technology ROCK Program – Research and Project Development Amendment

Agenda Item 10.a.(12) – Department of Physics Double X-Ray Mirror System

Agenda Item 10.a.(13) – University Health Services Multiyear Medical Reagent Amendment

Agenda Item 10.a.(14) – University Data Warehouse Implementation

Agenda Item 10.a.(15) – Academic Advising Center and Office of Retention Services Relocation and Consolidation

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 10.a.(16) – Recommendations for Faculty Promotions, Tenure, and Promotions with Tenure for 2008-2009 Academic Year

The Recommendations for Faculty Promotions, Tenure, and Promotions with Tenure for 2008 and 2009 Academic Year include promotion from assistant to associate professor, from associate to full professor, for tenure only because some of those have already been promoted in other ways, and tenure and promotion from assistant to associate professor. These have come after a long process of review, the President said, and I move these recommendations on behalf of the university, the Provost, the departments and the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee. Trustee Siegel made the motion to approve the Recommendations for Faculty Promotions, Tenure, and Promotions with

Tenure for 2008 and 2009 Academic Year, seconded by Trustee Vella. Chair Murer asked for a roll call vote which was as follows:

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

The motion was approved with seven voting yes and the Student Trustee abstaining.

Agenda Item 10.a.(17) – New Appointments

We have three new appointments, President Peters said, and I will take them en masse. We are appointing Dr. James Erman, who is an emeritus, as Interim Vice President for Research. He was a Distinguished Research Professor and former head of Chemistry. We are appointing Dr. Bradley Bond as Acting Dean of the Graduate School. And to replace Dean Harold Kafer, we are appointing Dr. Richard Holly as Acting Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Dr. Alden stated the general rule used in most colleges was that the term “interim” means that the person is not being considered for the actual position, but “acting” means that the person has the option of applying for the permanent position.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Dr. James Erman as Interim Vice President for Research, Dr. Bradley Bond as Acting Dean of the Graduate School and Dr. Richard Holly as Acting Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Butler.

Agenda Item 10.a.(18) – Request for a New Degree Program

This is a significant proposal to establish a Ph.D. in Geography, the President said. It has been a long time in coming and has been thoroughly vetted. The faculty are very research active, and the focus will be more technical on environmental decision making, homeland security, public safety and demographics. Everyone knows my position on advanced degrees, especially our Ph.D. programs, Trustee Siegel said, so I am very pleased to see we have another Ph.D. program that we are going to be moving through the IBHE, and I encourage our other colleges to bring more forward. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the request for a new Ph.D. in Geography. Trustee Siegel so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.a.(19) – Request for a New Emphasis

Consent Agenda Item.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS FORWARDED FROM THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 10.b.(1) – Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000

Agenda Item 10.b.(2) – Periodic Report on Investments

Agenda Item 10.b.(3) – Semiannual Progress Report of Active Capital Projects with a Budget over \$100,000

Agenda Item 10.b.(4) – 2007-2008 Program Review Summaries

Agenda Item 10.b.(5) – Illinois Board of Higher Education Public Agenda Update

Agenda Item 10.b.(6) – 95th General Assembly Report

Agenda Item 10.b.(7) – Congressional Report

Agenda Item 10.b.(8) – NIU Foundation Endowment Policy

Agenda Item 10.b.(9) – Fiscal Year 2007 Financial and Compliance Audit Report

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 10.b.(10) – Policy for Fraud Detection and Prevention

We had an audit finding on the FY07 Financial and Compliance Audit Report, Dr. Peters said. We have many policies on fraud detection and prevention, but they have not been codified. This was discussed at the Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee meeting, and some suggestions were made to be

sure that certain people were notified such as the Chair of the Board, the Chair of the LAEA Committee and the President of the university.

ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Agenda Item 10.c.(1) – Grant and Contract Awards

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 10.c.(2) – Collective Bargaining Agreement

This collective bargaining agreement is with our Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Unit 86-2, which represents five police telecommunicators, President Peters said. This is a five-year successor agreement effective from 2007 through 2012. The conditions of this agreement are within the Board guidelines for the university. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Unit 86-2. Chair Murer thanked those involved, especially Dr. Williams and his staff, for assuring that any collective bargaining is done appropriately and in a timely manner. Trustee Sanchez so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT NO. 42

Agenda Item 11.a. – First Reading – Board of Trustees Bylaws Amendment

During the recently completed FY07 university compliance audit, Chair Murer said, it was pointed out by the external auditors that our Board *Bylaws* regarding elections of officers of the Board were slightly different than the statutory language contained in the NIU Law. The statute clearly states that Board officers shall be elected by secret ballot, while our *Bylaws* provide for a public vote of the Board members. Our *Bylaws* have always provided for secret balloting, but based on what was regarded as common sense and consistency with public policy on open decision, the Board amended its *Bylaws* in 2000 to provide an alternate method of balloting when there were single nominations for Board officers. It is my understanding the original Board that created these *Bylaws* felt that public voting of the Board members on their leadership positions provided an even stronger accountability to the campus and the general public on the part of the Board. However, our external auditors do not share that opinion and have recommended that the Board's *Bylaws* reflect the statutory language in our Act, or that we seek an amendment to the NIU Law. The Board has two choices: we can pursue an amendment to our Act in Springfield or we can change our *Bylaws*. This Board has made a decision that we will comply with the recommendations and avoid new legislation. Therefore, I ask the Board's consideration of the *Bylaw* Amendment distributed by Parliamentarian Ken Davidson this morning. Also, as you saw evidenced, we acted on this recommendation, and now we are amending our *Bylaws*.

I would like to remind my colleagues that *Bylaw* changes require two readings, so we will not be voting to approve this change until the September Board meeting. Trustee Strauss moved to receive and file the *Bylaw* amendment on first reading. The motion was seconded unanimously by all the other Trustees.

Agenda Item 11.b. – Tenured Faculty Appeal Matter

In accordance with Board of Trustees *Regulations*, Chair Murer said, our chief legal officer, Mr. Ken Davidson, has been asked to provide a procedural review of a faculty dismissal matter, and he has concluded that review with a determination that all requisite procedures have been handled appropriately. Accordingly, I now ask for a motion to conclude that due to no prejudicial procedural error having been alleged or found, the Board of Trustees declines further consideration of the appeal of Dr. Radha Balamuralikrishna and that the dismissal from employment is implemented. Trustee Sanchez made such a motion seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 11.c. – Resolution – Student Trustee Shaun N. Crisler

We had the pleasure of introducing our new Student Trustee this morning, the Chair said, and it is always bittersweet when we have to say goodbye to one of our Student Trustees, but the nature of being a Student Trustee is to move on. You are moving on to an exciting new career, Shaun, and we congratulate you on that. We want to thank you for your leadership, your service and your dedication to

the needs of students. You were always a very active voice for the students. You have been most definitely a valued member of this Board. And you have been a fine representative of your constituency. We certainly wish you the best in your new position at Ohio State University. There is no doubt on anyone's part that you will be successful. And I hope this experience will help you as you move forward in your career.

Chair Murer requested a motion to approve the resolution honoring Student Trustee Shaun Crisler's contribution to the Board. Trustee Sanchez so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. Trustee Siegel asked that the motion be made unanimously by the Board and unanimously seconded by all. Trustee Sanchez, having made the motion, agreed to that amendment. Therefore, the Resolution honoring Student Trustee Shaun Crisler's contribution to the Board received a unanimous motion and second from the Board to approve the resolution. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION - STUDENT TRUSTEE SHAUN N. CRISLER

WHEREAS, Shaun N. Crisler has faithfully served as a student member of the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and

WHEREAS, prior to his election as student trustee in 2007, Shaun Crisler served in many capacities at Northern Illinois University, including Student Association President and Treasurer, Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs-Student Involvement and Leadership Development, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. District of Illinois Convention Planning Co-Chair; and

WHEREAS, Shaun Crisler received a Rhoten Smith Assistantship, AΦA Fraternity, Inc. EF Chapter's Outstanding Alumni and Presidential Awards, several Outstanding Service awards, Program for the Hearing Impaired Certificate of Recognition, Graduate Leadership Award and many other awards and honors during his time at Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Shaun Crisler invested much time and energy in his studies at Northern Illinois University as an undergraduate and a graduate student, as well as in service to students co-chairing the Multicultural Greek Council Time Capsule Committee; working with the National Panhellenic and Multicultural Greek Councils; helping to create the first campaign for student-to-student scholarships in International Programs; GPS service to students using the Huskie Bus system; and helping to design and implement the first online blackboard community established at NIU serving over 100 student organizations; and

WHEREAS, Shaun contributed valuable insight and information to the Board of Trustees regarding the student perspective on the rising cost of tuition, and striving to maintain NIU's affordability despite major budget reductions from the state; and

WHEREAS, we, as his colleagues on the Board of Trustees, want to express our appreciation for his service to the NIU students and community; and

WHEREAS, we are proud of his graduation from Northern Illinois University with two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Biology in May 2004 and a Master of Science in Education in May 2008; and

WHEREAS, we wish him well in his new endeavor as Residence Hall Director at Ohio State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University in formal meeting herein assembled, extends its grateful appreciation to Shaun N. Crisler for his leadership and service to Northern Illinois University students and the Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this **RESOLUTION** be presented to Shaun N. Crisler and a copy of this document be placed in the official files of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of the university and the great State of Illinois and as a lasting tribute to the accomplishments of Shaun N. Crisler.

Adopted in a regular meeting assembled this 19th day of June, 2008.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Cherilyn G. Murer
Chair
Myron E. Siegel
Secretary



(SEAL)

I would like to say thank you, Student Trustee Crisler said. I think most of you in this room who know me know that I have a very strong love for this university, and I have worked on many projects for students and student organizations with many individuals in this room. All I can say is thank you.

Agenda Item 11.d. –Executive Session Minutes Release.

The Illinois Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to review the minutes of their executive sessions on a semiannual basis and determine what parts of the minutes they should make available to the public because they no longer require confidential treatment, Chair Murer. Accordingly, Chair Murer said, Item 11.d. is proposed for compliance with this legal requirement by taking action upon the duly approved Executive Session Minutes of January 1996 through December 2007 of either the full Board of Trustees or standing committees of the Board which have not been previously released from confidentiality. Upon review and advice of the Board's General Counsel and Parliamentarian, the following sections of executive session minutes for the relevant period are proffered for release from confidentiality: portions of the Executive Session Minutes of the NIU Board of Trustees from June 21, 2007; September 20, 2007; and December 6, 2007. Those sections which are still subject to confidentiality, together with sections from subsequent meetings, will be considered again in six months. The Chair asked for a motion to approve this review and determination as stated. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. The motion was approved.

OTHER MATTERS

Chair Murer announced that a bus was waiting in front of Altgeld Hall for those who wished to go to the proton therapy groundbreaking and stated her hope that all who could were planning to join them at the DuPage National Technology Park.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, on the main campus in DeKalb.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no Other Matters, Chair Murer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Vella. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Banks-Wilkins
Recording Secretary