

Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
March 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Murer at 9:10 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, Wheeler Coleman, Anthony Iosco, Robert Marshall, Marc Strauss, Student Trustee Elliot Echols and Chair Murer. Also present were Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore 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 General Counsel Jerry Blakemore.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

After discussion with President Peters and review of the printed agenda, Chair Murer proposed creation of a Consent Agenda that would immediately precede the beginning of the President's Report for today's meeting, and move Report No. 82, Action Items 9.a.(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (18), (19), and (27), and our receipt of Information Items 9.b.(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) and 9.c.(2) to that Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda as now proposed. Trustee Strauss made motion to approve the meeting and consent agendas as amended. Trustee Butler 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, as amended: 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 and property matters as generally described under §2(c)(5) and (6) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall. A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was as follows.

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes	Trustee Iosco	Yes
Trustee Marshall	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Student Trustee Echols	Yes	Chair Murer	Yes

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

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting is reconvened and called to order. We are going to postpone the review and approval of the December 6, 2012 Board meeting minutes until our next meeting. The length and increased number of Special Board and Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) meetings has resulted in a transcription delay. We only have one Board Recording Secretary. We understand the situation and thank you for your service, Sharon, as always.

My next comments are bittersweet. Jeff and Cathy Compher are moving to North Carolina. Jeff is a fine gentleman, and the Intercollegiate Athletics Department has brought great success to Northern Illinois University. Each and every person in Intercollegiate Athletics played a role and was responsible for the successes we have seen over the years, but the Athletic Director is the person who owns that responsibility. Jeff has done an incredible job over the past five years. He is going to be missed, and we wish him and Cathy well.

The more difficult agenda for me is speaking about the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the man sitting to my right, and his wonderful wife, Barbara, who will always be part of the fiber of NIU. We will honor John over the next few months; but whatever we do in honoring him will never be enough because there are not words that can express what is in the hearts of everyone who is part of the NIU family – past, present and future.

We have started our process to bring on a new NIU president to continue the mission and vision of this Board, this administration and these individuals sitting in this room today. The process really began with the forming of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. Our gratitude truly goes to the leadership of Bob Boey as Chair of that group and to Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, Chair of the University Council and Co-Chair of the PSAC. And to each and every person on that 28-member committee, we cannot express our gratitude to you. I have been amazed watching the sense of responsibility and leadership. This committee rose to the occasion to be responsible in its examination of the candidates, and there were numerous candidates for this position, which speaks volumes for NIU. We are so grateful to you for the work that you have done.

This Board will be interviewing the four finalists tomorrow. On Saturday, University constituency groups as well as community representatives will be interviewing the candidates. Again, that speaks to the essence of NIU and how much we feel a part of this community. We would be remiss to have a presidential search that did not include stakeholders from our community to get their input and to send a very strong message to the candidate that this university is not an island. It is integrated in the fiber of the DeKalb-Sycamore community. We hope, by month's end, to know who the twelfth president of NIU will be.

The Chair welcomed the University Advisory Committee representatives: Dr. Rosenbaum, Dr. Waas, Dr. Freedman, Dr. Lopez, Mr. Latham and Mr. Small. Dr. Rosenbaum thanked the Chair for her kind words and, on behalf of the search committee, he said, we were honored to be entrusted with this very important mission.

One of the items on today's agenda is the approval of sabbaticals for faculty and Supportive Professional Staff, Dr. Rosenbaum remarked, and I want to commend the Board for recognizing the importance of sabbaticals, or Professional Development Leaves, and how important these are to the quality and productivity of our faculty. Last year Provost Alden presented data showing the large numbers of publications and artistic products resulting from sabbaticals, and each year the Board is presented with evidence of that contribution to faculty excellence. The faculty recognizes that sabbaticals are among the things legislators fail to understand, and we appreciate the Board's continued support of this important program.

Regarding the search, I want to thank the Board for choosing a search strategy that was respectful of the shared governance culture of NIU. The Board assembled an inclusive advisory committee that represented all of the constituent groups at NIU and then allowed us to do our work without interference or pressure. You created a truly collaborative search process. I also want to acknowledge my co-chair, Bob Boey. Bob was a true facilitator who trusted the committee to do the job of finding the best possible president for NIU. I personally appreciated that he fully shared the chairing role with me. He has always been a great ambassador for NIU, and it was an honor working with him.

Finally, Dr. Rosenbaum said, despite the diversity of disciplines and constituencies represented on the search advisory committee, we were able to reach a consensus on the four best candidates among a

stellar group of applicants. All four finalists are highly qualified, outstanding candidates, any of whom we would be proud to have as the twelfth president of our great university. I am very proud of the work of our committee and the hard work of all our support staff. It really did take a village to do this job.

Thirteen years ago, we had our true first search committee to select a president, Trustee Boey said, and three members of that particular committee were on this search, Mike Malone, Andy Small and I. We were very fortunate then to have a great committee, which brought us John Peters. Here we are, thirteen years later, with 28 committee members who from the very beginning were determined to do the right thing for this university. We have four marvelous finalists for the Board of Trustees to consider. It was my honor and my privilege to be a part of this committee. I thank Alan and all of those who are here today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair asked Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore 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. Blakemore stated that he had received one request to address this Board meeting from Paul Sauser, owner of Star Apartments, LLC in DeKalb. Chair Murer recognized Mr. Sauser for a presentation of no more than five minutes.

A summary of Mr. Sauser's comments is as follows;

Mr. Sauser stated that he wanted address the requirement that sophomores live in the residence halls beginning in 2015. He said that would create many empty apartments which brings with it maintenance issues that landlords will not be able to address because they do not have the income from rents to maintain their properties. He requested that the Trustees take a close look at putting this requirement off. The obvious solution, he said, is more students so that you can fill up everything and keep everybody happy.

Chair Murer stated that Mr. Sauser's comments would be given due consideration by the Board.

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND BOARD LIAISONS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee

Committee Vice Chair John Butler reported that the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee met on Thursday, February 28, 2013. At that meeting, the committee considered and endorsed the following action items: Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2013-2014 Academic Year, Requests for a new Minor and a New Emphasis in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a Request for a New Minor in the College of Business, a Request to Delete an Emphasis and General Program of Study, Acceptance of the Oral English Proficiency Annual Report for the 2011-2012 year. The committee heard reports on the following information items: Faculty Report on Sabbatical Leaves where we heard from Professor Todd Buck, a Professor of Illustration and member of the Art Studio faculty in the College of Art, on his fascinating presentation on scientific and medical illustrations. Associate Professor Kristen Myers of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department of Sociology and the Women's Studies program also gave a fascinating and interesting presentation that resulted from her sabbatical research on the manner in which girls and young women learn about feminism through media texts. Both were representative of the outstanding work out faculty do on a professional development sabbatical leave. Other informational reports we received included an annual report on the outcome of sabbatical leaves, a report on distributed learning

initiatives, funding for courses associated with online learning, and an update on the Higher Learning Commission accreditation.

Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee

Committee Chair Bob Boey reported that the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee met on Thursday, February 28, 2013. At that meeting, the committee considered and approved recommendations for Fiscal Year 2014 Student Fees and Room and Board Rates; Fees for Courses Associated with Degrees and Certificates Offered Through Distributed Learning (Online Learning); Renewal of the College of Law Academic Excellence Fee; and the Academic Program Enhancement and Instructional Technology Surcharge. Expenditure authorizations for the International Programs Division and Transportation Motor Fuels; Fiscal Year 2014 Contracts and Contract Renewals for Cable Television Programming Package, NIU Foundation Professional Services, Catering Services, Copiers, Copy Paper, Commodities, Radiation Oncology Physician Services, and Student Accident and Sickness Insurance; Development Services RFPs for DCEO Grant - Illinois Shared Learning Environment; Lease Renewal for the Zeke Giorgi Law Clinic; Capital Project Approvals including an Electrical Infrastructure Campus Wide Replacement Phase; Campus Alert System; and the Purchase and Installation of a Huskie Stadium Sound System and LED Ribbon Boards; Revision to Vacation Accrual Limitations for Hourly Civil Service and Temporary Supportive Professional Staff Employees; and a Technical Update to Faculty and Staff Educational Benefit Limitations. The committee also received the following informational reports: Update on Noninstructional Modernization and Capacity Improvement Infrastructure Projects, 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 which President Peters will present for Board approval.

Legislation, Audit, External Affairs and Compliance Committee

Committee Chair Tony Iosco reported that the Legislation, Audit, External Affairs and Compliance Committee met on Thursday, February 28. Christian Spears, our Deputy Athletic Director, made a presentation to committee members concerning athletic compliance matters. The committee then discussed a proposed Board of Trustees Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, but decided to table the matter until a report summarizing travel expenses and reimbursement requests from BOT members for the past four years could be assembled and presented to the committee for review. Controller Keith Jackson gave a brief report on the Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Audit. NIU had only one audit finding in that report. Finally, Lori Clark submitted a written report to the committee for our review on various pieces of legislation that could affect the university at both the state and federal levels.

Illinois Board of Higher Education

President Peters reported that the last meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education was held at Kendall College in Chicago on February 5. Among the items of interest to NIU was a presentation by U.S. Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter. Secretary Kanter spoke about the status of postsecondary education programs within the Department of Education. She really focused on the potential impact of sequestration on student financial aid and other Department of Education programs. Also, the IBHE, this approved the requested Fiscal Year 2014 budget for higher education, which was passed on to the Governor's Office. The next meeting of IBHE is April 2 at Elgin Community College.

NIU Foundation

NIU Foundation President Mike Malone reported that the NIU Foundation held its annual donor recognition and cultivation event, the Red and Black. I was pleased, as always, to see so many Trustees in attendance. It is a distinctive competency of NIU that the governing board members so frequently attend alumni and Foundation events, and that builds the spirit we need among our volunteer boards and the governing board. My main point today will be the Chessick Practice Center, the fourth Foundation developed building constructed in behalf of Northern Illinois University. We have secured a loan at a rate of 1.62 percent, which is pretty astounding. We also refinanced the remainder of the Yordon Center loan at a savings of \$100,000. On April 13, at the spring game, I hope Trustees will find time to join us for a

hard hat tour of the facility. We will be dedicating the facility with tours and an open house at the Eastern Michigan game on October 26. By that time, the facility already will have been broken in by the eager student athletes waiting to practice and train there.

Northern Illinois Alumni Association

Before I begin with my prepared remarks, Joe Matty, President of the NIU Alumni Association said, I want to let you know that our board president, Francine Pepitone, thanks you once again for her involvement in the presidential search. She truly enjoyed meeting the faculty and staff of NIU. We also want to acknowledge that one of our current board members, Robin Kelly, is soon to be elected to the U.S. Congress.

At the March meeting of the association, we discussed three initiatives that we are going to embark on over the next three months: the creation of an application for the iPad and other mobile devices for our alumni magazine, *Northern Now*; the development and distribution of a survey of NIU's 225,000 alumni; and the integration of the former NIU Executive Club into the association. The development of an iPad application for *Northern Now* will allow us to deliver the magazine, the content in a more interactive information to our alumni. This will also allow us to evaluate the cost of the magazine as it is more expensive to mail magazines. The development, distribution, and analysis of an Alumni Attitude Survey will allow us to provide relevant information to the Trustees and to the senior administration of NIU. The survey will also allow us to ask our alumni about their views of the current campus climate, gauge their attitude about NIU and, in general, ask them how they feel about their alma mater. This survey will allow for the analysis by degree college and age range and will be segmented by alumni, engagement donor, semi-engaged, lapsed donor, and non-engaged, never give. Finally, Jill Kruger, president of the new NIU Executive Leadership Forum, has not only contributed \$100,000 to the Chessick Practice Center, but has also worked with my staff and me to reengage NIU's executives throughout the campus community. The forum's current operations and activities include revising bylaws to bring them more in line with the association's bylaws, planning a leadership event and increasing personal and corporate membership.

Universities Civil Service Merit Board

Universities Civil Service Merit Board Liaison Robert Marshall reported that at the last meeting of the UCSMB, under reorganization, the following officers were reelected to the Civil Service Commission. Chairperson Joanne Maitland, Vice Chair James Montgomery, Executive Committee members Lyneir Cole and Karen Hasara. Teresa Rademacher was reappointed as secretary to the commission board. There was one major rule change under discussion, and after numerous and lengthy public comments on the proposed rule change, a motion was made and carried to withdraw the proposed rule change. The Fiscal 2013 proposed budget was been approved by the Merit Board on April. It has been submitted to both the Office of Management and Budget and to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Northern Illinois Research Foundation

Northern Illinois Research Foundation Board President Lisa Freeman reported that NIRF had to reschedule their last meeting due to inclement weather. However, she said, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the service of a departing board member, Janice Fadden, of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council. Janice has served our board and the university well over the last couple of years. She has played key roles in bringing together business, the university and different higher education agencies in the Rockford area to bring in significant federal funding. She is departing the region to join her family in northern Alabama, and she will be missed.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Before beginning the President's Report, Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the items earlier placed on the consent agenda that include President's Report No. 82, Action Items 9.a.(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (18), (19), and (27), and our receipt of Information Items

9.b.(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) and 9.c.(2). Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. Trustee Strauss amended the motion to include Agenda Item 9.a.(2). Trustee Butler seconded that motion. The motion was approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 82

Today we are posting good news in *NIU Today*, President Peters said. The headline is "NIU Boasts Record Number of Freshman Applications." We have worked very hard this year with our Enrollment Management group, our deans, departments, department chairs and faculty members. As of today, we have over 18,000 freshman applications, and just over 9,000 students have been admitted for next year. That represents an increase of over 11 percent in the volume of freshman applications received compared to last year. Though I do not have specific figures on transfer students, that also looks very good. So that is good news for us, and it is good news for apartment owners. I want to acknowledge the Enrollment Management Committee and those people who work on this daily.

The President introduced, Katrina Caldwell, the new Assistant Director of Diversity and Equity. In this position, she will work to establish an inclusive community for all students and campus partners. She oversees the following departments within the division: the Asian-American Center, the Latino Resource Center, the LGBT Resource Center and Women's Resource Center. Before coming to NIU last July, Katrina was at DePaul University for eight years. There she served as director of adult student affairs and director of the Center for Intercultural Programs. She also served on the President's Diversity Council, and from 1998 to 2004, Katrina was assistant dean of minority affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she developed and successfully implemented a strategic plan to increase outreach to prospective students.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 9.a.(1) – Fiscal Year 2014 Student Fee Recommendations

President Peters briefed the Board on the Fiscal Year 2014 Student Fee Recommendations. This year, excluding the health insurance fee, the President said, increases recommended for approval represent an average of 2.77 percent for students who pay the health insurance coverage. For those who opt out of health insurance, with proof of other coverage, the average is about 4.16 percent. The Huskie Bus contract, which is negotiated by the students every year, is at six percent, largely as a result of fuel increases. The health insurance premiums increase is 12.3 percent. These are negotiated with the carrier every year based on usage, inflation and other increases in health insurance. The negotiating committee started out with the carrier requesting somewhere near double that. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the approval for the FY14 Student Fee Recommendations. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Student Trustee Echols. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(2) – Fiscal Year 2014 Room and Board Rate Recommendations

President Peters briefed the Board on the Fiscal Year 2014 Room and Board Recommendations. Those fees are being recommended at an overall level of 3.08 percent increase for standard room and board and assuming the purchase of the minimum board buy-in plan, Dr. Peters said. This excludes the new residence hall rates which were previously set. Rates for the various residence halls are set at 1.9 percent increase for a variety of accommodations that are available. This is the first time in several years that we have had to raise board rates, which represent an increase of 8.3 percent. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the FY14 Room and Board Rate Recommendations. Trustee Butler so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(3) – Fees for Courses Associated with Degrees and Certificates Offered Through Distributed Learning (Online)

This item is a direct result of our Vision 2020 process, the President said, and it is our attempt to become involved in distributed and online learning, particularly for those individuals we are not serving right now, the adult learner. One critical piece of that is the pricing. We already have historically set fees for the

delivery of off-campus courses, and this is similar to that. We are requesting Board authorization to establish distributed learning fees either 50 percent of our on-campus tuition, or, fees associated with our online or our hybrid off-campus courses where fees have already been set, whichever is less. We also need to bundle these into one turnkey tuition price. I want to thank Provost Alden, who has led this movement along with Anne Kaplan with the support of the deans and the departments. About 42 different types of programs have been identified. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Fees for Courses Associated with Degrees and Certificates Offered Through Distributed Learning (Online). Trustee Coleman so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(4) – College of Law Academic Excellence Fee Renewal

In 2010, the President stated, the Board approved a plan over a three-year period, to charge an academic excellence fee to provide our law students with internship and clinical opportunities. It came at that time with the strong support of the Student Law Advisory Board. We are requesting renewal of this fee at a \$120 per credit hour rate.

Dan Porter, President of the Student Bar Association at the Law School, spoke to the Board regarding this fee. As students and student representatives, he said, we had the same concern that this seemed like a significant fee increase. We approved it because we felt that the benefit our students received from this fee has been proven over the last three years. We asked the dean and the administration to implement some things to allow more student input on how the fee is allocated. The Academic Excellence Fee Student Advisory Committee meets with Dean Rosato at least once a semester to discuss the allocation of the fee funds.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the College of Law Academic Excellence Fee Renewal, effective with the Fall 2013 semester, at a rate of \$120 per credit hour. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Student Trustee Butler.

Agenda Item 9.a.(5) – Housing and Dining Services Cable Television Programming Package

Agenda Item 9.a.(6) – Fiscal Year 2014 International Programs Division Expenditures

Agenda Item 9.a.(7) – Fiscal year 2014 NIU Foundation Professional Services Contract

Agenda Item 9.a.(8) – Fiscal Year 2014 University Outreach Education Centers Catering Services Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 9.a.(9) – Fiscal Year 2014 document Services Copier and Controller system Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 9.a.(10) – Fiscal Year 2014 ITS Document Services and Materials Management Copy Paper contract Renewal

Agenda Item 9.a.(11) – Fiscal Year 2014 Materials Management Central Stores Commodities Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 9.a.(12) – Fiscal Year 2014 Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Contract Renewal

Agenda Item 9.a.(13) – Fiscal Year 2014 transportation Services, Physical Plant and Capital Architecture Planning and Safety Motor Fuels

Agenda Item 9.a.(14) – Zeke Giorgi Law Clinic Lease Renewal

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 9.a.(15) – Electrical Infrastructure Campus-Wide Replacement – Phase II

You heard a presentation from Jeff Daurer about the status of the first phase of our infrastructure improvements, our electrical distribution and underground system, the President said. Since Jeff made his presentation and brought in the burned out electrical cable, a couple of years ago, we have completed Phase I and now are ready for Phase II of four phases. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Phase II of the Electrical Infrastructure Campus-Wide Replacement. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(16) – Campus Alert System – Upgrade Campus Buildings – Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 9.a.(17) – Huskie Stadium Sound System and LED Ribbon Board Project

Agenda Item 9.a.(18) – Revision of Maximum Vacation Accrual Limitation for Nonexempt (Hourly) Civil Service Employees

Agenda Item 9.a.(19) – Technical Update – Faculty and Staff Educational Benefit Limitations

Agenda Item 9.a.(20) – Revision of Vacation Accrual Limitations for Temporary Administrative Professional (SPS) Employees

Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item 9.a.(21) – Illinois Shared Learning Environment Development Services RFP’s

President Peters asked Dr. Anne Kaplan, Vice President for Outreach, Engagement and Information Technologies, to brief the Board on the Illinois Shared Learning Environment Development Services RFP’s grant. Dr. Kaplan introduced John Furr, director of the Center for Education System Innovation, a unit designed to focus on education reform, to improve student outcomes and to close the achievement gap. The Illinois Learned Sharing Environment (ISLE) is a set of technology services that will provide teachers with the data and tools they need to individualize learning for all students. We were the recipient of a subgrant that went first to the UI, but in this second phase, we are the primary recipient, and we will subgrant to other universities in the state. Mr. Furr explained that ISLE is basically a series of technology services which includes a cloud computing hosted data store, that allows them to do significant work with school districts across the state to integrate data in a secure, common environment. Then we are building the application interfaces so that applications can connect to that data store, which will essentially cut down a number of costs so that school districts can have high quality applications within the classroom. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Illinois Shared Learning Environment Development Services RFP’s. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Butler. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(22) – Renewal of Academic Program Enhancement and Instructional Technology Surcharge

One of the most significant items the Board acted on in 2003 was the establishment of this Academic Program Enhancement and Technology Fee, Dr. Peters said. It fits all my criteria for an important fee because it is a direct deliverable. Over the years, it has provided us the margin of difference so that we could keep our university up to date in technology, especially with the implementation of the various expensive and difficult to implement PeopleSoft Oracle Student System, our Blackboard System and course management systems, the improvement and development of many smart classrooms and helpdesks for students, and many more. The list goes on and on. Because technology is a moving target, we need to continue this fee as we move forward. Also, we now have academic improvement needs, the ever increasing costs of library and journals, and the needs of excellence in our Great Journeys Strategic Plan and Vision 2020 Initiative. This is a five-year renewal at its existing rate commencing in the fall of 2013. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Academic Program Enhancement and Instructional Technology Fee. Trustee Coleman so moved, seconded by Trustee Iosco. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(23) – Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2013-2014 Academic Year

The Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves were presented by the President. As Dr. Rosenbaum indicated earlier, Dr. Peters said, they are really professional development leaves based on merit proposals with set requirements. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2013-2014 Academic Year. Trustee Butler so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(24) – Request for New Minors

New minors require Board approval, the President said, but it comes after a long and detailed shared governance process beginning with faculty, whose primary responsibility it is to bring these forward. Approval is then sought from the appropriate college body; the University Council; BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee; the Provost; the President; through final approval by the Board. That process probably takes a year or more. IBHE approval is not required for minors.

The first request is a Minor in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement. You heard a presentation by Nancy Castle, the director for our relatively new Center for Non-Governmental Organization Leadership Development (NGOLD) within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The rationale is to provide a minor of courses in NGOLD for those students who are majoring in political science, sociology, other majors, who want to focus their careers on the nonprofit sector. They will learn about management of nonprofits and connections between nonprofits and the public and private sector. Because the courses exist, there are no new costs associated with it.

The second request is a Minor in Social Entrepreneurship in our College of Business, administered through the Department of Management. The rationale here is that this helps students develop skills in identifying, analyzing significant social issues that are global in nature and usually have a global environmental impact, and identifying opportunities for sustainability and scalable enterprises. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Minor in Civic Engagement and the Minor in Social Entrepreneurship. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(25) – Request for a New Emphasis

An emphasis is different from a minor in that it is a subdivision of an existing academic program or major, President Peters explained. It is usually a bundle of courses that goes through the same curricular and approval processes I described for a minor, but an emphasis is reported to the IBHE. This request is for an Emphasis in Justice and Democracy: The American Experiment. The idea behind The American Experiment is the old argument that the American brand of democracy is particularistic, there is something different and unique about the American experience. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Request for a New Emphasis in Justice and Democracy: The American Experiment. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(26) – Request to Delete an Emphasis and a General Program of Study

Basically, due to a lack of students, a request is being made to delete the Emphasis in Environmental Science Teaching within the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. We have no environmental chemists, and there are newer options for individuals who want to get in environmental science credentialing for middle school. The second request is to delete the general program of study in Kinesiology and Physical Education. That has moved to more specialized programs of study like adaptive physical education, exercise physiology, fitness leadership, pedagogy and so forth. Any current students would be accommodated. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the deletion of the Emphasis in Environmental Science Teaching within the B.S. in Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the General Program of Study in Kinesiology and Physical Education within the M.S.Ed. in Kinesiology and Physical Education in the College of Education. Trustee Marshall so moved, seconded Trustee Butler. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.a.(27) – Oral English Proficiency Annual Report 2011-2012

Consent Agenda items.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS FORWARDED FROM THE BOARD COMMITTEES

- Agenda Item 9.b.(1) – Projects Related to Campus Noninstructional Modernization and Capacity Improvement – Update on Infrastructure Projects**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(2) – Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(3) – Periodic Report on Investments**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(4) – Fourth Annual Report on the Outcomes of Sabbatical Leaves**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(5) – Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Update**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(6) – NIU Athletic Compliance Report**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(7) – Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Audit**
- Agenda Item 9.b.(8) – Possible Impact of Sequestration on Northern Illinois University**

Consent Agenda items.

ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Agenda Item 9.c.(1) – Collective Bargaining Agreement

President Peters brought three collective bargaining agreements for approval. They are all subject to negotiation and agreements, he said, and those agreements are submitted to you for approval. The first agreement is with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31, Local 963, representing 296 employees in building services and dining services at the DeKalb and Lorado Taft Campuses. This is a tentative agreement that the negotiating teams have agreed to, but the rank and file have to ratify. This is a full, five-year successor agreement that beginning July 1, 2012 through 2017. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31, Local 963. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved.

The second agreement is with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union 399, representing a total of 38 employees: one Assistant Plant Operating Engineer, four Lead Plant Stationary Engineers, 15 Stationary Engineers, 5 Stationary Firemen and 13 Stationary Fireman Helpers. This is a full, five-year successor agreement effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union 399. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved.

The third agreement is with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, representing 10 employees in the Route Driver classification. This is a full, five-year successor agreement effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150. Trustee Strauss so moved and requested a roll call. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion.

A roll call vote of the Trustees was as follows:

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Abstain
Trustee Coleman	Yes	Trustee Iosco	Abstain
Trustee Marshall	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Student Trustee Echols	Yes	Chair Murer	Yes

The motion was approved with six Trustees voting yes and two Trustees abstaining.

Agenda Item 9.c.(2) – Grant and Contract Awards

Consent Agenda item.

Agenda Item 9.c.(3) – Organizational Realignment

President Peters announced the appointment of a Vice President for Public Safety and Community Relations. Bill Nicklas presently serves at the Acting Director of Public Safety and Associate Vice President for Institutional Planning and Sustainability, the President said. Bill joined NIU in October 2011 to oversee community based strategies and economic development initiatives. In November, we moved the authority for Public Safety and Community Relations under Bill, and he has done a marvelous job. He will be in charge of Public Safety and will also act as the senior crisis management leader. Any time we have a crisis of any sort, whether natural, weather, whatever, and we have to be called into immediate action to deal with it by our National Incident Management System (NIMS), we need one individual who does this 24-7 job, and Bill will be assuming those responsibilities. Because of his unique background as a City Manager both in DeKalb and in Sycamore, and his tremendous knowledge and respect in the community, Bill will be in charge of our community initiatives. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Bill Nicklas as Vice President for Public Safety and Community Relations. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Iosco. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.(4) – Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Center Foundation Operating Lease and Ground Lease Agreements

Mike Malone provided an update on the Foundation's progress with the financing and construction schedule for the Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Center. It is now time for Board approval to enter into an operating lease with the NIU Foundation for the Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Center for a term not to exceed 89 months beginning October 1, 2013, and a ground lease for a term not to exceed 20 years with options for renewal. The operating lease will include scheduled semiannual payments beginning on February 15, 2014. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Center Foundation Operating Lease and Ground Lease Agreements. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT NO. 59

Agenda Item 10.a.(1) – Honorary Doctorate Recommendation

For the first time, Chair Murer announced, Northern Illinois University will confer an honorary degree on a member of a royal family. The Honorary Degree Committee met on March 8 and unanimously determined that Her Royal Highness, Thai Princess, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's international prominence as a scholar and humanitarian and her commitment to preserving Thai language and culture qualified her as an appropriate and meritorious candidate for an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from NIU. I also am pleased that this occurs concurrently with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, which is parallel to none. We have a jewel in our crown, in the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and I cannot think of a more appropriate way of recognizing both. Her Royal Highness is a professor who joined the Department of Law and Social Sciences at the Royal Military Academy, she is a scholar and a head of state. We are extraordinarily honored that she has accepted this honorary degree. It is my understanding that concurrent to her trip to the United States sometime in the next several months, Her Royal Highness will be on campus.

Agenda Item 10.a.(2) – Honorary Doctorate Recommendation

Again, we are so pleased that the nomination of Former-Governor James Thompson has been accepted for an Honorary Doctor of Law that will be awarded at the Law School's commencement ceremony on May 17, the Chair stated. Former-Governor Thompson, regardless of politics, is an individual of scholarship, he is an individual of public service in both the public and private sector. He is chairman of Winston & Strawn.

Governor Thompson put forth a great effort using the State's Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to promote business in the state of Illinois. He had a great presence not only in Europe, but in Japan, where because of his physical stature, they regarded him as a giant. On both a personal and a professional level, I am delighted that he will be honored in such a way by the College of Law.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the conferring of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and an Honorary Doctor of Law to Former-Governor James Thompson. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.b. – Resolution – Authorization for Board Recording Secretary and Procurement to Affix Board Secretary Signature and University Seal to State Contracts

The State Finance Act requires that appropriations to the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University be certified by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the attachment of the university’s corporate seal, the Chair said. Therefore, in order to comply with the statutory requirements, the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University authorizes the Board Recording Secretary and authorized university Procurement officials, to affix the signature of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Northern Illinois University seal to contracts as required by statute. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the resolution, Authorization for Board Recording Secretary and Procurement to Affix Board Secretary Signature and University Seal to State Contracts. Trustee Marshall so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.c. – Appointment of Acting Treasurer

Dr. Williams has held the position of Board Treasurer admirably since the Board was incorporated in 1996, Chair Murer said. The item before the Board today provides Dr. Steven Cunningham, Acting Vice President and Chief of Operations, with the additional duties of Acting Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Steve will serve in this position until and unless further Board of Trustees action occurs. The Chair asked for a motion to approve this the appointment of Dr. Steven Cunningham as Acting Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

OTHER MATTERS

Student Trustee Echols requested Board of Trustees approval to permit the NIU Student Association to name offices, common areas and conference rooms within the area allocated to the Student Association within the Campus Life Building. Such naming rights, he said, will be effective immediately and will remain in effect until the Board of Trustees adopts a campus-wide policy pertaining to interior space within all university owned facilities. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve this naming rights request. Trustee Boey 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, as amended: personnel matters as generally described under §2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act, and litigation and risk management matters as generally described under §2(c)(11) and (12) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes	Trustee Iosco	Yes
Trustee Marshall	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Student Trustee Echols	Yes	Chair Murer	Yes

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Vice Chair Boey reconvened the public meeting at approximately 4:31 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Boey entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Banks-Wilkins
Recording Secretary

In compliance with Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq, a verbatim record of all Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees meetings is maintained by the Board Recording Secretary and is available for review upon request. The minutes contained herein represent a true and accurate summary of the Board proceedings.