

Minutes of the  
Special Meeting of the  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
May 23, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Murer at 1:23 p.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**

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Butler made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as proposed, with the exception of items 6.d. and 6.e. Trustee Strauss seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved as amended.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Murer recognized the University Advisory Committee representatives: Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, Dr. Gregory Waas, Dr. Kerry Freedman, Dr. Rosita Lopez, Mr. Todd Latham and Mr. Andy Small.

**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 no requests had been received to address this Board meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 83**

**UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Agenda Item 6.a. – Approval of Northern Illinois University Policy on the Use of External Search Firms, as Mandated by State Law**

Dr. Steven Cunningham stated that Public Act 97-814 requires that a search firm policy be enacted by the Board of Trustees within six months of the effective date of the public act, which was January 1, 2013. The policy would provide that a search firm could be used for a presidential search. A series of guidelines are presented for the President to make a determination as to whether or not use of an external search firm would be recommended. If so, that would be presented to the Board of Trustees for authorization. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Northern Illinois University Policy on the Use of External Search Firms. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Butler. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 6.b. – Academic Affairs/Finance and Facilities/ ITS – University Business Analytics and Data Warehouse License Migration**

The comprehensive Oracle/PeopleSoft Enterprise Resource Planning package is a renewal of current licenses, migration of some existing licenses to updated products, as well as the acquisition of the new data warehouse program from the Oracle Corporation that we discussed earlier today in the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee, Dr. Cunningham stated. This would bring all of our Oracle components together in one package. As indicated earlier, the negotiated terms are very favorable to the university, but will expire as of June 1. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Academic Affairs/Finance and Facilities/ ITS – University Business Analytics and Data Warehouse License Migration. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 6.c. – Appointment of Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management**

The Board has received the curriculum vita of Dr. Eric Weldy, who has been identified as the choice of the President and the group involved in that search, to serve as the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management effective July 1, 2013, Chair Murer said. In summary, Dr. Cunningham said, Dr. Lisa Freeman was chair of that very successful search, and Dr. Weldy was chosen from three very well qualified candidates we brought to campus. He interacted extensively with President-Designate Baker and completed the offer and acceptance process last week, subject to the Board’s approval. Dr. Weldy has a doctorate from the University of Illinois. He is currently the associate vice president for student affairs at Florida State University. Before that, he was an associate vice chancellor for student life at the University of Minnesota. At the University of Illinois, he was assistant dean of students and held various capacities in the University of Illinois Urbana campus over a period of ten years, and before that was employed at Millikin University in Decatur. Both President Peters and President-Designate Baker recommend your approval of this appointment.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Eric Weldy as Vice President, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, effective July 1. Trustee Iosco so moved, seconded by Student Trustee Echols. The motion was approved.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Chair announced that the next scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Thursday, December 5.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Murer entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Banks-Wilkins  
Recording Secretary

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