

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel
Committee Meeting
February 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Committee Chair Robert Pritchard. This Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee meeting is being conducted through video conferencing communications and is being conducted pursuant to Section 6 of Executive Order 2020-7 (Suspending OMA requirements of in person attendance by members of a public body). Recording Secretary Mia Hannon conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present

Trustee Aidan Shields: Present

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Present

Also present were President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram; Board Liaison and Chief of Staff Matt Streb; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Sarah Chinniah; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Jerry Blazey; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications Sol Jensen; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Vernese Edghill-Walden; Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Omar Ghrayeb; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Chad McEvoy; Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Carolinda Douglass; Vice President for University Advancement and CEO NIU Foundation Catherine Squires; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kelly Wesener-Michael; Associate Vice President for Finance and Treasury Shyree Sanan; Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Matthew Parks; Associate Vice President for Management and Campus Services John Heckmann; Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs Dara Little; and University Advisory Council Representatives Kathryn Jaekel, Cathy Doederlein, Greg Beyer, Sarah Marsh, Kendall Thu and Natasha Johnson.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

General Counsel Perry indicated the appropriate notification of the meeting had been provided pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and advised that a quorum was present.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Pritchard welcomed those in attendance and provided a brief overview of the agenda. He also recognized the members of the University Advisory Committee.

UAC Representative Kendall Thu spoke about categories of faculty, the social justice committee, and an agreement about grades for Spring 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Pritchard inquired to Mr. Perry if any members of the public registered a request to address the board in accordance with state law and Board of Trustees bylaws.

General Counsel Perry noted that one public comment was registered but was later withdrawn. There are no further public comments.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram to present the following university recommendations.

Agenda Item 7.a. Request for New Minor in Financial Counseling

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve item 7.a. Trustee Shields so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard opened the floor for discussion and then asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.b. Request for New Minor in Sport Analytics

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve item 7.b. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Gayles seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard opened the floor for discussion and then asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.c. Request for New Minor in Sport Journalism

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve item 7.c. Trustee Athas so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard opened the floor for discussion and then asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.d. Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve item 7.d. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard opened the floor for discussion and then asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram to present the following informational items.

Agenda Item 8.a. Men's Basketball Head Coach Search Update

EVPP Ingram presented Information Item 8.a. Men's Basketball Head Coach Search Update.

There was no discussion.

Agenda Item 8.b. Annual Report on the Outcomes of Sabbatical Leaves

EVPP Ingram presented Information Item 8.b. Annual Report on the Outcomes of Sabbatical Leaves.

There was no discussion.

Agenda Item 8.c. Faculty Presentation on Sabbatical Leave

EVPP Ingram presented Information Item 8.c. Faculty Presentation on Sabbatical Leave. Associate Professor Orna Arania, School of Music, gave a brief presentation on her scholarly work completed during her sabbatical leave.

OTHER MATTERS

Committee Chair Pritchard asked if there are other matters. There were none.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee will be Thursday, May 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Athas so moved, and Board Chair Barsema seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

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.