

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel**  
**Committee Meeting**  
February 10, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 a.m. by Committee Chair Montel Gayles in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall.

Recording Secretary Mia Hannon conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Present

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Present

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: 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 Chief Diversity Officer Vernese Edghill-Walden; Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences Lynda Ransdell; Dean of the College of Education Laurie Elish-Piper; Chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education Todd Gilson; Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Leslie Matuszewich; Director of Architectural and Engineering Services Belinda Roller; Associate Professor Justin Dodd from the Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences and University Advisory Council Representative Peter Chomentowski.

**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 Gayles asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Athas so moved, and Board Chair Wasowicz seconded.

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

## REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2021. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

## CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Gayles welcomed those in attendance and provided a brief overview of the agenda. He also recognized the members of the University Advisory Committee who did not have comments.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Gayles inquired to General Counsel 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 advised that no requests for public comment had been received.

## UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### **Agenda Item 7.a. Appointment of Dean, Graduate School and Associate Vice President, International Affairs**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

### **Agenda Item 7.b. Recommendation for Faculty Tenure and/or Promotion Effective 2022-2023**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 7.c. Request for New Minor in Sport for Development and Social Change**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent
Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes
Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes	Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent
Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 7.d. Request for New Minor in Psychosocial Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent
Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes
Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes	Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent
Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 7.e. Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2022-2023 Academic Year**

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve item 7.e. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Committee Vice Chair Butler seconded.

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent
Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes
Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes	Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent
Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved

**UNIVERSITY REPORTS**

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

**Agenda Item 8.a. Faculty Presentation on Sabbatical Leave**

President Freeman introduced item 8.a. Associate Professor Justin Dodd, gave a faculty sabbatical presentation.

*Committee Vice Chair John Butler left at 9:19 a.m. and returned at 9:25 a.m.*

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

EVPP Ingram presented agenda item 8.b. EVPP Ingram presented an executive summary of the sabbatical report for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

**Agenda Item 8.c. Health Informatics Technology Center (HITC) Update**

Dean Ransdell, Associate Dean Matuszewich and Director Roller presented agenda item 8.c. They gave a design update on the Health Informatics Technology Center.

**Agenda Item 8.d. Tuition and Pricing**

EVPP Ingram and VP Jensen presented agenda item 8.d. They presented on initiatives that are underway and emerging to support student success.

*Board Chair Eric Wasowicz left at 10:33 a.m.*

**OTHER MATTERS**

Committee Chair Gayles asked if there were other matters. There were none.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee will be Thursday, May 12, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Pritchard so moved, and Committee Vice Chair Butler seconded.

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

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| Trustee Rita Athas: Yes               | Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent  |
| Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes           | Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes        |
| Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes | Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent      |
| Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes    | Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Absent |

The motion was approved.

*Board Chair Eric Wasowicz returned at 10:36 a.m. after the roll call vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon  
Recording Secretary

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