

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel**  
**Committee Meeting**  
May 12, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 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: Absent

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

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; Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jim Cofer; 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; Vice President for Student Affairs Clint-Michael Reneau; Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Matt Parks; Dean of the College of Business Balaji Rajagopalan; Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Mike Stang, Deputy Athletic Director/Executive Associate Athletic Director for Operations John Cheney and University Advisory Council Representatives Peter Chomentowski and Katy Jaekel.

**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 Pritchard so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded. The motion was approved.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2022. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded. 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.

Dr. Katy Jaekel stated excitement for Dr. Clint-Michael Reneau's appointment as NIU's VPSA

and that the campus community is thrilled to welcome him. Dr. Jaekel also stated excitement about the recommendations on promotion and tenure and that NIU's Dr. Anna Quider served as a panelist at the 479th national science board meeting.

#### **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 the one request for public comment was withdrawn, and no other requests were 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 Vice President for Student Affairs**

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

*8:32 a.m. Trustee Rita Athas arrived.*

##### **Agenda Item 7.b. Appointment of Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences**

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve item 7.b. Trustee Pritchard so moved, and Committee Vice Chair Butler seconded. The motion was approved.

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

EVPP Ingram recommended a change to the item. Dr. Thomas Skuzinski was incorrectly listed in the promotion to associate professor to professor section and should have been listed in the tenure only at the rank of associate professor section.

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

#### **UNIVERSITY REPORTS**

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

##### **Agenda Item 8.a. Annual Report on Northern Illinois University's Partnership with Northwestern Medicine 2021-2022**

EVPP Ingram informed the board that there wasn't a presentation but a report for agenda item 8.a. and that AVP Stang and DAD/EAAD Cheney were in attendance to answer any questions.

#### **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, August 18, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

Recording Secretary

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