



Special Meeting  
of the  
Board of Trustees

*May 12, 2022*

**Special Meeting of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
12:00 p.m. – Thursday – May 12, 2022  
Board of Trustees Room  
315 Altgeld Hall**

**AGENDA**

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11. Adjournment

\*Individuals wishing to make an appearance before the Board should consult the [Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University](#), Article II, Section 4 – *Appearances before the Board*. Appearance request forms can be completed [online](#) in advance of the meeting or will be available in the Board Room the day of the meeting. For more information contact Crystal Doyle [ccoppel@niu.edu](mailto:ccoppel@niu.edu).

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Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Regular Meeting**  
March 24, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Eric Wasowicz in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. This meeting is being conducted in person and through videoconferencing communications pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, enacted June 12, 2020, and section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, allowing for virtual board meetings during a disaster declaration relating to public health concerns. As Chair of the Board, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. As such, trustees may attend today's meeting by audio and visual conferencing and not by physical presence.

Recording Secretary Crystal Doyle conducted a roll call.

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

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Chief of Staff and Board Liaison 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 Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vernese Edghill-Walden; Vice President for University Advancement Catherine Squires; Associate Vice President John Heckmann; Dean of the College of Education Laurie Elish-Piper; Dean of the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology Don Peterson; Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Sean Frazier; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communication Sol Jensen; Deputy Athletic Director/Executive Associate Athletic Director for Operations John Cheney; Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Monique Bernoudy; President NIU Alumni Association Joe Sener; NIU Alumni Association Executive Director Reggie Bustinza and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representatives Peter Chomentowski, Katy Jaekel and Holly Nicholson.

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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

*Trustee John Butler joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.*

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to amend that motion, in order to approve a consent agenda for action items 9.a.1. through 9.a.7. and 9.a.9. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Butler seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

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

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

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Wasowicz introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry indicated that there were no registered public comments.

#### **CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Wasowicz welcomed the members of the University Advisory Council who were present and asked if any of the UAC members had any comments.

UAC Representative Nicholson thanked VP/CFO Sarah Chinniah for all that she has done for NIU and wishes her well at the University of Missouri.

Chair Wasowicz stated that NIU is heartbroken for Ukraine and that our thoughts are with the Ukrainian community abroad and locally.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Wasowicz stated that the Board needed to go into closed session and would not take up new business following the closed session. He asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct closed session to discuss the following subjects as authorized by the Open Meetings Act: personnel matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(1)(2)(3) and (21) of the open meetings act; collective bargaining matters as generally described under section 2(c)(2) of the open meetings act; real estate matters as generally described under section 2(c)(5)&(6) of the open meetings act;

litigation and risk management matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the open meetings act; and closed session minutes matters as generally described under section 2(c)(21) of the open meetings act.

Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 9:11 a.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Present

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Present

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

## **REPORTS OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES AND BOARD LIAISONS**

Chair Wasowicz reminded everyone that the reports of the Board Committees and the Board Liaisons are information only.

Catherine Squires, Vice President for Advancement and President & CEO of the NIU Foundation, introduced Joe Sener, President of the NIU Alumni Association. Mr. Sener gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees on what the next level is for the NIU Alumni Association.

The trustees thanked President Sener for his report and all he has done for the alumni association. The trustees expressed their excitement over the new ideas that were mentioned during the presentation.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 158**

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 158.

## **UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES**

President Freeman presented the items that were moved to the consent agenda including:

**Agenda Item 9.a.1. Request for New Minor in Sport for Development and Social Change**

**Agenda Item 9.a.2. Request for New Minor in Psychosocial Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity**

**Agenda Item 9.a.3. Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2022-2023 Academic Year**

**Agenda Item 9.a.4. Third Sector Intelligence Contract**

**Agenda Item 9.a.5. DeKalb Campus Summer 2022 Roof Repairs Capital Project Approval**

**Agenda Item 9.a.6. Stevenson and Grant Towers Building Envelope Repairs Capital Project Approval**

**Agenda Item 9.a.7. Fiscal Year 2023 Consumable Commodities**

**Agenda Item 9.a.9. Fiscal Year 2023 Division of Information Technology Microsoft Enrollment Contract Renewal**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Butler seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 9.a.8. Fiscal Year 2023 Facility Master Contract Renewals**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.a.8. for approval.

Due to a conflict, Trustee John Butler will not be voting on the item and abstain on this item.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.a.8. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

**UNIVERSITY REPORTS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES**

President Freeman asked whether any Trustees wanted to revisit information items forwarded from the committees.

President Freeman continued to the items directly from the President.

**ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Agenda Item 9.c.1. DeKalb Campus – Soccer and Baseball Fields Artificial Turf Installation**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.c.1. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.1. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

### **Agenda Item 9.c.2. Appointment of Interim to Vice President for Administration and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Position**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.c.2. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.2. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

The trustees thanked VP/CFO Chinniah for all she has done for NIU and expressed how much she will be missed. VP/CFO Chinniah thanked the trustees for their kind words and support and expressed how she has enjoyed her time at NIU.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

### **Agenda Item 9.c.3. Use of Executive Search Firm for Vice President for Administration and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Position**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.c.3.

### **Agenda Item 9.c.4. Strategic Enrollment Management Plan**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.c.4. Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram and Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communication Sol Jensen presented on the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan.

The trustees thanked EVPP Ingram and VP Jensen for the presentation and for all the hard work they have put into this plan.

### **Agenda Item 9.c.5. College of Education Overview**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.c.5. Laurie Elish-Piper, Dean of the College of Education presented an overview of the College of Education.

The trustees thanked Dean Elish-Piper for her presentation. The trustees stated how proud they are of the College of Education and how excited they are to see what the college will be doing next.

### **Agenda Item 9.c.6. Progress Update – AY2021-22 University Goals**

President Freeman presented agenda item 9.c.6. Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer presented a progress update on the AY2021-22 University Goals.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT NO. 101**

Chair Wasowicz presented the Chair's report No. 101.

### **Agenda Item 10.a. Proposed Amendments to Academic Year 2021-22 (Fiscal Year 2022) University Goals**

Chair Wasowicz presented agenda item 10.a.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 10.a. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Vice Chair Athas seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

### **Agenda Item 10.b. President Lisa C. Freeman Contract Modifications to University Goals, Presidential Evaluation Timeline and Transition Provision**

Chair Wasowicz presented agenda item 10.b. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz mentioned that there is a typo in agenda item 10.b. in the second paragraph and the second to last sentence. It currently reads “In addition, the Board shall vote on the University goals for the next fiscal year no later than the regularly scheduled December Board of Trustees Meeting.” The sentence should be corrected to read “In addition, the Board shall vote on the University goals for the that **academic year/fiscal year** no later than the regularly scheduled December Board Meeting.”

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to amend item 10.b. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve amended item 10.b. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chair Wasowicz announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held June 16, 2022, at 9 a.m.



## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Vice Chair Athas seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle

Recording Secretary

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Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Special Meeting**  
April 7, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board Chair Eric Wasowicz in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. This meeting is being conducted in person and through videoconferencing communications pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, enacted June 12, 2020, and section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, allowing for virtual board meetings during a disaster declaration relating to public health concerns. As Chair of the Board, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. As such, trustees may attend today's meeting by audio and visual conferencing and not by physical presence.

Recording Secretary Crystal Doyle conducted a roll call.

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

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Board Liaison and Chief of Staff Matt Streb; Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Sarah Chinniah; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications Sol Jensen; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representative Katy Jaekel.

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Pritchard so moved, and Vice Chair Athas seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Wasowicz thanked the trustees, administration, and University Advisory Council representatives for coming together for this special meeting.

Chair Wasowicz welcomed the members of the University Advisory Council who were present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Wasowicz introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry stated that there were no registered public comments.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 159**

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 159.

### **President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 6.a. Request to Approve Contract with Braven, Inc.**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 6.a. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

### **President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 6.b. Use of Executive Search Firm for Dean of College of Health and Human Sciences**

## **OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held June 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Vice Chair Athas seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Trustee Jacob Sommer: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle  
Recording Secretary

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## APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

**Summary:** Following a national search, Dr. Clint-Michael Reneau has accepted an offer to join Northern Illinois University as the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Background:** Dr. Reneau has extensive experience in student affairs, most recently as a consultant for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASC&U). He served for four years as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). At Fullerton, he was responsible for the promotion of a student-centered campus community that supported the personal, social, academic and career development of a diverse student body. He worked to develop a formal Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan for the division, and provided strategic vision for a range of student programs, including student health services, disability support, diversity initiatives and resource centers, tutoring and supplemental instruction, and athletic academic advising. He collaborated with colleagues across the institution to support the development of a nationally recognized student success team model; this model increased graduation rates and significantly reduced equity gaps in attainment for underrepresented students. In 2020, Dr. Reneau received the Vice President/Senior-Level Student Affairs Professional Award from NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and the Tracy L. Davis Outstanding Emerging Research Award from the ACPA Men and Masculinities Coalition.

Prior to CSUF, Dr. Reneau served as director of the Office of Disability Services and Title IX investigator at Texas State University and as Acting Director and Assistant Director of the Office of Student Conduct at Tulane University.

Dr. Reneau graduated from Texas State University with a Ph.D. in Adult, Professional and Community Education. He received a Master of Education degree from Texas State in Guidance and Counseling with an emphasis on Student Affairs. He earned his bachelor's degree, also from Texas State University, in Communication Studies with a minor in Mass Media Communication.

**Funding:** There is no additional funding needed for this appointment.

**Recommendation:** The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval for the request that Dr. Clint-Michael Reneau be appointed as Vice President of Student Affairs effective June 16, 2022.

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

Pending Board approval, Dr. Beverly Henry has been appointed to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences effective June 1, 2022. The Executive Vice President and Provost consulted with the College Council and College Senate and received their endorsement for the appointment. Dr. Beverly Henry has been a faculty member and administrator at Northern Illinois University (NIU) since 2013. Dr. Henry currently serves as the director for the Ph.D. program in Health Sciences. She previously served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the college, as Interim Chair in the School of Interdisciplinary Health Professions and as Interim Dean in 2021. Dr. Henry's work history is a blend of clinical, community and academic responsibilities with extensive experience in practice, classroom and governance roles.

Dr. Henry earned a bachelor's degree from NIU, master's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and doctorate degree from Loyola University Chicago. Her research interests focus on person-centered care, inter-professional education and nutrition care for children and families.

**Recommendation:** The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval for the request that Dr. Beverly Henry be appointed as the Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences effective June 1, 2022.

## RENEWAL FOR SHIMADZU INSTRUMENTATION

**Summary:** On November 16, 2017, the Board of Trustees approved expenditure authority for acquisition of scientific instrumentation through the Shimadzu Program for Academic Research and Quality of Life (SPARQ). The associated procurement order was advertised as a sole source in the *Illinois Procurement Bulletin*. Since then, the SPARQ partnership has supported a significant and economical upgrade of campus instrumentation which has enhanced instructional and research capacity across multiple disciplines. The university is requesting extension of expenditure authority for an additional five years, for a total of \$2.5M.

**Background:** To fulfill the university mission and to build research capacity, the university must maintain a broad spectrum of analytical scientific instruments to support student training, promote faculty and staff research, and facilitate collaboration with, and service to, public and private partners across the region and world. With this request, we are seeking permission to continue acquisition of a suite of modern analytical scientific instruments that will replace aging instruments, or which will be completely new to our campus.

The SPARQ partnership has provided instrumentation for engineering and the physical and biological sciences with instruments installed in Davis and LaTourette Halls. To date, ten instruments have been purchased for \$1.04M featuring an array of mass and x-ray spectrometers. Because of the SPARQ grant program, the university realized \$.67M savings relative to list price. Most of the instruments are housed in the very successful Molecular Analysis Core (MAC) which started operations November 7, 2019, and currently has 43 user accounts. NIU faculty, staff, and students as well external parties utilize the MAC.

We are seeking to continue purchasing scientific instruments, for FY23 through FY27, that will enable us to conduct forefront research and train our students in cutting edge scientific analysis methods that cannot currently be conducted on campus, but which are essential in the 21st century global marketplace.

**Funding:** Institutional Funds - \$2,500,000

**Recommendation:** The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval for the request of Renewal for Shimadzu Instrumentation.

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 REVISED STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Summary:** The university offers group health insurance to students, funded solely by student health insurance fees. For participating students, their fees are collected and submitted to the broker or insurer as a “pass through” expense by the university. Participation in the program exceeded expectations due in part to COVID-19 effects on the health insurance market, and additional spending authority is being requested to cover remaining premium costs owed to Aetna for FY22. Additional premium is not to exceed \$2.3M, for a total of \$8.8M in premium for FY22.

**Background:** The original approval amount for FY22 was \$6.5M, granted at the Board of Trustees meeting on March 18, 2021. Total premiums collected by NIU on behalf of students were decreasing annually due to fewer student participants and continuous overall management of the program; thus, the expense was anticipated at a much lower cost for FY22. After experiencing the increase in enrollment, roughly \$4.5M was paid for fall 2021 premiums, and another \$4.3M maximum is estimated for spring.

	<b>Health Insurance Provider</b>	<b>Original Purchase Order Requested Amount</b>	<b>Actual Amount Paid to Insurance Provider</b>	<b>Number of Students Enrolled in Student Health Insurance Fall Semester*</b>	<b>Semester Premium</b>
FY22	Aetna	\$ 6,500,000	\$4,452,305**	3,638	\$ 1,224
FY21	Aetna	\$ 7,250,000	\$5,070,098	1,629	\$ 1,114
FY20	Aetna	\$ 7,750,000	\$5,114,001	2,894	\$ 1,179
FY19	Aetna	\$ 8,000,000	\$6,012,792	3,334	\$ 1,179
FY18	Aetna	\$ 12,500,000	\$5,988,691	4,404	\$ 1,039

\* Students are charged separately for Fall and Spring semesters.

\*\*Fall semester premium only

**Funding:** Agency Funds

*Marsh and McLennan Companies – New York, NY.....\$8,800,000\**

**Recommendation:** The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval for the request of Fiscal Year 2022 Revised Student Health Insurance.

\*The total is reflective of the increase of \$2,300,000 additional funding requested.



## CHARTER BUS SERVICES

**Summary:** Driver shortages in the bus service industry have led to uncertain scheduling reliability and overall price increases for contracted charter bus services supporting university activities. This has caused the utilization of one company more than originally planned due to their ability to retain drivers and maintain competitive pricing. Projected expenditures with this company are now expected to exceed \$250K for FY22, and increased capacity is expected to be necessary for FY23. Combined, the request is not to exceed \$675K over FY22 and FY23.

**Background:** This company is one of multiple vendors under master contract/open order agreements with the university for providing charter bus transportation services. Pre-pandemic, the charter bus demand was spread across available companies at expenditure levels < \$250K. Due to the pandemic impact to the industry and the return of more charter bus demand by university operations, more support is required from companies able to respond.

The types of activities supported include athletic sporting events, academic field trips, Admissions open house events, etc. This approval is not to exceed \$325K for FY22 and \$350K for FY23.

**Funding:** Institutional Funds

	<i>FY22</i>	<i>FY23</i>
<i>Van Galder Bus Company.....</i>	<i>\$325,000</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>

**Recommendation:** The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval for the request of Charter Bus Services.