

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations
Committee Meeting
November 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Committee Chair Dennis Barsema in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall.

Recording Secretary Christina Doe conducted a roll call of the Trustees.

Trustee Rita Athas: Absent

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Committee Vice Chair Bob Pritchard: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Dennis Barsema: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Committee Liaison and Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer James Cofer; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Gerald Blazey; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Vernese Edghill-Walden; Vice President for Student Affairs Clint-Michael Reneau; Senior Associate Vice President for Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development and Chief Engagement Officer Rena Cotsones; University Advisory Council (UAC) Representatives Ismael Montana and Brad Cripe.

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

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

The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2022

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2022. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Gayles seconded.

The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Barsema welcomed everyone and recognized the University Advisory Committee. He asked if anyone had any comments. Brad Cripe thanked the board for considering the capital improvements and other proposals and reminded that in alignment to the core values the commitment of resources to supporting students, faculty and staff in research and artistry and

that is appreciated.

Committee Chair Barsema shared a few comments. The Board has a full agenda for today's meeting. The Board is focused on a set of important financial updates and a number of recommendations that include resource requests for FY24 and financial commitments in support of university activities and needs.

The University is moving forward ten recommendations for approval; including five that will go to the Special Meeting. Committee Chair Barsema, and the Board, appreciate the efforts of university leadership to continue to fully vet these items and think through responsible spending based on fiscal resources and university priorities. Items brought to the Board continue to support university goals and priorities, and that is again what is before the Board today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Barsema introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry stated there were no requests for public comment.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Committee Chair Barsema asked Interim Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Dr. James Cofer to present the University Financial Update.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 7.a. Annual Financial Summary as of June 30, 2022

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited Andrew Rogers, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning, to give the overview of item 7.a.

Committee Chair Barsema thanked Assistant Vice President Rogers for the update. Committee Chair Barsema noted the Board is glad university leadership and financial teams have brought attention to one-time COVID relief funding slowing down or soon coming to a halt, and the campus community's attention is being redirected back to addressing structural deficits.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 7.b. Quarterly Financial Summary Fiscal Year 2023 First Quarter as of September 30, 2022

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited Andrew Rogers, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning, to give the overview of item 7.b.

Committee Chair Barsema thanked Assistant Vice President Rogers for the update and commented that the Board was very glad to see the differentiation between structural and non-structural revenue and expenses.

Discussion took place around the Board asking for clarification on some pieces of the report.

Committee Chair Barsema thanked Assistant Vice President Rogers and the entire budget team for the work that has been done to create the format as the Board recognizes this is a great step forward to creating the revised budgeting structure.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 7.c. Periodic Report on Investments for Period Ending September 30, 2022

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited Shyree Sanan, Associate Vice President for Finance and Treasury Operations, to give the overview of item 7.c.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Chair Barsema asked Dr. James Cofer to present the University Recommendations.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.a. Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Request

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited Andrew Rogers, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning, to give the overview of item 8.a.

Conversation ensued around benchmarking IBHE requests and the overall approach, including the university's response if additional funding is not granted.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.a. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.b. Fiscal Year 2024 IBHE Capital Budget Request

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.b.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.b. Committee Vice Chair Pritchard so moved, and Trustee Butler seconded.

Committee Chair Barsema confirmed that Trustee Herrero does not need to abstain and Trustee Herrero confirmed as she is a representative of the university.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.c. U.S. Geological Survey Research Partnership Renovation Project

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.c.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.c. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Board Chair Wasowicz seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.d. Relocation of School of Nursing

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.d.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.d. Committee Vice Chair Pritchard so moved, and Trustee Butler seconded.

During the discussion it was noted that this is a temporary location as the Nursing program will eventually be located in the Health Informatics Technology Center once it is completed.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.e. Lorado Taft Campus Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.e.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.e. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.f. Recreation Center Locker/Changing Rooms Remodel Capital Project Construction Approval

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.f.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.f. Trustee Butler so moved, and Board Chair Wasowicz seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.g. Yordon Center Room 125 Northwestern Medicine Performance Center Flooring Replacement

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.g.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.g. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.h. DeKalb Campus Summer 2023 Roof Repairs Capital Project Approval

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.h.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.h. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Committee Vice Chair Pritchard seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.i. Chilled Water Plant Chiller #2 Drive Replacement and Overhaul

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.i.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.i. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Committee Vice Chair Pritchard seconded.

The motion was approved.

Dr. Cofer presented Agenda Item 8.j. DeKalb Campus Soccer and Baseball Fields Artificial Turf Installation Budget Increase

Dr. Cofer provided background on the item and invited John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, to give the overview of item 8.j.

Committee Chair Barsema asked for a motion to approve item 8.j. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

A brief conversation ensued around drainage concerns.

The motion was approved.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS

Committee Chair Barsema asked Dr. James Cofer to present the University Reports.

Dr. Cofer presented the items and stated NIU Board regulations stipulate that the university presents regular summaries of designated activities including financial and property transaction, as well as confirmation that state and federal requirements are met. The three reports provided include comprehensive written updates and are submitted in accordance with board regulations. Dr. Cofer stated there are no formal presentations but there are individuals present for any questions.

Information Item 9.a. – Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report of Transactions Involving Real Property

Information Item 9.b. – Fiscal Year 2022 Clery Report Update

Conversation followed regarding pop-up parties and cooperative efforts between NIU and the City of DeKalb (City) to enhance safety.

Additional conversation ensued around clarification of 2020 and 2021 Clery figures, specific to dating and domestic violence counts.

President Freeman recognized that the communication and relationship between the Department of Police and Public Safety and City of DeKalb Police Department is at an all-time high, but other efforts also enhance student safety while offering activities and events in cooperation with the City. Offerings such as preventative education through grants have attributed to the decrease in violence against women and in general.

Information Item 9.c. – Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000 for the Period of July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee will be February 16, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Dennis Barsema extended thanks to Dr. James Cofer for his work and guidance as the Interim Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Division of Administration and Finance.

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

Committee Chair Barsema asked Ms. Doe to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Absent

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Committee Vice Chair Bob Pritchard: Yes

Committee Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Doe
Recording Secretary

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

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