

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Research and Innovation, Legal and Legislative Affairs
Committee Meeting
May 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Committee Chair Veronica Herrero. Recording Secretary Crystal Doyle conducted a roll call of the Trustees.

Committee Vice Chair Rita Athas: Present Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present
Trustee John Butler: Present Trustee Montel Gayles: Present
Trustee Tim Moore: Present Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present
Committee Chair Veronica Herrero: Present

Also present were President Lisa Freeman; Committee Liaison and Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Gerald Blazey; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Chief of Staff and Liaison to the Board of Trustees Matt Streb; Director of State Relations Katie Davison; and University Advisory Committee members Karen Whedbee and Ismael Montana.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Committee Chair Herrero asked for a motion to allow Trustee Athas to participate in the meeting remotely due to illness. Trustee Barsema so moved and Trustee Gayles seconded. The motion was approved.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Committee Chair Herrero asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Committee Chair Herrero asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2023. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Herrero reported that Senator Durbin and Representative Underwood visited NIU last month in April. We enjoyed having them both on campus and appreciate their continued support here at NIU.

During the meeting this morning Dr. Catherine Raymond, Professor of Art History, Director of the Center for Burma Studies, and curator of the Burma Art Collection will be giving a

presentation. The Center for Burma Studies at NIU is the only center in the world that has a Burma art collection within a university.

We are looking forward to working with Dr. Yvonne Harris when she starts her role as the Vice President of Research and Innovation Partnerships on August 1, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Herrero introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Bryan Perry confirmed that no public comments were received.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS

Committee Chair Herrero asked Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Dr. Gerald C. Blazey, to provide an update from the Division of Research and Innovation Partnerships. The search for the Director of Federal Relations has ended and Julia Rowe will start in the position in a few days. That position will now report to Dr. Matt Streb in the President's Office. Dr. Blazey mentioned that Senator Durbin and Representative Underwood visited NIU to celebrate Congressionally directed funding of \$1.5M to the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology. Dr. Blazey provided updates on advocacy, legislation, sponsored program administration, and NICCS. Dr. Blazey thanked the trustees for all their support over the years.

Agenda Item 7.a. – State Legislative Report

Katie Davison, Director of State Relations, was on hand to provide a supplemental verbal report to the written report that was submitted.

Agenda Item 7.b. Sponsored Program Administration Quarterly Report

The Committee reviewed the sponsored program administration quarterly written report submitted by Assistant Vice President Dara Little. No questions were raised.

Agenda Item 7.c. – Faculty Presentation

Dr. Catherine Raymond, Professor of Art History, Director of the Center for Burma Studies, and curator of the Burma Art Collection was on hand to provide a verbal presentation.

The trustees thanked her for a wonderful presentation!

OTHER MATTERS

Committee Chair Herrero asked if there were other matters to come before the Committee. The Committee confirmed that there were no other matters to be discussed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Committee Chair Herrero noted that the next meeting will be held on August 24, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Herrero asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

Committee Vice Chair Athas asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Committee Vice Chair Rita Athas: Present Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Committee Chair Veronica Herrero: Present

The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Crystal Doyle

Recording Secretary

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