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PUBLIC NOTICE

Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee Meeting
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
March 11, 2004 NIU-Hoffman Estates
Room 233

Approximate Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee

(Expected to include presentation of a proposal for Committee review and endorsement: Amendment of Board of Trustees Bylaws; for information: Substantive Legislation; Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Status; Fiscal Year 2004 Federal Legislative Report; Rapid Optimization of Commercial Knowledge Initiative; Belvidere/Boone Agricultural?Technology Park; and Fiscal Year 2003 Compliance Audit Report. Possibly other matters for consideration.)

AGENDA FORMAT FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. VERIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
5. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF ANY*
7. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
8. OTHER MATTERS
9. NEXT MEETING DATE
10. ADJOURNMENT

*The Board and its committees comply with P.A. 91-0715 through its Bylaws, Article II, Section 5.B:

1. Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by these Bylaws and the Chair, at each regular or special meeting of the Board or its committees that is open to the public, members of the public may request a brief time on the approved agenda of the meeting to address the Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction.
2. Committees of the Board review University proposals for action and make adjustments and endorsements as appropriate for further consideration by the full Board. Public comments are generally most useful at meetings of Board committees, where proposals are first considered and the time for interaction most feasible.

3. To facilitate an orderly process, appearance requests must be registered on a Board-provided form and submitted to the Board's Parliamentarian at least 45 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to be called to order. To be recognized, the appearance request will include the name, address and position of the individual wishing to speak, the name of the organization or group represented, a concise summary of the presentation, and whether the requestor has appeared earlier on the topic before any other meeting of the Board. The Parliamentarian may confer with registered speakers to cooperatively assist the Chair of the meeting in assuring coordinated issue presentation and an efficient use of allocated time. The Parliamentarian will acquaint requestors with the generally acceptable rules of decorum for their presentations. In lieu of oral presentations, individuals may present brief written materials not to exceed five (5) pages to the Parliamentarian for distribution and consideration by the Board in advance of the meeting.
4. The Chair of the meeting will recognize duly registered individuals at the appropriate point during the meeting. Unduly repetitive comments may be discouraged and restricted by the Chair. To assure an orderly and timely meeting the Chair may limit time allotments to five minutes or less, may delay or defer appearances when appropriate, and defer or refer questions received from presenters for answers if available.

Public Notice Prepared by: Board of Trustees Parliamentarian

Time of Posting: Original, at least 48 hours in advance of announced Meeting

Places of Posted Meeting Notice: President's Office, Lowden Hall 301, and NIU Hoffman Estates