

Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
September 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Murer at 9:10 a.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Sharon Banks-Wilkins conducted a roll call of Trustees. Members present were Trustees Robert Boey, John Butler, Wheeler Coleman, Anthony Iosco, Robert Marshall, Marc Strauss, Student Trustee Elliot Echols and Chair Murer. Also present were Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore and President John Peters. With a quorum present, the meeting proceeded.

The Chair welcomed Elliot Echols to the Board of Trustees. Elliot was sworn in in July, and has been very active in Board participation over the summer, including joining us at West Point last weekend, she commented.

VERIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Confirmation of Open Meetings Act public notice compliance was provided by Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

After discussion with President Peters and review of the printed agenda, Chair Murer proposed creation of a Consent Agenda that would immediately precede the beginning of the President's Report, and move Report No. 80, Action Items 8.a.(6), (8), (9) and (10), and our receipt of Information Items 8.b.(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and 8.c.(3) to that Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda as now proposed. Trustee Boey a motion to approve the meeting and consent agendas as amended. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Boey and seconded by Trustee Coleman to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 regular Board meeting. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Murer recognized the University Advisory Committee representatives: Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, Dr. Rosita Lopez, Dr. Kerry Freedman, Dr. Gregory Waas, Mr. Todd Latham, and Mr. Andy Small. On behalf of UAC, Dr. Rosenbaum stated that they were looking forward to a productive and successful academic year, and assured the Board that UAC stands ready to work with the Board for the betterment of the university.

As we begin this first Board meeting of the 2012-13 Academic Year, the Chair said, no matter your age, September brings a time of excitement when starting a new school year. Each fall represents a new opportunity, a new beginning, new challenges and new vitality. This year, we have the privilege of welcoming over 5,000 new Huskies to Northern Illinois University. Given the economic climate facing the entire nation, NIU and other four-year institutions have worked very hard to recruit and retain students. I want to commend Enrollment Management and University Relations for a strong partnership over the last year that reversed a four-year trend in new freshman enrollment. The 2012 new freshman enrollment is up 2.9 percent. The strength of the freshman class is reflected in the data on grade point

average and class rank as well. The percentage of students graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school class rose from 8.9 percent to 11.1 percent. Those graduating in the 25th percentile represent 32.7 percent of the freshman class compared to 29.4 percent a year ago. The mean GPA of the fall 2012 freshman class is 3.11, up from 3.06 in 2011. That means we not only have increased enrollment, but we have increased the level of academic excellence by grade point average. Everyone on campus is responsible for recruitment and retention. Our enthusiasm and support of NIU is infectious, and that level of infectious enthusiasm is the way in which we enroll and retain students.

A recent article in *NIU Today* about our ranking in *US News and World Report*, reported that NIU has been named to the list of Best National Universities as a first-tier institution with a rank of 189, up five spots from last year's ranking. NIU also improved on its rating as a Top Public School, moving up three spots to 108 from last year. Our College of Engineering garnered recognition as a Best Undergraduate Engineering Program, ranked 69th in the nation out of 1,500 universities. Our College of Business finished with a ranking of 166 in the Best Undergraduate Business Program. Finally, NIU jumped 48 points in the *US News* rankings of universities by high school guidance counselors. All of this in one of our most challenging years in this country. I share this news with you this morning as proof that the NIU message, Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow resonates with Illinoisans.

President Peters and the Board of Trustees charted a course for this university in our Vision 2020 Initiative. But it is President Peters, the Board of Trustees and every employee of this university who participated in determining our vision for 2020. Dr. Peters will provide us with an update on the university's progress in meeting the various goals and targets of Vision 2020. All of these achievements have been attained in the last 12 months while maintaining our core values at NIU. This initiative remains the focus of our Board and for every major initiative going forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair asked Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore if any members of the public had registered a written request to address the Board in accordance with state law and Board of Trustees Bylaws. Mr. Blakemore noted that he had received no timely requests to address this Board meeting.

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND BOARD LIAISONS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Wheeler Coleman reported that the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee met on Thursday, August 30, 2012. At that meeting, the committee considered and endorsed a Request for Degree Authority at the University Center of Lake County. The committee heard reports on the following information items: Professional Excellence Awards for Faculty and Staff, 2011-2012 Faculty Emeritus Recognition; Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Update; and the Fiscal Year 2012 External Funding for Research, Public Service and Instructional Projects.

Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee

Committee Chair Robert Boey reported that the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee met on Thursday, August 30, 2012. At this meeting, the committee considered and endorsed Recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2013 Internal Budget, Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Guidelines, Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriated and Nonappropriated Capital Budgets, Intercollegiate Athletics Apparel Sponsorship Package, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology Grant Subcontract, Oracle/PeopleSoft Applications Annual Maintenance Renewals, Temporary Construction Easement for the City of DeKalb, and Signatory Authorizations for Treasury Operations. The committee also received reports, including Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report on Tuition and Fee Waivers, Capital Activities, Transactions Involving Real

Property, Cash and Investments, Obligation of Financial Resources, Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000, and Professional Excellence Awards for Faculty and Staff. All recommended items addressed by the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee are included in the President's Report which President Peters will present for Board approval.

Legislation, Audit and External Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Anthony Iosco reported that the Legislation, Audit, External Affairs and Compliance Committee met on Thursday, August 30. The committee welcomed Patty Daley from Washington, D.C. to present an update on federal policy matters. Patty assists Lori Clark and Kathy Buettner with NIU concerns at the federal level. Lori Clark gave a synopsis on the conclusion of the recent legislative session in Springfield and brought the committee up to date on various pieces of legislation that could have an affect on the university. Brad Hoey and Jennice O'Brien made a presentation on the new streamlined emergency notification system the campus will begin using later this fall. Finally, Keith Jackson spoke to the committee about the Fiscal Year 2012 Compliance Audit findings.

Illinois Board of Higher Education

There was no report from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Universities Civil Service Merit Board

Universities Civil Service Merit Board Liaison Robert Marshall gave a summary report of Meeting Number 185 of the State Universities Civil Service Merit Board. Lorine Samuels was introduced as a new member of the board representing Governors State University. There was a discharge hearing on one discharge motion. The employee was given reinstatement with a 60-day suspension to be served first. An important rule change in Section 250.50 was approved stating that all examinations and examination components shall be retained in accordance with the employer's and/or the university office records retention policy. The fiscal year budget for 2013 is 5.6 percent less than the Fiscal 2011 budget. There is some hope the 2014 proposed budget requested will be for an increase of 4.23 percent, or \$5,200. Reports were heard from the Merit's Board's Executive Director, representatives from the Employee Advisory Committee and the Human Resource Directors Advisory Committee. The decision in an appellate court case was to uphold the Merit Board discharge of a university employee.

NIU Foundation

NIU Foundation Liaison Robert Boey deferred to Michael Malone, President of the NIU Foundation, for this report. Due to the resignation of Mallory Simpson, Mr. Malone stated, I have been elected President of the Foundation. It is a position I am familiar with having served as President of the Foundation from 1997 through 1999. Also, in our division, I am pleased to announce that Joseph Matty is now an associate vice president and is helping me directly in the oversight of the entire division, which includes the Development function as well as the Alumni function. We have begun discussions with President Peters and Chair of the Foundation Board Dennis Barsema, to talk about taking a fresh look at how we do business in the Division of University Advancement, especially as it relates to the NIU Foundation and staffing. We have already made some changes, and when we are complete, you will see a much flatter organization. The vice president, the role in which I currently serve, will continue to be the main liaison with the NIU Foundation while the associate vice president will now be the main liaison with the Alumni Association. We believe that we can probably effectively redeploy resources for some support in those roles, and also hire a new major gift fundraiser.

Along with that, I am glad to report that as of June 30 for Fiscal Year 2012, total cash gifts to the university amounted to \$13.9 million. That is roughly a 27.0 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2011 at \$10.1 million. Much of that increase is due to our focus this year on a capital project, the Chessick Practice Center. This total is funds collected to date and does not include the pledges to the Chessick Practice Center that have not yet been received. That is a very good increase for us in fundraising and demonstrates a growing commitment to the university by our alumni and friends.

In my new role as President of the Foundation, I was able to sign the contract for the Chessick Practice Center with Turner Construction on September 5. Construction should begin by the end of this month and is scheduled to be completed in about a year. I would like to thank Dr. Williams and his staff, Jeff Daurer and Pat Bell, in particular, for the incredible work they have done to get us to this point; Chairman of the Foundation Board, Dennis Barsema; and Jean Godlewski Jagodzinski, in Development, our Foundation Controller and Chief Financial Officer, who basically led the charge in getting an agreement with Turner. None of this would have been possible without senior leadership and a green light on the project from President Peters. We are going to be in discussions with President Peters and Chair Barsema about how we arrived at our goal for Fiscal Year 2013, and will report to you on that at a future meeting.

I want to thank you for your expertise, Chair Murer said. The fact that you have taken this leadership role has been pivotal in a smooth transition for the Foundation. Trustee Boey stated that he felt we were fortunate to have Mr. Malone to fill this critical position with the departure of Mallory Simpson, the former Foundation President.

Northern Illinois Alumni Association

The Alumni Association also took an initiative over the last year to look at our marketing communication efforts to our alumni constituents. We have approximately 225,000 living alumni, approximately 180,000 in the state of Illinois. Over the last six to eight months, we have been looking at how our alumni can help us in our marketing efforts. We contacted the Usman Group in Chicago, which is co-owned by alumnus Naveed Usman. Next, we utilized our Alumni Board. Harlan Teller, who is an alumnus of NIU and a Board member of the Association, worked with Vice President Buettner and me in a partnership with WTTW this fall. Jim Lake, an NIU alumnus, owns Michael Walters Advertising. Some of his clients include Penn State, College of DuPage, Indiana State and the Chicago Cubs and the Milwaukee Brewers. He was able to utilize his expertise and resources to provide the NIU Alumni Association an advertising package airing on Comcast's OnDemand. We are highlighting the changes on campus. We are a stronger and more diverse campus, a campus that attracts people. One of our alums, Bob Archema, is a senior vice president with Johnson and Quinn, which does work out of the College of Business. They basically designed a way for us to have analytics to all the things that we are doing on every e-mail that goes out. Our e-newsletter reaches almost a hundred thousand people each month. We work with the colleges to send out e-mail and any postcard mail that goes out. All of this is in support of NIU, the image, the culture and the enhancement of the reputation of our alma mater.

The Alumni Association plays a major role in getting alums back to the university, engaged in the university and helping us with the recruiting effort, Trustee Coleman commented. There is no question that between now and 2020, we are going to need the Alumni group and your outreach capability to help us achieve some of our goals. I hope we can continue to have a synergy among what the university is trying to do, especially with recruitment, and what your organization is trying to do with the alums, because we need a common message in promoting the image of the new NIU. Our alums do not know if it comes from a college, Athletics, the university, the Alumni or Foundation group, Chair Murer commented. They see it as NIU, their alma mater.

Northern Illinois Research Foundation

Dr. Lisa Freeman, President of the Northern Illinois Research Foundation (NIRF) reported that the board met Tuesday, September 18. At that time, the board received an update on the technology transfer initiatives at the university and held elections. Notably, the board expressed tremendous enthusiasm about the invitation from the NIU Foundation to participate in the Venture Grants Program being launched in a reformatted manner this spring. Mr. George Massina's term of office expired, and he indicated that he did not wish to be considered for reelection as an external director at this time, although he might consider reelection at a future time. This vacancy creates an opportunity for us to use two vacant external director positions to bring needed expertise onto the NIRF Board of Directors, and we are seeking to fill the two positions in a strategic fashion, one with someone knowledgeable about the local venture capital community and one with someone knowledgeable about life sciences technologies.

We commended Mr. Malone and Mr. Matty in regards to the Foundation and the Alumni Association, Chair Murer said, but without a strong university, and certainly research is at the core of this university, we would not have the enthusiasm of the Foundation and the Alumni Association. So, please continue, Dr. Freeman, with your excellent work and your focus on research for this university.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Before beginning the President's Report, Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the items earlier placed on the consent agenda that include President's Report No. 80, Action Items 8.a.(6), (8), (9) and (10), and our receipt of Information Items 8.b.(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and 8.c.(3). Trustee Iosco so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 80

Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the Board, President Peters said, and welcome everyone to our early fall meeting of the Board of Trustees. Our trip to West Point to play Army last weekend was one of those glorious moments for NIU. We had the privilege of having Chair Murer and her husband, Michael, Elliot, and a few donors and alumni who went with the team. We were treated with great respect at West Point by the superintendent, Lt. General Huntoon. When we arrived at West Point, we were given a beautiful three-hour tour of the academy. Cherilyn, Michael, Barbara and I were the guests of honor of the Superintendent, Lt. General Huntoon, for the Saturday morning mustering in of the cadet corps, and then the pass and review. It made you proud that you were an American. Then, we had a wonderful plane ride home with a victory. It is very difficult to win at West Point. But it was a great moment for NIU, we were treated with great respect, and we were honored to be involved. I want to thank Cherilyn, Michael and Elliot for going.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 8.a.(1) – Fiscal Year 2013 Internal Budget

State statute requires that we obtain Board approval for a Fiscal Year 2013 internal operating budget. We discussed extensively in the Finance Committee several weeks ago, the President said, the fact that the State still owed us \$28.4 million. The State, as of today, still owes us \$25.9 million appropriated funding from Fiscal Year 2012. I believe the State will honor its FY12 obligations by the end of December when the extension they granted themselves for that fiscal year expires. For Fiscal 2013, the State already owes us \$30.1 million. This is our challenge. We have received no payments against FY13 appropriations for the fiscal year that began July 1. The FY13 Internal Operating budget lays out our \$454 million, which we went over at length. That budget for FY13 does reflect a 6.13 percent reduction in the State General Revenue support for FY12. Expenditure categories, as required by the State, are listed in your Board materials. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the FY13 Internal Budget. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8.a.(2) – Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Guidelines

Also according to State statute, I bring approval of the Fiscal Year 2014 budget guidelines. Each year, the university prepares and submits to the State a budget request that establishes salary, price and program needs for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget request, by State statute, is submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for review. After some revision, it is included in the IBHE budget recommendations forwarded to the Governor. The Governor then takes that and makes his own recommendations before sending it forward for legislative action. In establishing the Fiscal Year 2014 request, the university recommends the following: three percent faculty and staff salary increase to maintain efforts to provide a competitive salary package for faculty and staff, always our top priority; three percent utility increase to meet the demand of increased energy costs and utility costs; three percent increase for library and technology demands; and \$1.6 million in program priorities to strengthen academic commitments in undergraduate education and off-campus programs. While I make

these requests to the Board this morning, I want to also be clear that this is just one step of many in the annual budget process that will, in all likelihood, result in a maintenance budget, at best, meaning no increase, and, at worst, further cuts to our declining level of support. A comparison chart shows that we made the similar request last year, and it shows a zero recommendation from the Governor, and a 6.13 percent cut by the General Assembly. Trustee Boey made a motion to accept the FY14 Budget Guidelines, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8.a.(3) – Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriated Capital Budget Request

The capital budget request consists of two principle parts of categories of projects for capital improvements and construction and equipment appropriations. A capital renewal category lists repair and renovation projects with estimated budgets in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1.5 million, which are not included in the campus permanent improvement budget allocation. This request, once approved, will be submitted to IBHE for consideration and inclusion in the statewide fiscal year capital budget recommendation to the Governor. We have not received authorization and appropriation, and we are moving on Stevens, which was the last big item on the capital budget. The next priority for us is the Computer Science and Technology Building, which is about a \$59 million project, that was authorized for \$2 million in planning last year, but that money was not appropriated. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the FY14 Appropriated Capital Budget Request. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall. The motion was approved.

There has been much discussion about deferred maintenance on the part of the Board, Chair Murer said, and I want to clarify that the capital renewal section would be considered deferred maintenance. I really wanted to make sure it was well known that this Board has great concerns about deferred maintenance and has been part of our discussions in our workshop and at other times.

Agenda Item 8.a.(4) – Fiscal Year 2014 Nonappropriated Capital Budget

The university's 2014 Nonappropriated Capital Budget contains those projects with estimated budgets in excess of \$100,000, while projects estimated under \$100,000 are presented in the aggregate and categorized to enable tracking for management purposes. The nonappropriated capital budget is developed from requests submitted from department heads and physical plant and other users. Requests are prioritized and presented for approval and include improvements to existing facilities and systems, building expansions, infrastructure and site roadway utility improvements. Before I request approval, I want to share with you a short video, completed recently at the request of Dr. Williams, highlighting the myriad campus improvements and beautification measures accomplished. I can think of no better illustration of the importance of our nonappropriated budget plans than this short video produced by Media Services staff that says more than I could possibly ever cover in a narrative. It also indicates the pride we have in our campus, and it really does define the new NIU. I want to thank Dr. Williams and everybody who worked on these projects, which continue. The huge economic impact these projects, small and large, have on the economy of our local communities should also be mentioned. NIU has created tremendous economic impact and activity. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Nonappropriated Capital Budget. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8.a.(5) – Intercollegiate Athletics Athletic Apparel Sponsorship Package

A competitive RFP selection process is currently underway to select a vendor to supply the university with athletic apparel. Sports team apparel industry vendors typically require team apparel orders to be submitted in December or January due to manufacturing and production schedules. Therefore, President Peters said, Intercollegiate Athletics is seeking Board approval now to enter into an athletic apparel sponsorship agreement with a vendor yet to be determined as the December Board meeting may be too late to meet ordering deadlines. The initial agreement would be for a five-year period from FY14 through FY18. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Intercollegiate Athletics Athletic Apparel Sponsorship Package. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Strauss. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8.a.(6) – College of Engineering and Engineering Technology Grant Subcontract – Services

Consent Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 8.a.(7) – Finance and Facilities Oracle/PeopleSoft Applications Annual Maintenance Renewals

Ongoing annual maintenance and support renewals are necessary for PeopleSoft Financials, PeopleSoft campus user training, Oracle reporting tools and campuswide Oracle database infrastructure components associated with the Enterprise Resource Planning Systems for our financials, student administration, human resource and payroll modules. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Finance and Facilities Oracle/PeopleSoft Applications Annual Maintenance Renewals. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman. The Chair requested a roll call vote on the motion which was as follows:

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes	Trustee Iosco	Yes
Trustee Marshall	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Abstain
Student Trustee Echols	Yes	Chair Murer	Yes

The motion was approved with seven voting Yes and Trustee Strauss Abstaining.

- Agenda Item 8.a.(8) – Temporary Construction Easement**
- Agenda Item 8.a.(9) – Treasury Operations – Signatory Authorization**
- Agenda Item 8.a.(10) – Request for Degree Authority at University Center of Lake County**

Consent Agenda Items.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS FORWARDED FROM THE BOARD COMMITTEES

- Agenda Item 8.b.(1) – Fiscal Year 2012 Report of Tuition and Fee Waivers**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(2) – Fiscal Year 2012 Report on Capital Activities**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(3) – Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report of Transactions Involving Real Property**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(4) – Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report of Cash and Investments**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(5) – Quarterly Summary Report of Transactions in Excess of \$100,000**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(6) – Annual Summary Report Obligation of Financial Resources**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(7) – Professional Excellence Awards for Faculty and Staff**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(8) – 2011-2012 Faculty Emeritus Recognition**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(9) – Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Update**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(10) – Fiscal Year 2012 External Funding for Research, Public Service and Instructional Projects**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(11) – Federal Policy Update**
- Agenda Item 8.b.(12) – Illinois General Assembly End of Session Legislative Recap Report**

Consent Agenda items.

ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Agenda Item 8.c.(1) – Northern Illinois University/Illinois Century Network Fiber Optics Lease

In accordance with the requirements of the State’s Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, we have provided background information related to a lease with the Illinois Century Network, managed by the State’s Department of Central Management Services (CMS). NIU owns fiber from the campus to the I-88 toll road, a portion of which the university intends to lease to the Illinois Century Network to enable them to maintain a high-capacity core network location on our DeKalb campus that will serve all of the northern Illinois region. In order to enter into this lease agreement, we must enter into an intergovernmental

agreement between the university and the State Department of Central Management Services, which requires Board of Trustees approval. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Northern Illinois University and Illinois Century Network for the lease of fiber optics. Trustee Boey so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8.c.(2) – Vision 2020 Initiative Update

The President’s Vision 2020 Initiative Update was streamed live over the Internet and was posted on the NIU Vision 2020 website.

It is my privilege to address the Board with a performance review and update related to the university’s Vision 2020 Initiative, the President began. As you know, Vision 2020 is the result of an extensive benchmarking effort and input from many people across the university community of academic excellence, campus improvements and fiscal sustainability. NIU’s future success will be measured by the life-changing experiences we provide our students. It is the “value added” to the outcomes by academic enrichment programs and engaged learning opportunities that will yield what we really want and that is more critical thinking, greater creativity and enhanced communication skills that will set our graduates, and our institution, apart. You are going to hear time and time again that the goal of our undergraduate, graduate and professional engagement initiatives is for every student at NIU to achieve a level of success through faculty-mentored projects or programs by 2020. We have branded ourselves as a university that focuses on engagement, faculty, staff and students. That is the “value added,” that is our brand.

Among other topics covered in the Vision 2020 Initiative Update were: engagement, academic enrichment, the University Honors Program, Themed Learning communities, Distributed Learning and Distance Education, research, faculty excellence and diversity, hiring and retention, student recruitment, enrollment, student success and retention, assessment and performance measures, graduation rates, technology, campus appearance and infrastructure, and private giving.

Agenda Item 8.c.(3) – Grant and Contract Awards

Consent Agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Murer asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as amended: personnel matters as generally described under §2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act, collective bargaining matters as generally described under §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, litigation and risk management matters as generally described under §2(c)(11) and (12) of the Open Meetings Act, and property matters as generally described under §2(c)(5) and (6) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Butler.

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes	Trustee Iosco	Yes
Trustee Marshall	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Student Trustee Echols	Yes	Chair Murer	Yes

A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was unanimous.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Murer reconvened the public meeting of the Board of Trustees at approximately 1:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Chair announced that the next scheduled meeting of the full Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 6.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters, Chair Murer entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Butler. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Banks-Wilkins
Recording Secretary

In compliance with Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq, a verbatim record of all Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees meetings is maintained by the Board Recording Secretary and is available for review upon request. The minutes contained herein represent a true and accurate summary of the Board proceedings.