

Minutes of the
NIU Board of Trustees
Of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
May 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:26 p.m. by Chair Strauss in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Kathleen Carey conducted a roll call. Members present were Trustees Robert Boey, John Butler, Wheeler Coleman, Robert Marshall, Cherilyn Murer, Tim Struthers, James Zanayed and Chair Marc Strauss. Also present: President Doug Baker, Board Liaison Mike Mann, General Counsel Jerry Blakemore, and Executive Vice President and Provost Lisa Freeman, Vice President Al Phillips.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Zanayed so moved and Trustee Butler seconded. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Strauss indicated he had no additional comments or announcements. He welcomed the University Advisory Committee and asked for any comments.

Greg Long responded regarding agenda item 6.b., specifically the rescission of the honorary degree, indicating that both the Faculty Senate and University Council members support this recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Counsel Blakemore indicated that there were no request for public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 105

Agenda Item 6.a. Dean, College of Law

President Baker began, the first item on the agenda is one of a very positive action. It is the appointment of the Dean of the College of Law, Eric Dannenmaier. He comes to us from Indiana University's School of Law. His specialties are property, natural resources, water, and constitutional law. He has professional experience as well as having served as an environmental attorney and litigator and also was the Director of the Environmental Law Program at the United States Agency for International Development. Very distinguished educational background with doctoral and master's degrees from Columbia University, a master's degree from Oxford University and a J.D. from Boston University. It is my recommendation that Dr. Eric Dannenmaier be appointed Dean of the College of Law with the rank of Professor with tenure in the College of Law effective June 1, 2016.

Chair Strauss called for a motion. Trustee Butler so moved and Trustee Zanayed seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 6.b. Rescind Honorary Degree

President Baker continued, the second item is the revocation of honorary degree and Greg Long just spoke to that. It's an unfortunate thing that we bring to you today. As you know I'm sure, Dennis Hastert was recently convicted of felony for fraudulent banking transactions and also provided testimony of sexual child abuse. Consequently, although unprecedented, the Graduate Council's Honorary Degree Committee has reviewed and submits to us a recommendation for revocation of the honorary doctor of laws degree awarded to Dennis Hastert in 1999. I bring to you a recommendation, by unanimous vote of the Graduate Council's Honorary Degree Committee, that the Board of Trustees revoke the honorary doctor of laws degree awarded to J. Dennis Hastert in 1999.

Chair Strauss called for a motion. Trustee Coleman so moved and Trustee Zanayed seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 6.c. Resolution to Retain 911 Center Public Safety Answering Points

President Baker continued, the final action item deals with the 911 call center. The State of Illinois has passed a statute to consolidate 911 centers. There's four in DeKalb County including the County, NIU, City of DeKalb, and the City of Sandwich. DeKalb County is electing to proceed with a consolidation exemption. They're essentially saying the county would be better if we did not do this and so they're asking for an exemption. We concur with that. We believe it would increase the response time rather than reduce it and it would not reduce expenses. We bring to you a resolution stating whereas it would be resolved that Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees stands in support of the DeKalb County ETSB and the PSAP consolidation exemption request in order to retain local 911 service calls at each of DeKalb County's four PSAPs, including Northern Illinois University.

Chair Strauss called for a motion. Trustee Boey so moved and Trustee Butler seconded. The motion was approved.

OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, June 16, 2016, 9 a.m., in Altgeld Hall 315.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Strauss 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 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; litigation and risk management matters as generally described under section 2.c.11 and 12 of the Open Meetings Act; discussion involving internal control effectiveness as generally described under section 2.c.29 of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Butler so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall. A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Closed Session was as follows:

Trustee Robert Boey:	Yes	Trustee Wheeler Coleman:	Yes
Trustee Robert Marshall:	Yes	Trustee Cherilyn Murer:	Yes
Trustee Tim Struthers:	Yes	Trustee James Zanayed:	Yes
Vice Chair John Butler:	Yes	Board Chair Marc Strauss:	Yes

The meeting is now closed and will re-open at the conclusion of the closed session in approximately one hour. The Board adjourned for closed session at 3:32 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University reconvened on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 4:59 p.m. Chair Strauss announced they were reconvening after the closed session and asked for a roll call.

Present: Trustees Robert Boey, John Butler, Wheeler Coleman, Robert Marshall, James Zanayed, Board Chair Marc Strauss. Absent: Trustees Cherilyn Murer and Tim Struthers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Coleman so moved and Trustee Zanayed seconded. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Carey
Recording Secretary

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