

Minutes of the
NIU Board of Trustees
Of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
February 16, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by Committee Chair John Butler in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Vicky Rippberger conducted a roll call of the trustees. Members present were Trustees Dennis Barsema, Wheeler Coleman, Veronica Herrero, Matthew Holmes, Tim Struthers, Eric Wasowicz, and Board Chair John Butler. Members absent were Trustee Robert Boey. Also present were President Douglas Baker, Vice President and Executive Vice President and Provost Lisa Freeman, Vice President Alan Phillips, Deputy General Counsel Greg Brady, Board Liaison Mike Mann, and UAC Representatives Greg Long and Rebecca Shortridge.

2. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Butler asked for a motion to create a consent agenda to include items 6.a.1. through 6.a.21. and 6.b.1. Trustee Matthew Holmes so moved and Trustee Dennis Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

Chair Butler asked for a motion to approve the revised meeting agenda. Trustee Wheeler Coleman so moved and Trustee Greg Wasowicz seconded. The motion was approved.

4. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No comments were made.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

General Counsel Greg Brady indicated that there were no requests for public comment.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 111

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Agenda Item 6.a.(1) - Request for a New Degree Program – *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(2) - Request for New School – *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(3) - Request for New Specializations – *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(4) - Request for New Specialization – *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(5) - Request for New Specializations– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(6) - Request for Deletion of Degree Program and Creation of New Emphases– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(7) - Request for New Emphasis– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(8) - Request for New Specialization– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(9) - Request for Deletion of Programs– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(10) - Request for Deletion of Emphasis– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(11) - Request for Deletion of Emphases– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(12) - Request for Deletion of Programs– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(13) - Request for Deletion of Programs– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(14) - Request for Deletion of Emphases– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(15) - Request for Deletion of Minors– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(16) - Request for Deletion of Emphasis– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(17) -Request for Deletion of Specialization– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(18) - Request for Deletion of Emphasis– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(19) - Treasury Operations – Signatory Authorization– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(20) - Appointment of An Acting Chief Financial Officer– *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item 6.a.(21) - Appointment of an Acting Treasurer– *Consent Agenda*

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Agenda Item 6.b.(1) – NIU Engineering @ RVC – *Consent Agenda*

Chair Butler asked for a motion to approve the items. Trustee Dennis Barsema so moved and Trustee Greg Wasowicz seconded. The motion was approved.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT NO. 76

Agenda Item 7.a. Resolution Honoring Marc J. Strauss

Chair Butler asked for a motion to adopt this resolution honoring Marc Strauss including giving me the authority to make minor edits to correct for any inaccurate content or punctuation errors discovered between now and March 9, 2017.

Trustee Tim Struthers so moved and Trustee Dennis Barsema seconded. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 7.b. Resolution Honoring Cherilyn G. Murer

Chair Butler asked for a motion to adopt this resolution honoring Cherilyn Murer including giving me the authority to make minor edits to correct for any inaccurate content or punctuation errors discovered between now and March 9, 2017.

Trustee Matthew Holmes so moved and Trustee Wheeler Coleman seconded. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 7.c. Resolution Honoring Robert T. Marshall, Jr.

Chair Butler asked for a motion to adopt this resolution honoring Robert Marshall including giving me the authority to make minor edits to correct for any inaccurate content or punctuation errors discovered

between now and March 9, 2017.

Trustee Greg Wasowicz so moved and Trustee Tim Struthers seconded. The motion passed.

8. OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were discussed.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Butler asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct a closed session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act; 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 Sections 2.c.11 and 12 of the Open Meetings Act; and Executive Session minutes matters as generally described under Section 2.c.21 of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Greg Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Matthew Holmes seconded.

A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Closed Session was as follows:

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| Trustee Dennis Barsema: | yes | Trustee Robert Boey: | absent |
| Trustee Wheeler Coleman: | yes | Trustee Veronica Herrero: | yes |
| Trustee Matthew Holmes: | yes | Trustee Tim Struthers: | yes |
| Trustee Eric Wasowicz: | yes | Board Chair John Butler: | yes |

The meeting is now closed and will re-open at the conclusion of the closed session. The Board adjourned for closed session at 2:51 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University reconvened on February 16, 2017, at 5:55 p.m. Chair Butler announced they were reconvening after the closed session. Mike Mann conducted a roll call of the Trustees. Members present were Trustees Dennis Barsema, Wheeler Coleman, Veronica Herrero, Matthew Holmes, Tim Struthers, Eric Wasowicz, and Board Chair John Butler. Members absent were Trustee Robert Boey.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Butler asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wheeler Coleman so moved and Trustee Herrero seconded. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Rippberger
Recording Secretary

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