

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee**  
August 20, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Chair Pritchard. This Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee meeting is being conducted through video conferencing communications and is being conducted pursuant to Section 6 of Executive Order 2020-7 (Suspending OMA requirements of in person attendance by members of a public body). Recording Secretary Mia Hannon conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present	Trustee John Butler: Present
Trustee Montel Gayles: Present	Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present
Trustee Aidan Shields: Present	Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Present
Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Present	Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Present

All members of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee were present.

Also present were President Lisa Freeman; General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram; Board Liaison Matt Streb; Vice President for Administration and Finance Sarah Chinniah; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Jerry Blazey; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications Sol Jensen; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Vernese Edghill-Walden; Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Omar Ghrayeb; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Chad McEvoy; Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Carolinda Douglass; Vice President University Advancement and CEO NIU Foundation Catherine Squires; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kelly Wesener-Michael; Associate Vice President Finance and Treasury Shyree Sanan; Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Matthew Parks; Associate Vice President for Management and Campus Services John Heckmann; Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs Dara Little; and University Advisory Council Representatives Kathryn Jaekel, Cathy Doederlein, Greg Beyer, Sarah Marsh, Kendall Thu and Natasha Johnson.

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEE AIDAN SHIELDS**

Board Chair Barsema conducted the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected student Trustee Aidan Shields. Aidan Shields remarked that he was extremely excited to represent the student body of NIU on the Board of Trustees and is honored that his peers elected him into this role.

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Board Chair Dennis Barsema so moved, Trustee Montel Gayles seconded.

Vote was taken by roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2020. Trustee Eric Wasowicz so moved, Trustee Montel Gayles seconded.

Vote was taken by roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

#### CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Pritchard welcome those in attendance and provided a brief overview of the agenda. He also recognized the members of the University Advisory Committee.

UAC Representative Kendall Thu extended his congratulations to Aidan Shields on becoming a new board member and thanked his university advisory committee members especially the new members. Kendall remarked on the work done over the summer related to shared governance.

UAC Representative Cathy Doederlein welcomed student trustees Aidan Shields and thanked the senior administration for extending the voluntary retirement incentive program to staff.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Pritchard inquired to Mr. Perry if any members of the public registered a request to address the board in accordance with state law and Board of Trustees bylaws.

General Counsel Perry advised that Roderic Moyer has requested to speak.

Mr. Roderic Moyer spoke about the life and times of a black NIU social change leadership student.

#### UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no university recommendations.

#### UNIVERSITY REPORTS

Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram presented the following informational items.

#### **Agenda Item 8.a. Annual Listing of Changes Fiscal Year 2020**

This item lists all the degree changes that occurred during FY20.

**Agenda Item 8.b. Summary of the Voluntary Incentive Retirement Program for Faculty and Staff**

This item provided details on the program, how many people participated, and salary savings.

**Agenda Item 8.c. 2019-2020 Faculty Emeritus Recognition**

The board commended those listed for their excellent service to the university.

**Agenda Item 8.d. Protecting the Pack Presentation**

Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram gave this presentation, detailing safety protocols, available resources, and other important information regarding COVID-19 during the fall semester.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked if there are other matters. There were none.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee will be Thursday, November 12, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Eric Wasowicz so moved, Trustee Rita Athas seconded.

Vote was taken by roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon  
Recording Secretary

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