

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel**  
**Committee Meeting**  
May 13, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Committee Chair Robert 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 Aidan Shields: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Present

Also present were President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram; Board Liaison and Chief of Staff Matt Streb; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer 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; Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Omar Ghrayeb; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Chad McEvoy; Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Carolinda Douglass; Vice President for University Advancement and President and CEO, NIU Foundation Catherine Squires; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kelly Wesener-Michael; Associate Vice President for 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.

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes  
Trustee Veronica Herrero: 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 February 18, 2021. Board Chair Barsema so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

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

The motion was approved.

#### CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Pritchard welcomed 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 congratulated his fellow faculty colleagues on promotion and tenure, the IBHE strategic plan, bond revenue refinancing effort and handling of COVID by the university.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Pritchard inquired to General Counsel 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 stated that Manjuri Talukdar registered to make a public comment. Ms. Manjuri Talukdar made a public comment.

#### UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram to present the following university recommendations.

##### **Agenda Item 7.a. Request to Transition Tenure Home**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve item 7.a. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Gayles seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard opened the floor for discussion and then asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Aidan Shields: Abstain
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

### **Agenda Item 7.b. Recommendations for Faculty Tenure and/or Promotion Effective 2021-2022**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to approve item 7.b. Board Chair Barsema so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard opened the floor for discussion and then asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Abstain

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

## **UNIVERSITY REPORTS**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram to present the following informational items.

### **Agenda Item 8.a. Oral English Proficiency Annual Report 2019-2020**

EVPP Ingram presented Information Item 8.a. Oral English Proficiency Annual Report 2019-2020.

### **Agenda Item 8.b. Police Chief Search Update**

EVPP Ingram presented Information Item 8.b. Police Chief Search Update.

### **Agenda Item 8.c. Learning Management System Review**

Presentation on the Learning Management System Review conducted by Jason Rhode, Executive Director, Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning and Matthew Parks, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

### **Agenda Item 8.d. Northwestern Medicine Partnership Update**

Presentation on the Northwestern Medicine Partnership Update conducted by Michael Stang, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

### **Agenda Item 8.e. Plans for Fall 2021**

Presentation on Plans for Fall 2021 conducted by Beth Ingram, Executive Vice President and Provost.

## **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, August 26, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn. Board Chair Barsema so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Committee Chair Pritchard asked Ms. Hannon to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Aidan Shields: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Committee Chair Robert Pritchard: Yes

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

Recording Secretary

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