

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel
Committee Meeting
November 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Committee Chair Montel Gayles. This committee meeting was conducted in person.

Recording Secretary Mia Hannon conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Absent

Trustee Leland Strom: Present

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Also present were President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Laurie Elish-Piper; Board Liaison and Chief Strategy Officer Matt Streb; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Yvonne Harris; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications Sol Jensen; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Carol Sumner; Vice President for Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development and Chief Engagement Officer Rena Cotsones; Chief Human Resources Officer John Acardo; Professor Melissa Lenczewski, Department of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment; Associate Professor Christine Mooney, Department of Management; University Advisory Council Representative Benjamin Creed.

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 Gayles asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2023

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2023. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded. *Trustee Strom abstained since he was not at the meeting on August 24, 2023.* The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Butler arrived at 10:17 a.m.

Committee Chair Gayles welcomed Trustee Leland Strom to the NIU Board of Trustees and provided a brief overview of the agenda. He also recognized the members of the University Advisory Committee who did not have a comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Gayles 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 advised that no requests for public comment had been received.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS

Committee Chair Gayles asked Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Laurie Elish-Piper to present the following informational items.

Agenda Item 7.a. Oversight of Academic Programs

Interim EVPP Elish-Piper presented Agenda Item 7.a. Oversight of Academic Programs.

Agenda Item 7.b. BASICS Presentation

Professor Melissa Lenczewski, Department of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment and Associate Professor Christine Mooney, Department of Management presented Agenda Item 7.b. BASICS: Business and Science Integrated Curriculum for Sustainability.

Trustee Herrero left at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:41 a.m.

OTHER MATTERS

Committee Chair Gayles asked if there were other matters. There were none.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee will be February 15, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Leland Strom: Yes

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

Recording Secretary

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