

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel**  
**Committee Meeting**  
February 16, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Montel Gayles. This committee meeting was conducted in person and through videoconferencing communications pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, enacted June 12, 2020, and section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, allowing for virtual board meetings during a disaster declaration relating to public health concerns. The Chair of the committee determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent because of the disaster. As such, some trustees attended this meeting by audio and visual conferencing and not by physical presence.

Recording Secretary Mia Hannon conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present	Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent
Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent
Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Present	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
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; 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 George Middlemist; 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 Chief Diversity Officer Vernese Edghill-Walden; Vice President for Student Affairs Clint-Michael Reneau; Dean, College of Business Balaji Rajagopalan; Dean, College of Education Laurie Elish-Piper; University Advisory Council Representatives Katy Jaekel and Holly Nicholson.

**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. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Butler seconded.

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent
Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent
Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2022. Trustee Athas so moved, and Board Chair Wasowicz seconded.

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

#### CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#### **Agenda Item 7.a. Request for Deletion of Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

#### **Agenda Item 7.b. Request for the Deletion of the Master of Science in Taxation**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

### **Agenda Item 7.c. Request for New Minor in Sports Medicine**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

*8:59 a.m. Committee Chair Gayles called for a 2-minute break*

*9:01 a.m. Return from break*

### **Agenda Item 7.d. Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2023-2024 Academic Year**

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve item 7.d. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

## **UNIVERSITY REPORTS**

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

### **Agenda Item 8.a. Faculty Presentation on Sabbatical Leave**

EVPP Ingram introduced item 8.a., Associate Professor Holly Jones gave a faculty sabbatical presentation.

### **Agenda Item 8.b. Annual Report on the Outcomes of Sabbatical Leaves**

EVPP Ingram introduced Agenda Item 8.b. EVPP Ingram presented an executive summary of the sabbatical report for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

**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 Thursday, May 11, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

Recording Secretary

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