

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel**  
**Committee Meeting**  
August 24, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:29 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: Absent

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: 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 Student Affairs Clint-Michael Reneau; Vice President for Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development and Chief Engagement Officer Rena Cotsones; Chief Human Resources Officer John Acardo; Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Matt Parks; University Advisory Council Representative Katy Jaekel.

**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 Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2023**

Committee Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2023. Board Chair Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded. 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.

UAC Representative Katy Jaekel echoed how wonderful it was to see the true huskie spirit demonstrated by the volunteers at move in and are grateful to faculty, staff and students who participated in Week of Welcome illustrating that NIU is an inclusive and welcoming place.

## **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. Dean of the College of Business Search Update**

Interim EVPP Elish-Piper presented Agenda Item 7.a. Dean of the College of Business Search Update.

### **Agenda Item 7.b. Annual Listing of Changes Fiscal Year 2023**

Interim EVPP Elish-Piper presented Agenda Item 7.b. Annual Listing of Changes Fiscal Year 2023.

### **Agenda Item 7.c. 2022-2023 Faculty Emeritus Recognition**

Interim EVPP Elish-Piper presented Agenda Item 7.c. 2022-2023 Faculty Emeritus Recognition.

### **Agenda Item 7.d. Innovation and Impact: The Work of Student Affairs**

Vice President for Student Affairs Clint-Michael Reneu presented Agenda Item 7.d. Innovation and Impact: The Work of Student Affairs.

*Trustee Herrero arrived at 8:47 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 Thursday, November 9, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Trustee Rita Athas: Absent

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Committee Vice Chair John Butler: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Committee Chair Montel Gayles: Yes

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hannon

Recording Secretary

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