



Special Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees

May 11, 2023

**Special Meeting of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
12:30 p.m. – Thursday – May 11, 2023
Board of Trustees Room
Altgeld Hall 315**

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Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Regular Meeting
April 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board Secretary Montel Gayles in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. This meeting is being 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. As Chair of the Board, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. As such, trustees may attend today's meeting by audio and visual conferencing and not by physical presence.

Recording Secretary Crystal Doyle conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Present

Also present: Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Chief of Staff and Board Liaison Matt Streb; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Jerry Blazey; Vice President of Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist; Vice President for Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vernese Edghill-Walden; Dean of the College of Education Laurie Elish-Piper; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications Sol Jensen; Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science Bob Brinkman; Dean of the College of Business Balaji Rajagopalan; Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services John Heckmann; Associate Vice President and Chief Information Office Matt Parks; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representative Ismael Montana.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Secretary Gayles asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

Secretary Gayles asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Secretary Gayles asked for a motion to amend that motion, in order to approve a consent agenda for action items 9.a.1. through 9.a.11. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Secretary Gayles asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Yes
Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes	

The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Secretary Gayles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2023. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

Secretary Gayles asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Yes
Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes	

The motion was approved.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICER POSITIONS

Secretary Gayles asked for a motion to approve the election of board office positions. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded.

Secretary Gayles asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Trustee Rita Athas: Yes	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Yes
Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Yes	

The motion was approved.

Mr. Perry explained the process and the need for an off-cycle election for the board officer positions of chair and vice chair. Mr. Perry stated that at the June Board of Trustees meeting we will conduct the fiscal year 2024 board officer elections. Mr. Perry announced that Eric Wasowicz was elected as Chair and Rita Athas was elected Vice Chair.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Wasowicz explained that the March board of trustees meeting was rescheduled to April 3 due to not having a quorum until March 31. There was a delay in the trustee appointment process by the state that has since been resolved. Chair Wasowicz congratulated Vice Chair Athas and Trustee Barsema on being reappointed by the Governor to another term on the NIU board of trustees. Chair Wasowicz thanked Vice Chair Athas, Trustee Barsema and Trustee Pritchard for all of their hard work on the board.

Chair Wasowicz stated that the positions of 5th member and FACFO committee vice chair will remain vacant until an eighth trustee has been appointed.

Chair Wasowicz welcomed the members of the University Advisory Committee who were present and asked if any of the UAC members had any comments.

UAC Representative Montana stated he was very happy to see so much support for the United Faculty Alliance Collective Bargaining Agreement, and the tenure and tenure track faculty members that are on the agenda today to be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Wasowicz introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry welcomed Dr. Kerry Ferris to the podium.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES AND BOARD LIAISONS

Chair Wasowicz reminded everyone that the reports of the Board Committees and the Board Liaisons are information only.

Trustee Herrero joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 167

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion for reconsideration of the consent agenda for agenda items 9.a.1. through 9.a.11. Trustee Butler so moved and Trustee Gayles seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

Chair Wasowicz asked Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram to present the President's Report No. 167.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Executive Vice President and Provost presented the items that were moved to the consent agenda including:

Agenda Item 9.a.1. Request for the Deletion of the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management

Agenda Item 9.a.2. Request for the Deletion of the Master of Science in Taxation

Agenda Item 9.a.3. Request for New Minor in Sports Medicine

Agenda Item 9.a.4. Recommendations for Faculty and Supportive Professional Staff Sabbatical Leaves for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Agenda Item 9.a.5. DeKalb Campus Recreation Drive Roadway Repairs Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 9.a.6. Holmes Student Center Envelope Repairs Phase 1 Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 9.a.7. Stevenson & Grant Residential Complexes Envelope Repairs Phase 2 Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 9.a.8. Fiscal Year 2023 Elevator Services Increase G.D. Barri & Associates, Inc.

Agenda Item 9.a.9. Fiscal Year 2024 Through Fiscal Year 2028 Solid Waste Removal and Recycling Services

Agenda Item 9.a.10. Fiscal Year 2024 Campus Services Consumable Commodities

Agenda Item 9.a.11. Campus Printer Lease Program

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram asked whether any Trustees wanted to revisit information items forwarded from the committees.

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram continued to the items directly from the President.

ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Agenda Item 9.c.1. Collective Bargaining Agreement for the NIU Tenure and Tenure Track Unit, United Faculty Alliance, Local 4100 of the University Professionals of Illinois

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.1. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.1. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.2. Appointment of Dean for the College of Health and Human Sciences

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.2. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.2. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.3. Fiscal Year 2024 Law Tuition Pricing and Student Fee Recommendations

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.3. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.3. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

Trustee Gayles will abstain from voting due to a conflict.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Abstain

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.4. Fiscal Year 2024 Master Agreement Facility Contract Renewals

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.4. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.4. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded.

Trustee Butler will abstain from voting due to a conflict.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Abstain

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.5. Real Estate Property Sale Nursing Building

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.5. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.5. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.6. Microsoft Enrollment Contract Renewal

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.6. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 9.c.6. Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9.c.7. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Overview

Executive Vice President and Provost Ingram presented agenda item 9.c.7. Robert Brinkmann, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences presented an overview of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Trustees thanked Dean Brinkmann for his presentation and loved hearing about all that is happening in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Wasowicz announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held June 15, 2023, at 9 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Wasowicz stated that the Board needed to go into closed session and would not take up new business following the closed session. He asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct closed session to discuss the following subjects as authorized by the Open Meetings Act: closed session minutes matters as generally described under section 2(c)(21) of the open meetings act; collective bargaining matters as generally described under section 2(c)(2) of the open meetings act; litigation and risk management matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the open meetings act; real estate matters as generally described under section 2(c)(5)&(6) of the open meetings act; personnel matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(1)(2)(3) and (21) of the open meetings act; and student disciplinary cases matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the open meetings act.

Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call vote.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 12:19 p.m.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Wright to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle

Recording Secretary

In compliance with Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq, a verbatim record of all Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees meetings is maintained by the Board Recording Secretary and is available for review upon request. The minutes contained herein represent a true and accurate summary of the Board proceedings.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS

Summary: Following a national search, Dr. Yvonne Harris has accepted the offer to join Northern Illinois University as the Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships.

Background: Dr. Harris has extensive experience in higher education research administration. She is a proven leader with demonstrated success not only supporting and facilitating the research, scholarship and artistry of faculty, staff and students, but also promoting university entrepreneurship and economic engagement. Currently, Dr. Harris is the Associate Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development at California State University at Sacramento with oversight responsibility for the Offices of Research Proposal Development, Economic Development, and Innovation and Technology, as well as the Student Research Center and 12 centers and institutes. Previously she served as the Vice Provost of Research and Scholarship at James Madison University (2014-2018), the Associate Vice President of Sponsored Programs at Chicago State University (2010-2014), the Dean of Math and Science at Harper College (2008-10) and Department Chair for Biology and Biotechnology at Truman College of the City Colleges of Chicago (2000-2008).

Dr. Harris' leadership has positively impacted research productivity at the universities where she has worked. She has been recognized throughout her career for exemplary contributions to innovation in STEM teaching and outreach. For example, she was selected as a mentor at the Project Kaleidoscope Leadership Institute for five consecutive years from 2013-2018. Further, she developed the CHOICE Scholars program to increase the number of students placed into credit bearing courses, which was recognized with the Resource for Excellence Award, the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators 2009 Innovation Award. In addition, Dr. Harris won the Chicago City Colleges Distinguished Professor Award for 2005-2006 and the Outstanding Woman of the Year Award at City Colleges of Chicago, 2004.

Dr. Harris holds three degrees from Northern Illinois University. She received a B.S. that fulfilled the major requirements for Biology and Philosophy in 1992, and continued to obtain M.S. and Ph.D. in Biology 1991 and 1992, respectively. Subsequently, Dr. Harris did post-doctoral work at the University of Chicago (1992-1994) and the University of Illinois Chicago (1994-1997).

Funding: There is no additional funding needed for this appointment.

Recommendation: The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval of the appointment for Dr. Yvonne Harris as the Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships effective August 1, 2023.

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Summary: Following a national search and pending Board of Trustees approval, Dr. David Grewell has accepted an offer to be the Dean of the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology. Dr. Grewell is recommended for appointment at the rank of professor with tenure in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology.

Background: Dr. David Grewell is currently the chair of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering at North Dakota State University. Prior to his move to NDSU, he was a Professor at Iowa State University in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering for 14 years. Before returning to academia, he worked at Emerson Electric for nearly 14 years.

Dr. Grewell is the founder and Director of the NSF Industry/University Collaborative Research Center for Bioplastics and Biocomposites and of the Great Plains Region NSF I-Corps Hub, the Chair of the International Institute of Welding Commission IXV, a Board Member of the Ultrasonic Industry Association, and a Fellow of the Society of Plastics Engineers and of the National Academy of Inventors. He also holds a position at the University of Erlangen in Germany.

Dr. Grewell received his BS, MS, and Ph.D. in Welding Engineering from The Ohio State University. He holds 17 patents, has authored numerous publications (including three books), and has been given numerous honors and awards.

Funding: There is no additional funding needed for this appointment.

Recommendation: The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the appointment for Dr. David Grewell as Dean of the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, with the rank of professor with tenure in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, effective July 1, 2023.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Summary: Pending Board approval, Dr. Denise Schoenbachler has been appointed to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2023. The incoming Interim Executive Vice President and Provost consulted with the College Council and College Senate and received their endorsement for the appointment.

Dr. Schoenbachler was a faculty member at NIU from 1992 to 2022 and served as Dean of the College of Business from 2006 to 2016. Dr. Schoenbachler earned a bachelor's degree from University of Louisville in Kentucky, MBA from University of Louisville and doctorate from University of Kentucky.

Funding: There is no additional funding needed for this appointment.

Recommendation: The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the appointment for Dr. Denise Schoenbachler as the Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2023.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Summary: Pending Board approval, Dr. William Pitney has been appointed to be the Acting Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2023. An internal search was conducted and Dr. Pitney's appointment was endorsed by the search committee with input from the college and NIU community. Dr. William Pitney has been a faculty member and administrator at Northern Illinois University (NIU) since 1994. Dr. Pitney served as associate dean for research, resources and innovation in the College of Education from 2016-2022, and he previously served as acting vice provost for faculty affairs and as president of the faculty senate. Dr. Pitney is a professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education in the area of athletic training. Dr. Pitney obtained his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University, his master's from Eastern Michigan University, and his doctorate at NIU.

Funding: There is no additional funding needed for this appointment.

Recommendation: The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee recommends Board of Trustee Approval of the appointment for Dr. William Pitney as Acting Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2023.

SERVICES AND LEASE IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT HEALTH AND ATHLETIC CARE

Summary: Northern Illinois University is requesting to renew its contract with Northwestern Medicine (NM) for the management of health services for students and the provision of student athlete care. The new contract will include all existing services and add several enhanced offerings, such as increased psychiatric and mental health services and additional medical tests and screenings offered on campus. NM has also agreed to provide NIU faculty and staff access to urgent care at the Student Health Center and to provide certain occupational health services at the request of NIU Human Resource Services.

While the athletic services fee structure will remain the same as the existing contract, the fee for student health services has been transformed to align with NIU's billable credit hours. This new fee structure will allow NIU to better manage the revenue and expenses related to student health services based on credit hours versus a flat fee.

The university reserves the right to enhance the scope of services in the future and to negotiate pricing with NM upon the identification of new services. As such, the university is requesting the Board of Trustees delegate to the president, or designee, authority to negotiate these terms and implement the changes, reporting substantive transactions (not to include actions such as typographical error corrections and language changes to improve clarity), progress, and metrics on an annual basis at a meeting of the Board.

The new contract will supersede the existing contract which expires December 31, 2023, and have a start date of August 16, 2023, and an end date of August 15, 2028, with total costs to NM for all services NIU is obligated to pay not-to-exceed (NTE) \$9.5M over the course of the 5-year term.

Background: Northern Illinois University entered into the current contract with Northwestern Medicine (NM) in 2019 to provide student athlete care and to operate the Student Health Center. According to U.S. News and World Report, NM is one of the top medical groups in the nation and has the resources, expertise and capabilities required to provide excellent care for students. The initial contract also included a component whereby NM leased a portion of the Health Services Building to operate the Student Health Center within.

As a trusted and engaged partner, NM has shared and supported NIU's overall goal of strengthening the health and well-being of students and the campus community. NM was a critical partner throughout the pandemic, treating students with COVID-19 and overseeing NIU's gateway and surveillance testing programs, and has consistently demonstrated professional and compassionate care for the NIU community.

Throughout the last twelve months, stakeholders from NIU and NM have met to evaluate the existing agreement's components, identify service areas to expand upon, and propose a different cost structure that better aligns with financial management at the university. Over the past year, NM has been collegial and collaborative in the renegotiation of this agreement. NIU's requests for enhanced student services were well-received, and NM has been open and willing to offer services for NIU faculty and staff as well, all at a more beneficial and equitable pricing structure based on billable credit hours for the primary student health services offerings.

Term: The university is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with NM with an initial term starting August 16, 2023 and ending August 15, 2028. The new contract supersedes the existing contract, originally set to expire December 31, 2023.

Funding:

- Student Health Center: \$9,000,000 NTE
- Athletics: \$500,000 NTE

The new financial arrangement reflects the same pricing structure as the existing contract for student athlete services at approximately \$100K per year whereas management of the Student Health Center will reflect a new fee of \$5.40 per billable credit hour. The annual fee is estimated at \$1.66M per year using an estimated 307,000 billable credit hours, with a minimum floor of \$1.6M owed to NM per year. The \$9.5M total NTE figure is requested based on potential increases in enrollment and billable credit hours as well as to provide flexibility in the event additional services are identified throughout the term of the contract.

Faculty and staff occupational health services will be paid by the requesting departments as fees for services as a stand-alone payment separate from the rest of the agreement. Estimated spend is included in the \$9.5M above.

Faculty and staff urgent care health services will be at the employee's expense. NM will submit charges to the employee's insurance and the employee will be responsible for any charges not covered by insurance.

Lease: NM will lease approximately 13,000 square feet of the Health Services Building (including designated equipment and furniture that currently exist within the Health Services Building). The value of the lease is \$190K annually, resulting in \$950K in lease revenue in support of utilities and maintenance costs over the period of five years.

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the request for Services and Lease in Support of Student Health and Athletic Care.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAMPUS FLEET PRINTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

Summary: The Division of Information Technology (DoIT) Integrated Media Technologies program anticipates campus fleet printing to be higher than originally forecasted for FY23. Campus printing behavior has been uncertain and inconsistent since the beginning of the pandemic, making usage difficult to predict. With the volatility of usage and increased presence on campus as university operations commence, approval is being sought for an additional \$100K beyond the original FY23 request of \$400K. The total not-to-exceed for FY23 would be \$500K and will be processed in accordance with applicable Illinois procurement regulations and advertised, as required, on the *Illinois Procurement Bulletin*.

Background: The Board of Trustees recently approved a new contract for campus fleet printing which will commence in May 2023; however, the costs associated with the initial equipment removal and installation under the new agreement will overlap with the remaining printing and copier costs incurred under the contract which expires as of June 30, 2023. This has led to the request for an increase in the FY23 contract as opposed to shifting the cost under the new contract taking effect May 2023.

An increase of \$100K is considered sufficient to address the projected campus printing demands for the remainder of the fiscal year as the university migrates to the new contract. This amount does not reflect an obligation but serves as an upper limit for the amount of printing that may be used under the current agreement.

Funding: Institutional Funds

<i>Gordon Flesch Co – Geneva, IL</i>	\$400,000
<i>Increase</i>	\$100,000
<i>Revised FY23 Total</i>	\$500,000

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the request for Fiscal Year 2023 Campus Fleet Printing Additional Funding Request.

PATTERSON HALL EAST FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM PIPING REPLACEMENT

Summary: The north end of Patterson Hall East has experienced a few incidents of breaks in the fire sprinkler system over the past couple years which have disrupted student living areas and caused emergency cleanup and restoration expenses. Assessments indicate a risk with the plastic piping used in this portion of the building for the fire sprinkler distribution system. To avoid the risk of future line breaks, the university is requesting to replace the existing plastic fire protection piping with more durable metal piping for this portion of the complex, with a project cost estimate of \$1.65M to begin summer 2023.

Background: The existing systems in this complex are a combination of steel for main lines and plastic for branch lines. Due to the past leaks being in a very localized area and solely in plastic pipe sections, this is likely a latent defect with the materials used for this portion of the building and is currently not being presumed to be a problem for the entire complex.

The scope of work for the project will include replacement of all plastic piping within the existing sprinkler system at the north end of the Patterson Hall East building and include associated necessary ceiling and wall repairs. It is the intent for the work to be completed over summer 2023, prior to the fall semester occupancy.

Funding: Institutional Funds: \$1,650,000

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the request for Patterson Hall East Fire Sprinkler System Piping Replacement.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS BARSEMA HALL RENOVATION FOR NEW HAVI CENTER FOR ANALYTICS AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary: Following the success of the De La Vega Innovation Lab, the College of Business has developed a vision for a similar learning environment enhancement with the creation of the HAVI Center for Analytics and Technology. Supported by donation investments, the scope of work for this project will focus on the renovation of existing spaces in Barsema Hall with cutting-edge and emerging technologies to enhance a collaborative environment for faculty, students, and corporate partners to focus on digital innovations and data insights. The project cost is estimated at \$800K, with a completion goal of spring 2024.

Background: The vision of the College of Business is to provide spaces for students that serve as hubs for activities relating to various fields of focus. The college continues to solicit donor funding for projects that will house cutting-edge technologies and provide experiences that will not only give NIU students a competitive edge in the marketplace, but also draw faculty across many disciplines to collaborate in research and innovation beyond disciplinary boundaries. The current vision includes three laboratories.

The De La Vega Innovation Lab was the first and opened August 2021. The next priority is the development of this project for data analytics. HAVI, a global leader in supply chain analytics solutions, has made a significant financial and engagement commitment to this project, recognizing the need for intellectual talent in the field of AI and analytics. HAVI's values align with NIU College of Business' mission to nurture young minds to be leaders who transform the world.

The HAVI Center for Analytics and Technology will include the renovation of three rooms on the third floor of Barsema Hall involving about 1,500 square feet of space and is targeted for completion by spring 2024. A subsequent priority involves finance technology, which will be presented at a future meeting as this desire is developed further.

The HAVI Center for Analytics and Technology scope of work will include some limited demolition work, installation of a moveable partition, a glazed perimeter wall and new glazed entry area, interior finish upgrades, IT, electrical, lighting, mechanical and plumbing modification and upgrades, new white board walls, and new furniture, furnishings, and equipment. Following approval, design will be finalized, and drawings and specifications prepared for final bidding and execution.

Funding: Foundation Donation and Institutional Funds: \$800,000

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the request for College of Business Barsema Hall Renovation for New HAVI Center for Analytics and Technology.

**STEVENSON RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX TOWERS A, B, C, & D
WASHROOM FAUCET REPLACEMENTS
CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Summary: The university is requesting to replace washroom faucets throughout the Stevenson Residential Complex, as the facility has experienced challenges with maintaining adequate hot water temperatures for the showers. While the issue was aggressively investigated and partially mitigated during fall/winter 2022, the interim mitigation left the washroom sinks without cold water. Failed washroom sink faucets were allowing excessive hot and cold water mixing in the lines which led to cooler temperatures for the showers. To completely resolve the water temperature issues, washroom faucets need to be replaced across approximately 36 floors of the complex.

To avoid this inconvenience for the 2023-2024 academic year, work is planned to be contracted in May 2023 and executed over the remainder of the summer, with a project estimate of \$650K.

Background: The Stevenson Residential Complex was originally constructed in 1967 and the existing plumbing infrastructure is largely original to the building other than isolated spot repairs. The scope of this project is to replace all faucets in all tower washrooms on floors 3 and up.

Under the coordination of a NIU project manager, the project will involve a combination of in-house and contracted work forces and is planned to be completed prior to the beginning of the fall semester move-in.

Funding: Institutional Funds: \$650,000

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the request for Stevenson Residential Complex Towers A, B, C, & D Washroom Faucet Replacements Capital Project Approval.

STEVENSON RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX TOWER ELEVATOR UPGRADES CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Summary: The university is requesting to replace the elevators which service the Stevenson residential complex. Stevenson has a total of eight passenger elevators between the four towers where the elevator doors and associated mechanisms are beyond their useful life. The elevators are heavily used by the students living in this complex particularly during the fall and spring semesters to travel from basement to twelfth floor levels. Although minor repairs have been made over their 55+ years of service these major upgrades are required to improve reliability. The project is estimated at \$560K and will commence summer 2023.

Background: In recent years, the elevators have been experiencing increased trouble calls and failures with the door operations, and repairs are increasingly challenging due to the age of the original equipment. The scope of the project will be to replace the doors, door operators, and associated mechanisms on all eight elevators with the intent for this work to be completed over summer 2023, prior to the fall semester. Cab interiors will also be replaced in a phased approach as materials are available and in coordination with housing staff to minimize impact to residents in the towers.

Funding: Institutional Funds: \$560,000

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustees approval of the request for Stevenson Residential Complex Tower Elevator Upgrades Capital Project Approval.

YORDON CENTER ROOM 125 NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE PERFORMANCE CENTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT BUDGET INCREASE

Summary: This project was originally approved to proceed at the December 8, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. Following receipt and review of finalized contractor pricing it has been determined that additional funding of \$115K is necessary to be able to replace both the weight room floor and the running track section. This is due to unforeseen cost escalations related to both materials and labor costs. Orders have been placed for the weight room floor to allow for that to proceed within the existing budget. With approval of this additional funding, the running track portion can be added back into the scope of work and installation should overall still be able to be completed within the original planned timeframe. Below is the original project scope description for reference.

The Northwestern Medicine Performance Center, located at the east end of Yordon Center, has been supporting strength and conditioning training for 16 years within Intercollegiate Athletics, since 2007. The rubberized flooring for this area is at the end of its useful life, is showing signs of significant wear and tear, and patch repairs are no longer a viable solution. Through support of donation funding, the university is requesting a complete flooring replacement immediately following the end of the 2023 spring semester to minimize down time of the space for athlete use.

Background: The existing flooring is comprised primarily of a rubberized sheet material for weight training activities, including a sprint track surface located along the south wall of the space. The scope of work for this project will include removal of the existing flooring materials and replacement with a new more heavy-duty rubberized product along with a turf spring track section of similar size to existing. Existing weight equipment in the space will be removed and reinstalled as required to accommodate the flooring replacement.

Funding: Foundation Donations and Institutional Funds: \$465,000 (increase of \$115,000)

Recommendation: The Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee recommends Board of Trustee approval of the request for Yordon Center Room 125 Northwestern Medicine Performance Center Flooring Replacement Budget Increase.