

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

November 16, 2006

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 4:24 p.m., in the Golden Eagle Room of the Student Union at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Nancy J. Masterson, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and the following trustees answered present:

Carlos Azcoitia
Carole Balzekas
James W. Barushok
Walter W. Dudycz, Vice Chair
Edward G. Dykla
Margaret Laurino
Jin Lee, Secretary
Nancy J. Masterson, Chair
Peter Michalczyk
Arnold H. Park (by speaker phone)

The following trustees were absent:

None

Also present were the following:

Salme Harju Steinberg, President
Jean A. Kelchauser, Assistant Secretary
Mark T. Dunn, Legal Counsel

University Provost, Vice Presidents and Staff

Approval of Minutes

Written Minutes of the following meetings have been prepared and submitted: September 21, 2006 and Minutes of the Confidential Executive Session dated September 21, 2006. Chair Masterson said that hearing no corrections, the Minutes stand as submitted.

New Business

Introduction of New Trustee Azcoitia – Mrs. Masterson extended a warm welcome to Dr. Carlos Azcoitia who was appointed by Governor Blagojevich effective October 4, 2006, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Wilfredo Ortiz. Dr. Azcoitia holds a doctorate in educational administration from Northern Illinois University, a Master's degree from National Louis University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Puerto Rico. A seventh and eighth grade teacher at the start of his career, Dr. Azcoitia served as principal of the John Spry Community School in the early 1990's, was appointed Deputy Chief Education Officer, Chicago Public Schools in 1997 and later returned to the principalship at John Spry where he currently serves. In February 2004 the Governor appointed Dr. Azcoitia to serve as a member of the Education Accountability Taskforce to shape a new Illinois Department of Education. Dr. Azcoitia said that he is looking forward to working with the board.

Appointment of a New University President

Mrs. Masterson asked Mr. Dykla, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, to give his report. Mr. Dykla said that it is with the unanimous support of the search committee, that he offers the following resolution:

Resolution No. 11.16/1 – Employment of a University President – November 16, 2006

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University appointed a committee of the Board to conduct a nation-wide search for a new President of the University; and

Whereas, the Board Search Committee with the support and contribution of the Campus Advisory Committee and a professional search consultant did conduct a nation-wide search as directed by the Board; and

Whereas, the Board Search Committee does unanimously recommend the appointment of Dr. Sharon K. Hahs as the next President of Northeastern Illinois University with her employment as President to begin February 1, 2007; and

Whereas, a written Agreement for the employment of Dr. Sharon K. Hahs has been offered to Dr. Hahs, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, and that written Agreement is consistent with the Governing Policies, Bylaws and Regulations of the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Dr. Hahs has agreed to enter into that Agreement with the Board of Trustees;
Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University does hereby agree to employ Dr. Sharon K. Hahs as the President of Northeastern Illinois University effective February 1, 2007 and pursuant to the terms of the foregoing written Agreement.

Mr. Dykla, seconded by Mr. Dudycz, moved to adopt Resolution No. 11.16/1, Employment of a University President.

Student trustee Peter Michalczyk said that he would not vote in support of the motion. He said that he had complaints about the process and the selection, but that he would fully support Dr. Hahs. Mr. Azcoitia said he will abstain from voting as he is attending his first meeting today and has not had an opportunity to participate in the search process. He also said that he will work with the new President if approved by the Board.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Abstain
Balzekas	Yes
Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes, he feels strongly that the right and best candidate has been selected through an open process
Dykla	Yes, and he said that he was insulted by the comments by Mr. Michalczyk alleging that it was a back room process
Laurino	Yes, and she commended the committee members for their hard work and long volunteer hours
Lee	Yes, fully supports the appointment
Michalczyk	No
Park	Yes, a very firm yes.
Masterson	Yes, with great pleasure

The motion carried, 8 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.

Chair Masterson called a brief recess so that President Steinberg and Dr. Hahs could join the meeting. They were warmly welcomed when President Steinberg presented President- elect Hahs.

Chair Masterson offered the following remarks:

The Board of Trustees is proud to welcome as the next President of Northeastern Illinois University Dr. Sharon K. Hahs. She received her BA in Chemistry from Illinois Wesleyan University and her MS and Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of New Mexico. She became a full professor at the Metropolitan State College in Denver. Her last position was Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemistry at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. Her responsibilities included the administration of instruction, research and public service programs and a budget of seventy million dollars in state funds and forty million dollars in grants and local funds. Seventeen individuals reported directly to the Provost: Nine College and School Deans, the Associate Provost and two Assistant Provosts, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, and the directors of Continuing Education, Institutional Research, and the East St. Louis Center and the National Corn-
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Ethanol Research Center.

Dr. Hahs also has written many research publications and presentations. Dr. Hahs is married to Billy Hahs, an attorney. She has two daughters.

After our long process of searching for the best candidate it is with great enthusiasm

that your Board of Trustees welcomes Dr. Sharon K. Hahs.

Following applause, Dr. Hahs said that she is delighted and honored to be selected. She feels that NEIU is a very special place, dynamic, the university of the future. She said that she is looking forward to building on all the fine work of President Steinberg, all of the members of the university community and the Board.

President's Report

Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Michalczyk, moved to approve a lease for use of the Physical Education Complex by the Chicago Rockstars, a new American Basketball franchise, as follows:

The Board of Trustees is asked to approve a lease for the use of the Physical Education Complex on certain dates from November 2006 through March 2007.

The University was approached by the Chicago Rockstars, a new American Basketball Association franchise, about the possible lease of the University's main gymnasium and support areas of the PE Complex. The team was originally scheduled to hold their inaugural season at Chicago State University but a construction delay at CSU caused the team to explore other Chicago locations for their games during their first season. The team determined Northeastern as the best option. Team representatives met with University representatives to discuss issues and requirements for the team's use of University facilities. Requirements identified by the University include:

- Little or no disruption to student and staff use of the campus recreational facilities
- Reduced admission for University students and the possible use of student workers in team support roles
- Free on-campus parking to encourage attendees and participants to park on-campus
- Adequate security to provide a safe and friendly environment for attendees and to protect University facilities
- All direct and indirect costs of the University to be covered by the lease with an additional amount for University overhead

The tentative contract negotiated with the Rockstars includes a lease fee of \$45,000 for 18 home games, \$2,500 per game. This fee covers the lease of the PE Complex, Parking Lot L during each game, and University support expenses (security, custodial, utilities, staff) estimated at \$1,200, resulting in net estimated revenue of \$1,300 per game for general University overhead. The team will provide all necessary support personnel (scoreboard operators, ticket takers, statisticians, security, etc.) at its expense. The Rockstars will pay an additional \$800 for occasional practices held in the PE Complex after classes end and services close for the night.

The team is committed to providing a fun, fan-friendly and affordable professional basketball product. Our students would benefit from a new on-campus recreational opportunity at a discounted price and, based on articles in the student newspaper *The Independent*, there is

student interest on campus in this opportunity. Team advertising will bring recognition and publicity to the University and bring attendees to campus that might not otherwise come to Northeastern. Having the team and guests come to campus also is likely to bring additional business to nearby merchants.

Trustee Laurino said that they had worked with the university community to make sure that the parking issues were addressed adequately and thanked those involved in the discussions.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Laurino	Yes
Balzekas	Yes	Lee	Yes
Barushok	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Michalczyk	Yes
Dykla	Yes	Park	Yes

The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Mr. Dykla, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, gave a Construction Update as follows:

Building A Remodeling:

- The Illinois Capital Development Board authorized the University to proceed with remodeling design for Building A, which will house the College of Business and Management, faculty offices and classrooms.
- 50% Schematic Design was recently completed for both the building and abatement design. Construction is scheduled to start May 2007 with project completion currently scheduled for January 2009.

Building F and E Remodeling/Expansion:

- This project also has a CDB state capital appropriation and will be remodeling and expanding Building F, enlarging the current 110 seat theater and remodeling the adjacent classroom and rehearsal space.
- An initial meeting was held with the architect and they are in the process of preparing the building program. The actual design work requires CDB approval to proceed.

Library 4th Floor Renovation Project:

- This project reconfigured the east side of the 4th floor of the Library into a Language Lab, Tutorial Lab and Computer Lab. All areas have been completed and the departments have moved in to the new space except for the Language Lab which is completing equipment installation.

Building D Alterations:

- This project reconfigured the north side of Building D to serve four departments: Academic Advising, Summer Transition, Assessment and Testing, and the

Accessibility Center. The construction was completed and all departments have moved into the new space.

Fine Arts and Auditorium HVAC Upgrades:

- This project installs humidifiers to three fan units in the Fine Arts Building serving the Recital Hall and Teaching Studios and is Substantially Complete.

Library Service Elevator Modernization:

- This project restores the service elevator that was destroyed in the Library fire.
- Work is expected to begin on site this month with completion April 2007.

Report from Legal Counsel

Mr. Dunn presented Legal Report No. 58. He commented on an item of general interest regarding the passage of legislation in Michigan prohibiting affirmative action programs in all state governmental entities. It passed with almost 60% of the Michigan vote. He sees that this issue will be on the agenda for other states.

Old Business

Ms. Laurino thanked Mr. Dunn for supplying the copies of the red books on Compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act as requested at the last meeting.

Opportunity for Public Comment in Accordance with Public Act in 91-0715

Professor Nancy Matthews who served on the Campus Advisory Committee welcomed President Hahs and said that she is thrilled with her appointment and is looking forward to working with her.

Convene in Executive Session

At 4:55 p.m., Dr. Barushok, seconded by Mr. Dudycz, moved to convene in Executive Session to consider pending, probable or imminent litigation, as permitted by Section 2. (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act; and, 2) discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, as permitted by Section 2. (c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	<u>Yes</u>	Laurino	<u>Yes</u>
Balzekas	Yes	Lee	Yes
Barushok	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Michalczyk	Yes
Dykla	Yes	Park	Yes

The motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 5:40 p.m. Dr. Barushok, seconded by Ms. Balzekas, moved to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Laurino	Yes
Balzekas	Yes	Lee	Yes
Barushok	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Michalczyk	Yes
Dykla	Yes		

The motion carried.

Ms. Balzekas, seconded, by Mr. Michalczyk, moved to approve a motion to **destroy verbatim records for March 10, 2005 and April 7, 2005 as required by 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (c)** as follows:

Whereas, 5ilcs 120/2.06(a) requires public bodies to keep verbatim records of all closed meetings in the form of a video or audio recording; and

Whereas, 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c) provides that these verbatim records may be destroyed after eighteen (18) months but only after: 1) the public body approves destruction of a particular recording; and 2) the public body approves Minutes of the closed meeting that meet the written requirements applicable to open meetings; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has reviewed written Minutes of the closed meetings held on **March 10, 2005 and April 7, 2005**, and those written Minutes meet the written minutes requirements; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees believes that the destruction of the verbatim records is appropriate:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University approves 1) the written Minutes of the closed meetings held on **March 10, 2005 and April 7, 2005**, 2) the destruction of the verbatim records of the closed meetings held on **March 10, 2005 and April 7, 2005** and, 3) directs the Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees to destroy said verbatim records.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Laurino	Yes
Balzekas	Yes	Lee	Yes
Barushok	Yes	Masterson	Yes

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Dudycz	Yes	Michalczyk	Yes
Dykla	Yes		

The motion carried.

Adjourn

At 5:42 p.m.Mr. Dykla, seconded by Ms. Balzekas, moved to adjourn.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Laurino	Yes
Balzekas	Yes	Lee	Yes
Barushok	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Michalczyk	Yes
Dykla	Yes		

The motion carried.

Nancy J. Masterson, Chair
Jean A. Kelchauser, Assistant Secretary