

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

April 8, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 2:12 p.m., in the Donn F. Bailey Legacy Hall at Northeastern Illinois University - CCICS, 700 E. Oakwood Blvd, Chicago, Illinois. Walter W. Dudycz, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and the following trustees answered present:

Carole Balzekas
Grace Dawson
Walter Dudycz, Chair
Omar Duque
Marvin Garcia
Jin Lee, Vice Chair

The following trustees were absent:

Carlos Azcoitia, Secretary
Edward Dykla
Jose Fulgencio

Also present were the following:

Sharon Hahs, President
Tom Arkell, Legal Counsel for Mark Dunn
Mimi Crespo, Assistant Secretary

University Provost, Vice Presidents and Staff

Announcements

Chair Dudycz announced that Tom Arkell is serving as Board attorney today.

Chair Dudycz introduced Dr. Conrad Worrill, Director of CCICS. Dr. Worrill welcomed everyone and shared some historical facts of the CCICS campus.

Trustee Garcia was very happy to announce that Tom Lambert, Bursar, has recovered from suffering a stroke and was able to attend the Board meeting.

President Hahs introduced Dr. Chandra Sekharan, a fellow of the American Council of Education. Dr. Sekharan has taken a one-year leave from his current position as Department Chair of Computer Science at Loyola University to study higher education administration. He will spend the last three months of his fellowship with Northeastern to

learn about, enrollment management, change management, and legislative affairs.

Approval of Minutes

Written Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2010 and the Minutes of the Confidential Executive Session dated February 11, 2010 were prepared and submitted. Chair Dudycz said that hearing no corrections, the Minutes stand as written.

President’s Report

The entire President’s Report is incorporated herein by reference.

Action Item I.A. Tenure Recommendations

President Hahs requested that the Board approve tenure to the following 9 faculty members: Sangmin Bae, Political Science; Christina Bueno, History; Tanya Cofer, Mathematics; Chielozona Eze, English; Daniel Milsky, Philosophy; Francesca Morgan, History; Rose Sperazza, Music; Phyllis LeDosquet, Special Education; and Lisa Wallace, Library. The faculty members have met the criteria for teaching scholarship and service and they understand and acknowledge the Board’s policy on academic freedom and academic responsibility.

Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Duque, moved to approve the granting of **Tenure** to the 9 faculty members.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.B. Naming of Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs in Honor of Dr. Angelina Pedroso

In recognition of Dr. Pedroso’s leadership, commitment and dedication to providing higher education opportunities to all students, President Hahs, on behalf of the faculty and staff, requests that the new multicultural center be named in Dr. Pedroso’s honor.

Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Garcia, moved to approve the **Naming of Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs in Honor of Dr. Angelina Pedroso.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.C. Approval of Energy Performance Contract

President Hahs requested the approval of the 12 energy conservation projects outlined in the Board report. There were three parts to the approval of this action item. The first motion moved to separate item six (PE solar panels) from the proposed Energy Performance Contract. The second motion approved items 1-12 with the exclusion of item six. Third, there was a request for a motion to approve item six, but no motion occurred; therefore, item six has been tabled until further action.

- 1) Mr. Duque, seconded by Dr. Dawson, moved to separate item six from the proposed **Energy Performance Contract.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

- 2) Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Balzekas, moved to approve items 1-12 with the exclusion of item six from the proposed **Energy Performance Contract.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

- 3) Chair Dudycz requested a motion to approve item six, no motion occurred, and therefore, a roll call was not necessary and the item was tabled.

Action Item I.D. Approval of Labor Agreement: International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO Local 399

Board approval was requested for this agreement. Dr. Dawson asked if Local 399 received the same 3% increase that was granted to faculty one year ago. Vice President for Finance and Administration, Mark Wilcockson, explained that based on contract negotiations, Local 399 received more than 3%.

Mr. Duque, seconded by Mr. Lee, moved to approve the Labor Agreement: International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO Local 399.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.E. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$100,000 or more: Student Center for Science Engagement

President Hahs requested approval for the expenditures. Chair Dudycz and Dr. Dawson asked for clarification on the bid process. Dr. Hahs explained the bid amounts and reasons for alternate bids.

Mr. Duque, seconded by Ms. Balzekas, moved to approve Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$100,000 or more: Student Center for Science Engagement.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	No
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.F. Conferring an Honorary Degree

President Hahs asked the Board to delegate this authority to her for the May 2010 commencement only. Trustees Duque and Garcia asked questions related to criteria for selection and list of possible speakers.

Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Duque, moved to approve **Conferring an Honorary Degree.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Duque gave the Construction Update as follows:

Education Building: The General Assembly included, and the Governor approved, funds in the fiscal year 2010 capital budget for the planning and construction of the Education Building. The University is seeking release of these capital funds so building design can begin.

Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs: The University is in the planning phase for the Center. The General Assembly included, and the Governor approved, funds in the fiscal year 2010 capital budget for remodeling leading to the construction of a part of the center, the Latino Cultural Center. The University also is seeking release of those capital funds.

Admissions and Transfer Center: The University received Title V grant funds for the planning and construction of an Admissions and Transfer Center. We have completed Schematic Design and are proceeding to the Design Development phase that develops elevations and finish selections.

Science Engagement: The University received federal grant funds for the planning and construction of the Science Engagement Center and remodeling of four laboratories. Approval of the construction contracts for this project is an

action item for today's Board meeting.

Physical Education Complex Skylight and Wall Replacement: This project replaces the existing 220 foot long sloped skylight and supporting wall in the Physical Education Complex. The estimated completion date for this project is July 2010.

Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Arkell explained to the Board that Legal Counsel Report No.75 was distributed and he would answer any questions. There were no questions.

Old Business

No reports at this time.

New Business

No reports at this time.

Announcements

Chair Dudycz reminded the Trustees that their Statements of Economic Interests should be mailed to the Secretary of State by April 30. Forms can also be submitted to Jeff Brown, University Counsel. Mimi has extra copies of forms.

Commencement – Northeastern is pleased to announce that the commencement ceremony will take place on the University Commons on May 8 at 10:00 a.m. and we are anticipating a wonderful commencement speaker. There will be one ceremony for all graduates – Trustee Dawson has volunteered to bring greetings.

Student Awards - Tuesday, April 20, 1:40 - 3:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Trustee Dawson has volunteered to bring greetings.

Academic Honors – Thursday, April 29, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Trustee Azcoitia will bring greetings.

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

Chair Dudycz provided an opportunity for public comment. Janean Watkins, student and writer for the Independent newspaper, approached the Board. Ms. Watkins suggested that Northeastern advertise more for student support when lobbying in Springfield for MAP grant funding. Ms. Watkins also asked if it's possible for students to work with faculty to raise funds for Northeastern and prevent tuition increases.

Chair Dudycz welcomed the comment and reminded Ms. Watkins to submit any requests in writing to Mimi Crespo, Board Liaison.

Convene in Executive Session

At 2:52 p.m., Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Balzekas, moved to convene in executive session to consider: 1) collective negotiating matters, as permitted by Section 2. (c) (2) of the Open Meetings Act; 2) pending, probable or imminent litigation, as permitted by Section 2. (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act; and, 3) discussion of minutes of meeting 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:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 4:01 p.m., Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Balzekas, moved to reconvene in open session.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Lee, moved that the **confidential written minutes of the executive session dated April 9, 2009, no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Duque, moved to approve the **destruction of verbatim records for the meeting held September 18, 2008 as follows:**

Whereas, 5 ILCS 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 meeting held on **September 18, 2008** 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 meeting held on **September 18, 2008** 2) the destruction of the verbatim records of the closed meeting held on **September 18, 2008** 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:

Balzekas	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes

The motion carried.

Adjourn

At 4:03 p.m., the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Walter W. Dudycz, Chair
Mimi Crespo, Assistant Secretary