

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

June 10, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 2:19 p.m., in the Golden Eagles Room at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Walter W. Dudycz, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and the following trustees answered present:

Carlos Azcoitia, Secretary
Grace Dawson
Walter Dudycz, Chair
Omar Duque
Edward Dykla
Marvin Garcia
Jin Lee, Vice Chair
Jose Fulgencio

The following trustees were absent:

Carole Balzekas

Also present were the following:

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

University Provost, Vice Presidents and Staff

Chair's Announcements

Chair Dudycz announced the registration process for the public to speak during the Public Comment segment of the Board meeting.

Chair Dudycz announced that it was the Student Trustee's (Jose Fulgencio) last board meeting and presented him with a resolution in honor of his service to the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes

Written Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2010 and the Minutes of the Confidential Executive Session dated April 8, 2010 were prepared and submitted. Chair Dudycz said that hearing no corrections, the Minutes stand as written.

President’s Announcements

President Hahs recognized Dr. Angelina Pedroso, Associate Professor Emerita of the Spanish Language and Hispanic Literatures department and the individual for whom the Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs has been named. Dr. Pedroso thanked the university community for their kindness and respect.

President Hahs asked Provost Frank to introduce the newly tenured 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.

President Hahs recognized the Great Service Matters (GSM) committee. GSM is a professional development program, an outgrowth of the strategic plan. It supports Student Success and Exemplary Faculty and Staff.

President’s Report

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

Action Item I.A. Approval of Preliminary FY 2011 University Operating Budget

President Hahs explained the preliminary budget is an IBHE requirement. In September 2010, an accurate budget reflecting actual State funds will be presented to the Board. Dr. Azcoitia stated his concern for relying more on student revenue.

Mr. Dykla, seconded by Mr. Lee, moved to approve the **Preliminary FY 2011 University Operating Budget.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.B. Energy Conservation Update and Request for the Energy Conservation Project, Series 2010

President Hahs requested the Board to approve the issuance of certificates of participation for the energy conservation project. Dr. Dawson requested copies of the report for this project. Dr. Azcoitia commented that this project is not an extra expense to

the University.

Mr. Duque, seconded by Mr. Fulgencio, moved to approve the **Energy Conservation Update and Request for the Energy Conservation Project, Series 2010.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.C.1. Multi-Functional Copier, Print Equipment, and Account Management and Cost Recovery System

Board approval was requested for two separate five year contracts to centralize the university's copier and computer lab printing operations. The first contract is for rental and maintenance and the second is for monitoring.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.C.2. Building H Parapet Repairs

Board approval was requested for the removal and replacement of the masonry parapet wall at the southeast corner of the building.

Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Dykla, moved to approve the **Building H Parapet Repairs.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.C.3. Building C, D, and E 4160 Volt Substations Replacement

Board approval was requested to replace transformer and secondary distribution sections that were originally installed in 1960.

Mr. Dykla, seconded by Mr. Garcia, moved to approve **Building C, D, and E 4160 Volt Substations Replacement.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I.D. Approval for Adjustments to the Reserve Limits for Non-Indentured Entities

Approval was requested for adjustment to the reserve limits for the current fiscal year based on the formulaic calculations.

Mr. Dykla, seconded by Dr. Dawson, moved to approve **Adjustments to the Reserve Limits for Non-Indentured Entities.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Dykla 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. The University is completing the Design Development phase and proceeding with the preparation of documents for bidding.

Science Engagement: The University received federal grant funds for the planning and construction of the Science Engagement Center and remodeling of four laboratories. This project is under construction and estimated completion date for his project is September 2010.

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 August 2010.

Buildings C, D and E Electrical Substation Replacement: This project

replaces the original 50 year old 4160 volt switches, transformers and distribution sections in buildings C, D and E. This work is scheduled to occur during Holiday Break December 2010. Approval of the construction contracts for this project is an action item for today's Board meeting.

Building H Parapet Repairs: This project removes and replaces approximately one hundred feet of the deteriorated masonry parapet wall on Building H. The estimated completion date for this project is August 2010. Approval of the construction contract for this project is an action item for today's Board meeting.

Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Arkell explained to the Board that Legal Counsel Report No.76 was distributed and he would answer any questions. There were no questions.

Old Business

No reports at this time.

Public Comment Announcement

Chair Dudycz announced the registration process for the public to speak during the Public Comment segment of the Board meeting.

New Business/Announcements

Dr. Dawson reported that the Civil Service Merit Board voted not to approve the furlough rules at their last meeting. Dr. Azcoitia congratulated President Hahs, Daniel Lopez, Director of El Centro, and staff for the wonderful 40th anniversary gala celebration of El Centro. Mr. Garcia announced that the Practice Project of the Alternative Schools Network will hold a curriculum fair called the Culminating Event on June 17, 2010. At this event, Dr. Conrad Worrill, Director of CCICS, will be honored for his work in education, his community and alternative schools.

Chair Dudycz made the following announcements.

- Board meeting dates for 2011 will be on the following Thursdays: February 10, April 7, June 9, September 15 and November 10.
- Retiree reception will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in Alumni Hall.
- Northeastern will host the next IBHE meeting on August 10, 2010 in Alumni Hall.
- Jane Pierson, the consultant developing the Trustee seminar, would like to have individual phone conversations with each Trustee.

Dr. Dawson announced that the Education Summit from the College of Education will be held on June 29, 2010 in Alumni Hall.

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

1. Ellie Sullivan, President, University Professionals of Illinois (UPI), Local 4100, expressed her concern regarding the inability to successfully complete the collective bargaining agreement in a manner that would be productive for the

students, faculty and staff, and administration. Ms. Sullivan encouraged the Board and administration to take a more active part in successfully completing the bargaining agreement.

2. Dr. Nanette Potee, UPI Secretary and Graduate Director of Communications, Media and Theatre, discussed the slow pace of the UPI negotiations and the expenses incurred by the negotiating team. Dr. Potee respectfully requested that the Trustees encourage the administrative team to meet as often as possible to complete the contract.
3. Dr. Judith Kaplan-Weinger, Chair of NEIU Faculty Senate and Professor and Coordinator of Linguistics, addressed the seeming lack of collaboration among the Board, administration and faculty in matters concerning the university and students. Dr. Kaplan-Weinger requested that a representative of the Board visit the Faculty Senate to hear concerns first-hand.
4. Dr. Greg Andersen, Chair of Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics, stated his concerns regarding contract negotiations. According to Dr. Andersen, there are differences in overload payments between faculty and administration. Dr. Andersen suggested that the negotiating team return their bonuses.
5. Dr. Hamid Akbari, Chair of Management and Marketing and member of Faculty Senate, shared his thoughts on the different types of leadership between administration and faculty. Dr. Akbari would like to see more progress with negotiations and believes that participation and dissent are healthy and positive.
6. Dr. Tim Libretti, Chair of English Department, stated that two years of negotiations is a long time for contract negotiations. There should be better communication and the University should move forward collectively by engaging the full resources on campus.
7. Dr. Terry Schuepfer, Professor of Psychology and Chapter President of the NEIU UPI Chapter, referred to the handout she distributed to the Trustees. The handout contained several documents related to the status of contract negotiations.
8. Kendy Olaguez, alum and ENLACE fellow, addressed the Board to advocate for a Doctoral program at Northeastern. Ms. Olaguez stated a doctoral program would correspond with the university's goals and vision and would produce global thinkers and professionals.
9. Dr. Russell Benjamin, Associate Professor of Political Science, expressed his concerns for a fair and just bargaining agreement. Dr. Benjamin stated it is in the best interest of the Board, administration, and the University as a whole to

complete contract negotiations as quickly as possible.

Chair Dudycz thanked the public for their comments. Trustee Duque also thanked the public for their comments and welcomed the university community to speak out and express their concerns more often. Trustee Azcoitia also thanked the public and stressed that the university will work together to resolve negotiations as soon as possible.

Convene in Executive Session

At 3:31p.m., Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Duque, 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:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 5:24 p.m., Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Duque, moved to reconvene in open session.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Chair Dudycz stated, “The Board of Trustees sincerely appreciates and wants to thank all the people who appeared and shared their views on important issues. We look forward to a successful outcome of the bargaining process.”

Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Dykla, moved that the **confidential written minutes of the executive session dated June 12, 2008 and June 11, 2009, no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Fulgencio, seconded by Mr. Lee, moved to approve the **destruction of verbatim records for the meeting held November 20, 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 **November 20, 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 **November 20, 2008** 2) the destruction of the verbatim records of the closed meeting held on **November 20, 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:

Azcoitia	Yes
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Dawson	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Duque	Yes
Dykla	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Fulgencio	Yes

The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Chair Dudycz asked Mr. Arkell to conduct the elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Mr. Arkell asked for nominations and collected the secret ballots. The term of each office is for two years.

For Chair: Chair Dudycz, seconded by Mr. Duque, nominated Dr. Azcoitia. Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Dykla, nominated Chair Dudycz. Chair Dudycz withdrew his nomination. Dr. Dawson, seconded by Chair Dudycz, moved to close nominations. Secret ballots were cast and Mr. Arkell reported that Dr. Azcoitia was elected. Chair Dudycz congratulated Dr. Azcoitia and Mr. Arkell thanked Chair Dudycz for his service on the Board.

For Vice Chair: Dr. Azcoitia, seconded by Mr. Duque, nominated Dr. Dawson. Chair Dudycz, seconded by Mr. Dykla, nominated Mr. Lee. Mr. Arkell closed nominations. Secret ballots were cast and Mr. Arkell reported that Mr. Lee was elected.

For Secretary: Chair Dudycz, seconded by Mr. Garcia, nominated Dr. Dawson. Chair Dudycz, seconded by Mr. Duque, moved to close nominations. Secret ballots were cast and Mr. Arkell reported that Dr. Dawson was elected.

Adjourn

At 5:42 p.m., the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Walter W. Dudycz, Chair
Mimi Crespo, Assistant Secretary