

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
APRIL 20, 2011**

I. ACTION ITEM

A. APPROVAL OF THE STUDENT U-PASS FEE

At the April 7, 2011 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided to delay action on the setting of fiscal year 2012 tuition and fee rates until the June 9, 2011 meeting. This decision was made to allow additional time to better assess the level of financial support from the state of Illinois for fiscal year 2012 and possible costs associated with current collective bargaining negotiations.

One outcome of this delay was the postponement of the adoption of the new U-pass fee, which received overwhelming support in a recent student referendum. The U-pass program would require a mandatory fee for all full-time students and would provide each student with unlimited ridership on buses and trains operated by the Chicago Transit Authority while the student is enrolled full-time at Northeastern. This program is of high importance to the student body and likely could not be implemented for fall semester 2011 unless the Board approves the fee at this time.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Trustees approve the new student U-pass fee at a rate of \$102 per semester for all full-time students beginning fall semester 2011.