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I. ACTION ITEMS

A. PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY RELATING TO SECTION II MEETINGS

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University (the "Board") at its April 7, 1998 meeting adopted Bylaws for the governance of the meetings and affairs of the Board; and

Whereas, the Bylaws adopted by the Board provide in Section II for the number of regular meetings to be held annually by the Board, for the place for all such regular meetings and for special meetings by telephone conference; and

Whereas, the Board desires to amend its Bylaws to enhance and provide flexibility for its meetings and to bring them into conformity with provisions of the Open Meetings Act that became effective on January 1, 2007;

Whereas, the Board submitted such proposed amendments for first reading at its meeting on April 5, 2007;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the following revisions of Section II of its Bylaws.

SECTION II. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings of the Board shall be held and a quorum determined in accordance with 110 ILCS §680/25-25 and 5 ILCS §120/2.01 of the Illinois Revised Compiled Statutes.
- B. The Board shall hold five regular meetings each year. The regular meeting held in June shall be the annual meeting. The Board, by vote of a majority of a quorum, may omit or cancel any meeting provided the Board meets at least once each quarter as required by statute. The date of any setting may be changed by vote of a majority of a quorum or by order of the Chair.
- C. The Board may hold special meetings as called by the Chair of the Board or by any 3 members of the Board. Ordinarily, notice of a special meeting shall be mailed to all members at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. ~~Special meetings may be held by telephone conference call at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.~~

- D. Four of the five regular meetings of the Board shall be held ~~All meetings of the Board shall be held~~ on the campus of Northeastern Illinois University.
- E. All meetings of the Board shall be conducted and notice thereof provided in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS § 120/1, et seq
- F. The President shall sit and participate with the Board at each regular and special meeting of the Board.

I. ACTION ITEMS

**B. APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2008
UNIVERSITY BUDGET**

In August 2003, in its effort to improve accountability for the use of public funds, the Illinois Board of Higher Education adopted *Recommended Actions to Expand and Enhance Public University Annual Operating Budget Review, Approval and Oversight*. The recommendations in that report include a new requirement that each public university adopt a “preliminary/estimated spending plan” prior to July 1 that includes:

- funding sources reported by, at a minimum, state-appropriated funds, university income funds, and all other non-appropriated funds, and
- expenditures by object of expenditure (e.g., personal services, contractual services, equipment)

This report provides the information required by the Board of Higher Education for fiscal year 2008. The Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees is asked to approve the University operating budget that represents preliminary/estimated spending plans for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007 and will be asked to approve the final detailed budget in September 2007.

In September 2006, the Board of Trustees adopted the University's initial fiscal year 2008 budget request and forwarded that request to the Board of Higher Education for consideration. On February 22, 2007, the Board of Higher Education adopted its fiscal year 2008 budget recommendations and, on March 7, 2007, Governor Blagojevich announced his proposed operating budget for all of state government. At the time this report was prepared, the Illinois General Assembly had not taken official action on the Governor's budget. As a result, the budget outlined in this report is based on state funding levels included in the Governor's budget. Should actual fiscal year 2008 state appropriations differ from the Governor's budget, the budget brought to the Board for action in September will reflect those adjustments and the actual appropriation levels.

The preliminary/estimated spending plan for the University reflects all revenue sources available to support operating expenses during the fiscal year. The plan is comprised of two main sections based on state reporting requirements - unrestricted (state-appropriated funds, University Income Funds and unrestricted local funds), and restricted (primarily local grants

and contracts). The unrestricted operating budget includes expenditures from revenue sources that are not restricted by statute, contract, or other requirement. The restricted operating budget includes expenditures from revenue sources that are restricted either by an external requirement or by an internal accounting policy.

Table 1 provides proposed expenditures by functional and object categories (e.g., personal services, travel), by source of funds.

The budget for Northeastern Illinois University recommended by the Governor includes \$40.4 million in General Revenue Funds, including an increase of \$744,400, or 1.9 percent, for ongoing operations. Also included are base adjustments to eliminate programs appropriated in the prior year and identified in the Governor's budget as one-time initiatives, including reductions of \$200,000 for the North Atlantic Slave Trade Study and \$170,000 for Retention and Time-to-degree Initiatives. As a result, the net state funding increase at the Governor's budget level is \$374,400, or .9 percent. If University operations are funded at the Governor's budget level, it would represent the highest level of state funding since fiscal year 2004. However, even at this level, state funding to the University would remain \$5.0 million, or 11.0 percent, below the level appropriated to the University in fiscal year 2002.

As state funding decreased, the University increasingly relied on student tuition to compensate for the shortfalls in state funding. In fiscal year 2002, the mix of state appropriations to student tuition revenue was 69% to 31%. At the Governor's fiscal year 2008 budget level that mix is 52% to 48%. Based on prior year enrollment levels, the proposed fiscal year 2008 operating budget includes an increase of \$2.0 million in student tuition revenue. The combined increase in state funding and student tuition revenue will result in an expected increase of \$2.4 million in unrestricted operating funds in the coming fiscal year.

Our expenditure challenges, however, are greater than available revenues. The most significant cost increases for next year are:

- Salary increases, generally in the 3% to 3.5% range, that will require an estimated \$2.1 million,
- Increased utility costs estimated at \$400,000,
- Unfunded sick leave and vacation payouts estimated at \$300,000,
- Increasing costs for insurance and legal services and inflationary cost increases for postage, minimum and prevailing wage, technology software and maintenance, purchased goods and contracted services, estimated at \$300,000.

Given these budget realities, we will be implementing several cost control initiatives. The focus will be on reducing staffing through attrition, reviewing staffing positions and program need, and reducing the use of temporary employees. In addition, equipment purchases, other than Library books, will be reduced from historical levels. Other cost savings and expenditure reduction initiatives are being evaluated and I will be working with the vice presidents, as well as the entire University community, to further these efforts for inclusion in the fiscal year 2008 operating budget presented to the Board in September.

Over the next few months, all departments within the University will work to compile detailed spending plans. At the September meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the fiscal year 2008 budget that provides the detailed revenue and expenditures plans by sources of funds, and function and object expenditure line items.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
JUNE 7, 2007**

**Table 1
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Fiscal Year 2008 Preliminary Spending Plan
By Function and Line Item**

Functional Categories	Unrestricted				
	General	University	Local	Restricted	Total
	Revenue	Income Fund			
Instruction	\$ 22,396,900	\$ 20,840,200	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 47,537,100
Organized Research	136,400	117,300	30,000	450,000	733,700
Public Service	658,000	101,800	570,000	15,800,000	17,129,800
Academic Support	3,711,000	3,554,200	550,000	75,000	7,990,200
Student Services	1,426,500	1,304,400	3,550,000	8,950,000	15,130,900
Institutional Support	4,908,200	5,768,700	1,450,000	260,000	12,386,900
Operations and Maintenance	5,721,100	4,774,100	1,250,000	-	11,745,200
Independent Operations	-	-	4,450,000	120,000	4,570,000
Other	370,000	147,000	2,850,000	-	3,367,000
Health Insurance Reserve Fund	1,072,600	-	-	720,000	1,792,600
Total	\$ 40,400,700	\$ 36,707,700	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 27,775,000	\$ 122,383,400

Line Item Categories	Unrestricted				
	General	University	Local	Restricted	Total
	Revenue	Income Fund			
Personal Services	\$ 37,210,400	\$ 25,012,200	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 8,304,500	\$ 74,327,100
Contractual Services	1,180,000	7,403,300	6,223,000	6,500,000	21,306,300
Travel	-	200,000	52,000	110,000	362,000
Commodities	-	250,000	550,000	650,000	2,150,000
Equipment	300,000	1,700,000	500,000	210,000	2,710,000
Telecommunications	-	650,000	460,000	30,000	1,140,000
Operation of Auto	-	15,200	15,000	500	30,700
Awards and Grants	-	147,000	2,850,000	8,850,000	11,847,000
Permanent Improvements	-	400,000	20,000	-	420,000
Benefits/Social Security/Medicare	537,700	180,000	260,000	1,500,000	2,477,700
Health Insurance Reserve Fund	1,072,600	-	-	720,000	1,792,600
Other	100,000	50,000	2,770,000	900,000	3,820,000
Total	\$ 40,400,700	\$ 36,707,700	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 27,775,000	\$ 122,383,400

These preliminary budget estimates may be adjusted in the actual budget presented to the Board in September.

I. ACTION ITEMS

**C. APPROVAL OF REVISION TO BOARD APPROVED FISCAL
YEAR 2008 STUDENT TUITION AND FEES TO INCLUDE
CAMPUS GREEN FEE**

At its February 15, 2007 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Student Tuition and Fee Schedule effective Fall 2007 (fiscal year 2008). Subsequent to that approval, the Northeastern Illinois University Student Government Association (SGA) considered a proposal from the campus Green Cycle Group to implement a Campus Green Fee and, after discussion, approved a student referendum to determine student support the implementation of such a fee. Specifically, the SGA referendum asked students if they would support a fee of \$3.00 per student per semester to “fund implementation of clean and renewable energy technologies and improvement of campus energy efficiency at Northeastern Illinois University.”

The referendum was presented to the students and passed with approximately 75 percent of the voting students approving the fee.

The Board of Trustees has the statutory authority to set student tuition and fees and is asked to revise the tuition and fee rates approved at the February 15, 2007 meeting to include the student approved Campus Green Fee of \$3.00 per student per semester as a mandatory fee effective Fall 2007. Based on current year enrollments, the fee will generate approximately \$89,000 annually. Specific uses of the funds generated by the fee will be determined jointly by the Green Cycle Group, in consultation with its faculty advisor, and Facilities Management. Some previously discussed uses of this fee include support for a campus-wide energy audit, light efficiency improvements, alternate energy sources (solar panels) and recycling initiatives.

I. ACTION ITEMS

**D. BOARD APPROVAL FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RESERVE
LIMITS FOR NON-INDENTURED ENTITIES**

The Board is being asked to approve adjustments to reserve limits for certain non-indentured entities. The Illinois General Assembly Legislative Audit Commission (LAC), in consultation with the Illinois public universities, adopted *University Guidelines* to establish certain uniform fiscal procedures and controls among the Illinois public universities. First adopted in 1982 and amended in 1997, the *Guidelines* provide direction not only to the universities in establishing and maintaining appropriate fiscal controls and procedures but also assist the Office of the Auditor General by providing the standards to which Northeastern and all other Illinois public universities must adhere.

Section IV of the *Guidelines* - Reserves and Excess Funds - provides the limits and calculations necessary to determine the maximum allowable reserves for revenue bond entities and non-indentured entities, which are being presented to the Board in this report. The reserves allow a university to accumulate funds in these restricted accounting entities for equipment replacement, extraordinary maintenance, and other similar purposes. Non-indentured entities at Northeastern Illinois University subject to the reserve limits are Student Fee Programs, Public Service, Student and Staff Services, Service Departments, Other Educational Services, Educational Contracts, Other Auxiliaries, and Parking Lots.

The *Guidelines* allow reserve accumulations for non-indentured entities up to the sum of the following:

- 5% of building and building improvement replacement costs,
- 10% of historical costs of parking lots, and
- 20% of historical costs of movable equipment.

Because the cost basis for buildings, improvements and equipment changes annually, the *Guidelines* require approval by the Board of Trustees of any adjustment to those reserve limits. Each June, the Board is requested to adjust those limits for the current fiscal year.

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Approval is requested for the following Reserve Limits for Non-indentured Entities:

Reserve Limits for Non-indentured Entities

Entity	June 2006 Approved Amount	Requested Change	Adjusted Total
Student Fee Programs	\$2,149,894	+ 138,436	\$2,288,330
Public Service	\$646,909	+ 384,562	\$1,031,471
Student and Staff Services	\$220,874	+ 361,356	\$582,230
Service Departments	\$1,885,590	+ 334,195	\$2,219,785
Other Educational Services	\$788,429	+ 320,750	\$1,109,179
Educational Contracts	\$132,751	+ 47,323	\$180,074
Other Auxiliaries	\$1,262,938	+ 297,790	\$1,560,728
Parking Lots	\$552,525	+ 14,682	\$567,207

I. ACTION ITEMS

E. APPROVAL OF CCICS NORTH FACE FACADE REPAIRS

The Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CCICS) building was originally constructed in 1904 and completely remodeled in the early 1970's. The City of Chicago Exterior Wall Ordinance requires that the masonry exterior of certain city buildings, including CCICS, be periodically inspected by a registered engineer and a report submitted identifying conditions requiring immediate or on-going maintenance and repair. A November 2006 report was prepared and submitted to the City. That report indicated that the CCICS parapet walls require reconstruction, window lintels require repair and painting, and that all brick masonry joints need to be ground out and repainted. This work will be complete in four phases; the project for which approval is requested in this report is the first of a four year program to complete this work.

This project reconstructs the north parapet wall, removes and reinstalls terra cotta copings, and fabricates replacement coping units, where needed. Work includes brick masonry and steel lintel repairs to 9,000 square feet of the north wall to include grinding and pointing brick masonry, coating the existing concrete sills, cleaning and painting exposed steel lintels and structural steel as exposed during the masonry work, and removing steel lintels where windows were formerly located. Additional funds above the base bid are included due to unforeseen conditions that may be discovered during the work.

The University publicly advertised this project on the state of Illinois web procurement bulletin board, in accordance with state procurement regulations and, in addition, sent bid advertisements directly to eight masonry restoration contractors. Eleven contractors attended the pre-bid meeting. However, only one contractor submitted a bid on this project. Post bid investigation by the engineer revealed that only one bid was received due to the complexity of the project and the timing of the work. After detailed review by the engineer, the bid received for this project was determined to be reasonable within the context of the engineer's cost estimate.

PROJECT COST:

Base Bid	\$555,319
Additional funds if needed*	<u>55,500</u>
TOTAL COST:	\$610,819

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

University Operating Funds

RECOMMENDED VENDOR:

Bulley & Andrews Masonry Restoration

1755 W. Armitage Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60622

* For unforeseen conditions that may be discovered during the work

I. ACTION ITEMS

F. APPROVAL OF PARKING LOTS 'H' AND 'J' REHABILITATION

Parking Lots 'H' and 'J' on the University's main campus were last rehabilitated in 1995. This rehabilitation of the two lots includes the asphalt surface removal, pavement patching, hot-mix asphalt repaving, seal coat and crack filling, and thermoplastic and repainting of pavement markings. Partial repairs to curb and gutters, additional under-drains and structure adjustments, and miscellaneous site work may also be required as work proceeds and other conditions become known.

PROJECT COST:

Base Bid	\$104,800
Additional funds if needed*	<u>10,500</u>
TOTAL COST:	\$115,300

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

University Operating Funds

RECOMMENDED VENDOR:

Accu-Paving
2665 S. 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155-4591

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

	<u>Base Bid</u>
Accu-Paving	\$104,800
Hardin Paving Corp.	108,450
Chicagoland Paving	135,022
A Lamp Concrete	259,124

* For unforeseen conditions that may be discovered during the work

I. ACTION ITEMS

G. APPROVAL OF COMPUTER SUPPORT – ACXIOM

Board approval is requested for continued contractual computing support for Sungard SCT's Financial Resource Systems (FRS) Plus General Accounting Software through June 30, 2008. Acxiom provides the mainframe support needed to run FRS Plus. This expenditure represents the continuation of the current contract. Included in this contract is support for Talk Technologies communication protocols, VSAM interface tools for VSAM file management, and Cobol Master Translator for the recompilation of programs.

FRS Plus is in the process of being replaced with the SunGard Higher Education Banner Finance and, beginning July 2007, the University will begin using Banner as its financial information system. However, FRS Plus will continue to be used to close out prior year accounting records and complete the accounting for University grants which run through October 2007. FRS Plus also will need to remain operational to provide information needed for the fiscal year 2007 external audit process which the University expects to be completed in January 2008. At that time, the FRS Plus will be phased out and maintenance and computing support will end.

PROJECT COST:

Computer Services	\$150,000
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SOURCE OF FUNDS:

University Operating Funds

RECOMMENDED VENDOR:

Acxiom
1501 Opus Place
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

I. ACTION ITEMS

H. APPROVAL OF COMPUTING SUPPORT - JENZABAR

Board approval is requested for continued contractual computing support for Jenzabar CARS Student Information System Application Software through June 30, 2008. The expenditure represents the continuation of the current contract. This contract includes Student Admissions, Student Registration, Financial Aid, and Bursar/Cashier applications; and ACE Reportwriter Tools for report writing.

The Jenzabar CARS Student Information System will be replaced with the University's new ERP information system, SunGard Higher Education Banner, in March 2008. At that time, maintenance support for Jenzabar CARS will begin to be phased out. However, the Jenzabar CARS system will need to remain in use after March 2008 to complete financial aid accounting and year end reporting.

PROJECT COST:

Computer Services \$ 302,323

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

University Operating Funds

RECOMMENDED VENDOR:

Jenzabar
4000 Executive Park Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

I. ACTION ITEMS

**I. APPROVAL OF COMPUTER SUPPORT – AUTOMATED DATA
PROCESSING, INC. (ADP)**

Board approval is requested for continued contractual support for ADP Human Resource/Payroll Enterprise Application Software which will support payroll processing and check production through June 30, 2008. This contract includes payroll calculation and processing, employee paycheck and direct deposit processing, federal and state tax reporting, and quarterly and year-end reporting.

The Sungard Banner Human Resource application will be implemented in January 2008, at which time services provided by ADP will be phased out.

PROJECT COST:

Computer Services \$ 109,200

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

University Operating Funds

RECOMMENDED VENDOR:

Automated Data Processing Inc. (ADP)
Midwest NPC
100 Northwest Point Boulevard
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

I. ACTION ITEMS

J. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

It is recommended that the contract for legal services between the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University and the law firm of Dunn, Willard, Arkell & Bugg be renewed for fiscal year 2008 under the following terms and conditions:

1. Legal advice, representation and litigation services for the Board and the University at the rates of \$165.00 per hour for partners, an increase of \$15.00, and \$135.00 per hour for associates, an increase of \$5.00.
2. Legal advice regarding any debt issues charged at the lesser of \$150.00 per hour or 1/10 of 1 percent of the first \$5,000,000 of the debt issue and 1/20 of 1 percent of the amount of the debt issue in excess of \$5,000,000.
3. Reimbursement for actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred and advanced upon behalf of the Board and the University, incident to the foregoing matters.
4. Any H-1B application filed by the firm on behalf of NEIU will be billed at a flat fee of \$1,800, an increase of \$50.00, plus filing fees and costs. Any H-1B extension petition filed by the firm on behalf of NEIU will be billed at a flat fee of \$1,000, plus filing fees and costs. This extension rate is unchanged from FY2007 level.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FEE

In June 2006, the Board of Trustees approved the expenditure for student health insurance for the academic year beginning Fall 2006. At that time, the Board also approved the selection of the Chickering Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Aetna Insurance, as our new student health insurance provider. This selection was the result of an extensive Request for Proposal (RFP) evaluation process that was conducted to obtain the best insurance value for our students.

It should be noted that student health insurance at Northeastern, as with most Illinois public universities, is a mandatory fee for all full-time, undergraduate students, but may be waived if a student provides documentation of health coverage equal to or better than the University health insurance plan. Part-time and graduate students may also participate in the program. As a mandatory fee, student health insurance is covered by the Illinois Monetary Award Program, the state's need-based financial aid program for students with demonstrated financial need.

The University has received the policy renewal notice for the academic year beginning Fall 2007 which includes an overall premium increase of 5%. The plan cost for a student per semester, inclusive of fees, will increase from \$452.25 to \$474.00. The combination of two paid semesters provides coverage for one full-calendar year. The proposed fee was negotiated after a thorough review of program performance and costs. This cost increase is driven by greater student utilization of the program, and overall increases in health care costs, primarily related to the use of prescription drugs and advanced diagnostic technology.

**B. FISCAL YEARS 2009 – 2014 PRIORTIES STATEMENTS AND
FISCAL YEAR 2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET
REQUESTS**

See attached pages A1 – A26

C. PLANNING

1. NEIU Statement of Values

During the month of May, the Values were affirmed by NEIU's four governance groups: The Administrative and Professional Council, Civil Service Council, Faculty Senate, and the Student Government Association. The Values were then approved by the President's Council on May 23, 2007.

The Statement of Values:

As a public institution of higher education, Northeastern Illinois University is committed to a set of shared values that, taken collectively, guides our actions and interactions as we work together to prepare graduates for the responsible exercise of citizenship. We, the NEIU community, believe it is critical for our democracy to create a space in which the commitment to these values results in a thriving educational community that transforms the lives of all. As we take stock of the present and look to the future, these values serve as the touchstone for planning how we will best achieve the educational mission entrusted to us.

Integrity

NEIU is accountable to those we serve and to those from whom we receive support. We are committed to honesty, respect, and transparency in our words and our actions. In that regard, we work to be good stewards of the resources we are entrusted to use. This includes human, physical, fiscal, and environmental resources.

Excellence

In our pursuit of and commitment to excellence, we value the highest quality of learning and teaching, scholarship, and service. We value opportunities and experiences that support personal and professional development for all members of our community. In all that we say and do, we are committed to the process and products of excellence.

Access to Opportunity

NEIU values access to opportunity; we value a welcoming environment which provides appropriate support as well as encourages mutual responsibility for and commitment to learning.

Diversity

NEIU values the inclusion of a broad spectrum of students, staff, and faculty in the life of the University. We celebrate and foster global perspectives. We encourage the open and respectful expression of ideas and differences in thoughts, experiences, and opinions.

Community

As a commuter institution, NEIU has a special obligation to provide an environment that is supportive, nurturing, and participatory. Such an environment is characterized by

civility, fostering humanity and engagement, and creates a sense of community through inclusion, mutual respect, and empowerment. NEIU values our metropolitan setting as a laboratory for learning, and we foster partnerships for learning, research, and service throughout this dynamic region to promote the public good.

Empowerment Through Learning

NEIU is dedicated to creating a culture that provides life-long learning opportunities for all members of the University community. We are especially committed to transforming students' lives by engaging them in an educational experience that empowers them to graduate with the skills and knowledge to become effective leaders and citizens in their personal and professional lives.

Special thanks to the members of the meld group.

2. Presidential Inaugural Planning Committee

The membership is complete and provided below. The committee will meet shortly to begin its work.

Walter Dudycz, Honorary Chair
Vicki Roman-Lagunas, Co-Chair

Keenan Arnold, SGA President
Theresa Bacchus, McNair Scholar
Bradley Baker, Library
Katrina Bell-Jordan, Communication, Media & Theatre
Gary Bryan, Facilities Management
Margaret Champlin, Presidential Scholar
Shayne Cofer, Music and Dance
Maria Luna-Duarte, El Centro
Clarisol Duque, Community
Kate Forhan, College of Arts and Sciences
Durward Hofler, Management and Marketing
Evelyn Hanley, Finance and Administration
Amy Hietapelto, College of Business and Management
Felicia Keelen, Student Union
Erika Krehbiel, Public Relations
Mark Kipp, Alumnus/Retiree
Jay and Kim Kleeman, Alumnus/Community
Elliott Lessen, College of Education
Suleyma Perez, President's Office
Tom Power, NEIU Foundation
Kyu Park, Academic Development
Mireya Rivera, ENLACE
Miriam Rivera, Alumnus/Retiree
Therese Schuepfer, Psychology
Charles Shabica, Professor Emeritus
Delbert Smith, Chicago Teachers' Center
Matthew Specht, Campus Recreation
Wilma Sutton, President's Office
Melvin Terrell, Student Affairs
Paola Vargas, University Events
Joaquin Villegas, Teacher Education
Elfriede Weber, Child Care Center
Julie Wight, Photo/Graphics/Design
Lance Williams, Jacob Caruthers' Center for Inner City Studies

3. Student Retention and Graduation

Report on Student Retention and Graduation to be provided during the meeting.

D. CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS

1. Mentoring Program Appreciation Reception

The Dean of Students Office and the Student Affairs Office hosted the Partners for Success: Minority student Mentoring Program (MSMP) Appreciation Reception on April 18, 2007, in the Golden Eagle Room of the Student Union. In attendance were student participants and their mentors, including Vice President Melvin C. Terrell, and Flora Llacuna, Student Enrichment Programs Coordinator.

2. Student Recognition Programs

The Student Awards Ceremony was held Tuesday, April 24 at 1:45 in Alumni Hall. There were 200 guests in attendance with 80 students receiving their awards. President Hahs gave the keynote address, Vice President for Student Affairs, Melvin C. Terrell presented the awards, and trustee Walter Dudycz gave remarks from the Board of Trustees.

The Academic Honors Reception was held on Thursday, April 26 in Alumni Hall. There were over 130 students, and 250 guests in attendance. President Hahs introduced the program, trustee James Barushok gave comments from the Board of Trustees, and Provost Lawrence Frank called the students forward to receive their medallions.

3. Lobby Day

On Wednesday, April 25th, a group of 22 NEIU faculty, staff, students, an alumna and a Trustee traveled to Springfield to participate in Higher Education Lobby Day. Our key message was on funding and on the Education building here at Northeastern.

4. First Year Experience at Northeastern Illinois University

Friday, April 27th, we were pleased to announce the successful completion of the pilot phase of the First-Year Experience (FYE) Program. During the 2006-2007 academic year, 11 new courses were introduced. An additional 27 courses are planned for the coming 2007-2008 academic year, when the FYE will be required for all new first-year students.

5. WISCAPE Forum “Creating and Maintaining Safe College Campuses”

Vice President for Student Affairs Melvin C. Terrell presented a workshop May 3, 2007 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Terrell presented material from the book, *Toward Administrative Reawakening: Creating and Maintaining Safe College Campuses*, which was co-edited by Dr. Terrell and published by Stylus Publications, Inc: It was released Monday, April 2, 2007 during the American College Personnel Association/National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (ACPA/NASPA) joint meeting in Orlando, Fla., where Dr. Terrell held a book signing.

6. Senate Hearings

On May 3rd, I testified before the Senate Appropriations III Committee on behalf of the University's fiscal year 2008 operating and capital budgets. Accompanying me were Provost Frank, Vice President Wilcockson and Budget Director Ang. Our presentation followed those by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Capital Development Board. The Committee meeting was under a time constraint and I was asked to make my presentation jointly with the presidents of Western Illinois University and Governors State University. I expressed my appreciation for the Governor's operating budget recommendation and the inclusion of funding for the Education Building in the Governor's capital plan. Members of the Committee acknowledged that higher education funding has decreased over a period of several years and that there is a need to restore some funding. However, there is a high level of uncertainty in Springfield with the overall direction of the state budget and, as a result, we left Springfield without a good sense of how the budget will unfold.

7. McNair Students and University Staff Attend HACU Meeting in Spain

May 3 through May 5, four NEIU students in the McNair Scholars Program, along with McNair Program Specialist Angela Vidal-Rodríguez, Acting Coordinator of NEIU Partner Programs Wojciech Wloch, and Director of El Centro Dr. Daniel Lopez, attended the 7th International HACU Conference in Alcalá, and Barcelona Spain.

8. Visit of Delegation from Kongju, Korea

On May 12th, President Soo Ryang Kim and a delegation of 7 faculty and staff members from the Kongju Communication Arts College, traveled to Chicago in order to attend the NEIU commencement and participate in partnership meetings. After meeting with President Hahs, Provost Frank and 10 members of the NEIU faculty, plans were made for partnership activities through 2009.

9. Spring Commencement

The Spring Commencement Convocation was held on Sunday, May 13, 2007 in the Athletic Field. There were 3500 guests, 720 graduates and 140 faculty and administration in attendance. President Hahs addressed the students, Carlos Azcoitia spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and Shane Smith was the student speaker. The class gift was presented and 3 members of the faculty received emeritus scrolls. A reception followed the Convocation on the University Commons.

10. Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education

The University of Illinois at Chicago hosted the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, (ICBCHE) Annual Conference on May 18, 2007. This year's conference theme was, "A Clarion Call: Putting Legs on Brown vs. Board of Education" President Hahs participated as a panel member regarding emerging issues in higher education. Wilma Sutton presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Melvin Terrell, Vice President of Student Affairs here at NEIU.

11. Chicago & Suburban Teacher Job Fair – June 5, 2007

The Placement Office hosted the annual Chicago and Suburban Teacher Job Fair on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 from 11:00 am–3:00 pm, in Alumni Hall of the Student Union Building. Approximately thirty local school districts attended the event. The complete list of participating schools can be viewed online at: www.collegecentral.com/neiu-teacherfair .

12. Awards Ceremony for Northside Learning Center

On Tuesday, May 10, the Northside Learning Center, held their 2nd Annual Awards ceremony. Wilma J. Sutton, on behalf of Dr. Hahs, joined Amanda Woodall, and the President of the Northside Learning Center, to present Certificates of Appreciation to Northside students and staff. There were over 80 Northside students in attendance.

13. Performing Arts Series / Jewel Box Series

On Sunday, May 20, the *Mostly Music at NEIU* Neighborhood Concert Series featured two NEIU music faculty members, Clarinetist Rose Sperrazza and pianist Mikhail Yanovitsky. The concert was hosted by Abby and Larry Block of Highland Park.

On Friday, April 20 Countertenor Mark Crayton presented the concert program: **Native Tongue: A Celebration of British and American Song**. On April 9th Mr. Crayton presented a master class for NEIU vocal students.

On Friday, May 18 the Jewel Box Series concluded the 2006-2007 Season with a performance by the Chicago Saxophone Quartet.

The Presidential Lecture Series presented two evenings with renowned pianist and author Charles Rosen. On Thursday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Mr. Rosen gave a free lecture, and Friday, April 13 at 8:00 p.m., Mr. Rosen performed in concert.