

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

April 5, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 4:04 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:

James W. Barushok
Walter W. Dudycz, Vice Chair
Margaret Laurino
Jin Lee, Secretary
Nancy J. Masterson, Chair
Peter Michalczyk

The following trustees were absent:

Carlos Azcoitia
Carole Balzekas
Edward G. Dykla
Arnold Park

Also present were the following:

Sharon K. Hahs, President
Jean A. Kelchauser, Assistant Secretary
Mark T. Dunn, Legal Counsel

University Provost, Vice Presidents and Staff

Approval of Minutes

Written Minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2007 and the Minutes of the Confidential Executive Session dated April 5, 2007 were prepared and submitted. Chair Masterson said that hearing no corrections, the Minutes stand as written.

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

Chair Masterson recognized at this time on the Agenda Amanda Woodall, a student, who had requested to speak today and has to get to a class. Ms. Woodall is the President of the NEIU Green Cycle Group. She addressed the Board regarding the referendum on the current student election ballot which asks students if they support the implementation of a \$3.00 fee per student per semester in order to help fund clean and/or renewable energy technologies as well as energy conservation on campus. She also distributed copies of a Proposal to the Board of Trustees for a University Environmental Energy Policy which would include a Student Fund for Renewable Energy. Trustees expressed their general interest in “green” buildings, especially in the planning for the proposed new Education Building and thanked Ms. Woodall for her presentation.

President’s Report

President Hahs requested approval of the expenditure for fire alarm system improvements as follows:

Mr. Dudycz, seconded by Dr. Barushok, moved to approve the expenditure for **Physical Education and Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies Fire Alarm System Improvements** as follows:

Item Description

This project provides improvements to the fire alarm systems in University buildings. Major improvements are required in the Physical Education Complex and at the Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CCICS). The existing fire alarm systems in these buildings, 117,360 gsf and 65,070 gsf respectively, require modifications to meet the City of Chicago code requirements for a Class 1 system. Minor improvements include updating existing systems in other buildings.

Project Cost:

Base Bid	\$540,510
Additional funds if needed*	<u>54,000</u>
TOTAL COST:	\$594,510

Source of Funds:

University Operating Funds

Recommended Vendor:

Block Electric
7107 N. Milwaukee Ave...
Niles, Illinois 60714

<u>Summary of Bids:</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Block Electric	\$540,510
Loyola Electric	\$547,000

* For unforeseen conditions that may be discovered during the work

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Laurino	Yes
Lee	Yes
Masterson	Yes
Michalczyk	Yes

The motion carried.

President Hahs continued with Information Items as follows:

- 1) Proposed amendment to Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of NEIU relating to Section II: Meetings. These changes are proposed to enhance and provide flexibility that the Board requested in determining its meetings and also to bring the Board into conformity with the new provisions of the Open Meetings Act. These changes as for First Reading and approval will be requested at the June 7, 2007 meeting.
- 2) List of NEIU Set of Peer Institutions to be used for benchmarking purposes and NEIU Statement of Values – Draft 2. The Statement of Values will be used alongside the Mission Statement for Strategic Planning purposes.
- 3) Item G, Update-Fiscal Year 2008 Operating and Capital Budgets, which is a handout today.

Board Committee Reports

Trustee Barushok read the Construction Update as follows:

Building A Remodeling:

- The Illinois Capital Development Board authorized the University to proceed with remodeling of Building A, which will house the College of Business and Management, faculty offices and classrooms.
- Documents for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition were released for bidding with a bid opening on 24April07. Work is expected to begin after 1July07 and be completed in 12 weeks.
- The construction is scheduled to follow with project completion currently scheduled for January 2009.

Building F and E Remodeling/Expansion:

- This project also has a CDB state capital appropriation and includes remodeling and expanding Building F, enlarging the current 110 seat theater and remodeling the adjacent classroom and rehearsal space.

- An initial program has been drafted and meetings continue with the architect to further develop the building program. The actual design work requires CDB approval to proceed.

Library Service Elevator Modernization:

- This project restores the service elevator that was destroyed in the Library fire.
- Work is in progress and expected to be completed April 2007.

Computer Room CLS 3054 Modifications:

- This project consists of improvements to the University's main computer room to accommodate the additional electrical and cooling demands of the ERP project. This project includes improvements to the mechanical, electrical, communications, and fire suppression components to support the space as the long-term main server location for University Computing Services.
- Work began in January 2007 and should be completed by May 2007.

Physical Education Complex and Caruthers Center for Inner City Studies Fire Alarm System Replacement:

- This project is an action item on today's agenda.
- This project upgrades the Fire Alarm Systems in the PE Complex and CCICS.
- The PE system has not been updated since the building was constructed in 1988 and CCICS was last updated in 1972.
- Both facilities will have new fire/smoke detectors and voice/visual activation devices installed and the project should be completed by the end of 2007.

Education Building:

- The Governor included planning and construction funds for the Education Building in his proposed fiscal year 2008 capital budget.
- This project now awaits approval by the General Assembly of a statewide capital program and the inclusion of this project in that program.
- The University will review and update the current building program, site location and building design over the next few months.

Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Dunn presented Legal Report No. 60 and answered questions from the trustees. He said that he had one additional item that he would discuss in Executive Session.

Old Business

There were no items of old business.

New Business

The Board requested that President Hahs report at the June 7, 2007 meeting on Student Retention and Graduation Rates.

Mr. Dudycz will bring greetings from the Board at the Student Awards Ceremony on April 24.

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

Matt Larsen, a Senior, spoke about the recent protest against the war in Iraq held in the P. E. Building while the Central Intelligence Agency was on campus recruiting, and the arrest of students. He requested that 1) the university drop the charges against the students; and 2) that free speech areas on campus be abolished and free speech be allowed all over the campus.

Dr. Victor Ortiz, Coordinator/Academic Advisor, Latino and Latin American Studies, spoke on behalf of faculty supporting the granting of Tenure to Professor Elaine Rodriguez. Professor Loretta Capeheart, Justice Studies, read a statement from concerned faculty requesting that the Board approve today both Tenure and Promotion for Professor Rodriguez.

Mr. Dudycz asked that names of the concerned faculty be sent to the Board Chair.

Angela Olek, Music Department student representative, spoke in favor on granting Tenure to Professor Mikhail Yanovitsky.

Mallory Bernstein, a Junior and member of the the Socialist Club, the Justice Studies Club and the Anti War Club, requested that Dean Kelly drop all the charges against the students.

Convene in Executive Session

At 4:48 p.m., Dr. Barushok, seconded by Mr. Michalczyk, moved to **convene in Executive Session** to consider 1) the employment of employees, as permitted by Section 2. (c) (1) 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 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:

Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Laurino	Yes
Lee	Yes
Masterson	Yes
Michalczyk	Yes

The motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 6:25 p.m. Mr. Michalczyk, seconded by Dr. Barushok, moved to **reconvene in Open Session.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Laurino	Yes
Lee	Yes
Masteson	Yes
Michalczyk	(By Statute, student not permitted to vote on Tenure)

The motion carried.

President Hahs recommended that **Tenure be granted** to twelve individuals effective September 1, 2007.

Dr. Barushok, seconded by Mr. Dudycz, moved to **approve Tenure** for the following persons: Najma Adam, Social Work; Lynn Bush, Educational Leadership and Development; Kenneth Currier, Counselor Education; Lesa Davis, Linguistics, Philosophy and Anthropology; Christina Gomez, Sociology, African and African American Studies, Latino and Latin American Studies and Women's Studies; Bradley Greenburg, English; Amy Hietapelto, Management and Marketing; Lucia Pacini Lombardi, Foreign Languages and Literatures; William Sieger, Art; Jennifer Slate, Biology; Charles Steinwedel, History; Roger Reinsch, Accounting, Business Law and Finance.

President Hahs recommended that Tenure not be granted to Mikhail Yanovitsky, Department of Music.

Mr. Dudycz, seconded by Dr. Barushok, moved that **Tenure not be granted** to Mikhail Yanovitsky, Department of Music.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Laurino	Yes
Lee	Yes
Masterson	Yes
Michalczyk	(By Stature, student not permitted to vote on Tenure)

The motion carried.

President Hahs recommended that Tenure not be granted to Elaine Rodriguez, Department of Political Science.

Mr. Dudycz, seconded by Dr. Barushok, moved that **Tenure not be granted** to Elaine Rodriguez, Department of Political Science.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Laurino	Yes
Lee	Yes
Masterson	Yes
Michalczyk	(By Statute, student not permitted to vote on Tenure)

The motion carried.

Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Michalczyk, moved to approve the **destruction of verbatim records** required for 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c) for the meeting of **September 22, 2005** 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 22, 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 meeting held on **September 22, 2005** 2) the destruction of the verbatim records of the closed meeting held on **September 22, 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:

Barushok	Yes
Dudycz	Yes
Laurino	Yes
Lee	Yes

Masterson Yes
Michalczyk Yes

The motion carried.

Statement in Support of President Hahs Regarding Recent Campus Protests

Chair Masterson read the following statement on behalf of the Board: The Board appreciates that President Hahs has kept the Board appropriately informed about recent events on campus involving recruitment and related protests. We are confident that President Hahs will continue to take the appropriate steps in addressing these issues in the future on behalf of the university.

Adjourn

At 6:36 p.m., Mr. Michalczyk, seconded by Ms. Laurino, moved to adjourn.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Barushok Yes
Dudycz Yes
Laurino Yes
Lee Yes
Masterson Yes
Michalczyk Yes

The motion carried.

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