

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**April 20, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 4:03 p.m., in the Golden Eagles room at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Carlos Azcoitia, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and the following trustees answered present:

Carlos Azcoitia, Chair  
Jin Lee, Vice Chair  
Marvin Garcia  
Jonathan Stein  
Cheryl Rose Devenny

The following trustees were absent:

Carole Balzekas  
Omar Duque  
Edward Dykla

Also present were the following:

Sharon Hahs, President  
Tom Arkell, Legal Counsel (via conference call)  
Mimi Crespo, Assistant Secretary

University Provost, Vice Presidents and Staff

Chair Azcoitia commented on the purpose of the meeting. The Board is meeting to vote on the U-Pass student fee for all full-time students beginning fall semester 2011. During an SGA meeting that Chair Azcoitia and President Hahs attended, several students expressed the need for the Board to approve the U-Pass fee in time for the fall semester.

President Hahs explained that at the April 7, 2011 Board meeting, it was decided to delay action on the setting of fiscal year 2012 tuition and fee rates until the June 9, 2011 meeting. 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. President Hahs commended the SGA for how they conducted the referendum.

Mr. Garcia asked for clarification on a few items. President Hahs explained that according to

CTA rules only full-time undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for the U-Pass. Also, some fees may be assessed internally within the University. But all of the general fees that apply to the entire student body come with the tuition request.

Mr. Lee asked about the length of time the U-Pass can be used throughout the year. President Hahs and Vice President Wilcockson explained that the U-Pass is on a semester basis and the CTA allows students to use the U-Pass five days before the start of the semester and five days after the end of the semester. Students must qualify each semester and summer semesters are optional.

Chair Azcoitia asked about the processing time to begin the U-Pass program. Vice President Wilcockson explained that there is some administrative work that has to be done before each student receives a U-Pass. For example, time is needed to schedule an outside vendor to come to campus to take a photo of each student for each pass and there will also be a distribution process. Chair Azcoitia congratulated the SGA and Student Trustee, Ms. Devenny, for a very well organized SGA meeting.

**Action Item I. A. Approval of the Student U-Pass Fee**

Board approval is requested for the new student U-Pass fee at a rate of \$102 per semester for all full-time students beginning fall semester 2011.

Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Lee, moved to approve **the Student U-Pass Fee.**

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes
Garcia	Yes
Lee	Yes
Stein	Yes
Devenny	Yes

The motion carried.

**Adjourn**

At 4:12 p.m., the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Carlos Azcoitia, Chair  
Mimi Crespo, Assistant Secretary