

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

February 7, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 4:07 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:

Carlos Azcoitia
Grace G. Dawson
Walter W. Dudycz, Vice Chair
Omar A. Duque
Edward G. Dykla
Jin Lee, Secretary
Sunil Mahadeshwar
Nancy J. Masterson, Chair

The following trustee was absent:

Carole Balzekas

Also present were the following:

Sharon K. Hahs, President
Jean A. Kelchauser, Assistant Secretary
Thomas Arkell, representing Mark Dunn, Legal Counsel

University Provost, Vice Presidents and Staff

Approval of Minutes

Written Minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2007 and the Minutes of the Confidential Executive Session dated September 20, 2007 have been prepared and submitted. Chair Masterson said that hearing no corrections, the Minutes stand as written.

(Note: no meeting was held November 15, 2007)

President's Report

President Hahs introduced Dr. Carla Knorowski, our new Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the NEIU Foundation, who began her service on

January 16. Dr. Melvin Terrell, Vice President for Student Affairs, introduced Robert Earl Becker, Assistant Dean of Students, effective February 1.

1. Mr. Dudycz, seconded by Dr. Dawson, moved to approve the recommendation for Tuition and Fees for Fiscal Year 2009 as indicated on Table 6 as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University is required by its enabling Act to adopt tuition and fee rates for students attending the University. Each year, the Board reviews and adjusts those rates to recognize the budgetary needs of the University and the appropriate contributions students should make to meet those needs. Historically, given the University's ongoing commitments to access and to providing a high quality affordable education, the Board has adopted tuition and fee rates that are among the most affordable of the Illinois public universities. Equally important, the Board adopts tuition rates that reflect a fair and appropriate contribution from students to the costs of their education. It is with those continuing commitments and parameters that this report presents fiscal year 2009 tuition and fee recommendations to the Board for approval.

In the November 2007 Board meeting agenda materials, the proposed fiscal year 2009 tuition and fee rates (beginning fall 2008) were presented to the Board and to the University community for discussion. At the February 2008 meeting, the fiscal year 2009 tuition and fee rates will be presented to the Board for action.

Clearly, students are the campus constituents most affected by changes in student tuition and fees. On October 26th, the three University Vice Presidents met with the president and finance committee chair of the Student Government Association and the student trustee to discuss tuition and fees. Discussed at that meeting were tuition and fee rates and recent increases and the availability of high demand course sections. Also discussed was the importance of the U-Pass for Northeastern students. All present agreed on the importance of the U-Pass and the lack of support to the University from the CTA, and all agreed to focus efforts on this issue and work towards a solution.

In addition, and as in previous years, the Provost and the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs and Finance and Administration met with the Student Government Association (SGA) in a forum open to all students on November 20 to present the proposed tuition and fee rates and to discuss student concerns. This meeting was open to all students and the SGA heavily advertised this forum to the student body. A summary of the meeting was included in the December 4th edition of the *Independent*.

In general, the students attending the forum understood the relationship between the decreasing state funding commitment and student tuition increases. Specifically, the lack of significant new state resources is resulting in greater reliance on tuition at Northeastern, a trend taking place at all Illinois public universities and most public universities across the nation. Even with these

proposed tuition increases, tuition at Northeastern will be among the lowest of the Illinois public universities. Students attending the forum also asked about the availability of adequate course sections and the availability of the CTA U-Pass. The vice presidents agreed that these are University priorities and assured the students that efforts are being made to address these issues.

Overview of Current Tuition and Fee Rates

In fall 2004, a state law took effect requiring all Illinois public universities to guarantee new undergraduate students level tuition for four consecutive academic years. This past fall, the fourth cohort of undergraduate students attending Northeastern entered the University under the tuition guarantee.

One result of the tuition guarantee is the effect on tuition comparisons among institutions. Prior to fall 2004, most universities had one basic tuition rate for undergraduate in-state, resident students and it was much easier to compare and assess tuition rates among public universities. Now, because of this legislation, all Illinois public universities have at least five different tuition rates for in-state undergraduate students. This complicates tuition comparisons. Further, there has been no standard statewide methodology to facilitate tuition rate comparisons.

Tuition comparisons are important because they provide a means to assess affordability among somewhat similarly financed institutions. For discussion purposes, Table 1 presents tuition rates at Illinois public universities for the four general classes of undergraduate students: freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors—and uses what would be the typical tuition cost for full-time enrollment for each of those classes. An average is then computed to determine a common measure for all Illinois public universities. Based on this analysis, the average tuition cost for students attending Northeastern in the current fiscal year is among the lowest rates for in-state undergraduate students attending Illinois public universities; only Governors State University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville have lower average rates. The average full-time undergraduate tuition at Northeastern is \$4,905, or 89 percent of the statewide average of \$5,489.

Another assessment of affordability is the rate of undergraduate tuition increases. Table 2 provides a comparison of the current year undergraduate tuition increases adopted by the NEIU Board of Trustees with the tuition rate increases adopted by the other Illinois public universities. The tuition rate for undergraduates new to Northeastern starting in fall 2007 was 11.4 percent higher than the fall 2006 cohort. This compared to a state average of 10.6 percent. For continuing undergraduates, the tuition rate increase at Northeastern was 14.7 percent compared to a state average increase of 12.0 percent. The tuition increases at Northeastern were slightly more than the state average for both cohorts of undergraduate students.

Table 3 summarizes graduate tuition rates at Illinois public universities and the most recent rate increases. This table shows that, in fiscal year 2007, graduate tuition at Northeastern was \$3,840 for a full-time graduate student, 75 percent of the state average, and the lowest among the Illinois

public universities. In addition, graduate students at Northeastern were paying less for their education than most undergraduate students. As a result, the Board approved an adjustment in graduate tuition of 25 percent, which is reflected in this table. Even with this increase, graduate tuition at Northeastern is 86 percent of the statewide average.

Table 4 provides a comparison of the tuition costs for undergraduate and graduate students at Illinois public universities. Because graduate education is more costly than undergraduate education, it follows that graduate students should pay more for their education than undergraduates. Last year's report showed that graduate students at Northeastern paid 8.6 percent less for their education than new undergraduates. This year's data indicate that the adjustment made last year to graduate tuition at Northeastern had the desired effect of bringing graduate tuition in line with undergraduate tuition rates.

Based on IBHE data and using IBHE's fee classifications, Table 5 provides a summary of fiscal year 2008 mandatory fees at Illinois public universities. The annual mandatory fees at Northeastern total \$2,149 compared to a state average of \$2,250. It should be noted that the parking fee at Northeastern is mandatory (although waivable) while parking at some universities is optional and not included in the reported fees. It also should be noted that Governors State University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville do not provide mandatory student health insurance. Therefore, the state average excludes those two institutions. Based on this date, fees at Northeastern rank in the lower half of the 10 remaining Illinois public universities and total 4 percent, or \$101, below the state average.

The table shows that student activities fees at Northeastern (student activity and campus recreation fees) are about at the statewide average. Northeastern has no fee for intercollegiate athletics, a fee that averages \$272 for those universities with that fee. Our student services fee (technology and parking) is nearly 90 percent higher than the state average for student services. Again, our parking fee is a mandatory fee at Northeastern, which is one of the major factors in this comparison, and the University has made a significant investment in our computer labs and the NEIUworks student services modules, both paid from the technology fee. Our combined health services and health insurance are similar to the two other Chicago universities – Chicago State and the University of Illinois at Chicago, reflecting the local health care market and the level of services offered through our health insurance. And finally, the statewide data show that students at Northeastern are contributing to the University's facility needs at less than half the rate of students at other Illinois public universities. In fact, six public universities have implemented new fees for facilities maintenance and/or improvement in the past three years.

Setting Tuition and Fees in a Challenging State Fiscal Climate

The fiscal climate in the state of Illinois has had a direct impact on tuition and fee rates at Northeastern and all other Illinois public universities. The following chart summarizes changes in state appropriations and undergraduate tuition rates over the past 10 years. Between fiscal year

1998 and 2003, state funding increased 18.2 percent while tuition increased 22.2 percent. Other than the 6.4 percent increase in fiscal year 2003, tuition increases at Northeastern during this period did not exceed 3.6 percent.

However, in the second five-year period, when state funding decreased 4.3 percent, tuition increased 45.1 percent. The University maintained modest tuition increases until fiscal year 2006, and then increased tuition at a higher rate only in response to several years of state funding shortfalls. State funding levels will continue to challenge the ability of public universities to hold down tuition costs.

Not reflected in these state appropriations are additional funding requirements that the University is required by the state to make that must be funded with available resources. In fiscal year 2002, the University incurred a new requirement to contribute \$1.1 million annually to the Illinois state group health insurance plan. This was a new requirement for all public universities, in addition to the employee and employer contributions already required.

Public Act 94-4 requires Northeastern and all other public universities, for the first time, to make a contribution to the State Universities Retirement System for increases in employees' salaries above 6 percent in any of the four years used to determine average earnings for retirement purposes.

Figure 1

Fiscal Year	State Funding (in thousands)	% Change	Undergrad Tuition per Credit Hour	% Change
1998	36,024.1	----	88.00	----
1999	38,189.0	6.0%	91.00	3.4%
2000	40,330.4	5.6	94.25	3.6
2001	42,610.1	5.7	97.50	3.4
2002	45,396.8	6.5	101.00	3.6
<u>2003</u>	<u>42,585.4</u>	<u>(6.2)</u>	<u>107.50</u>	<u>6.4</u>
1998-2003	6,561.3	18.2	19.50	22.2
2003	42,585.4	----	107.50	----
2004	39,077.7	(8.2)%	110.00	2.3%
2005	39,227.7	0.4	115.00	4.5
2006	39,247.7	0.1	126.00	9.6
2007	40,026.3	2.0	136.00	7.9
<u>2008</u>	<u>40,770.7</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>156.00</u>	<u>14.7</u>
2003-2008	(5,370.5)	(4.3)	48.50	45.1

What this means for tuition in the State of Illinois is that not only are public universities impaired by decreasing state appropriations, they also are experiencing a pattern of being required to pay additional state expenses out of these decreasing state resources. Because the University operating budget has two primary funding sources – state appropriations and student tuition revenue – any reduction in available state funding results in either greater reliance on student

tuition revenue to fund University operating expenses or to greater pressure to reduce University services and programs.

Addressing University Priorities

Northeastern has a long history of reallocation and will continue to support priorities through internal reallocation. However, as mentioned above, we continue to be challenged in supporting these priorities because of decreases in state funding. In the current fiscal year 2008, the University implemented a two percent across-the-board reduction to keep budgeted expenditures within projected revenues. Even with this climate of state funding shortfalls, we continue to negotiate multi-year contracts with the five campus unions and implement modest salary increases for our non-negotiated employees.

Operating Budget Priorities. For fiscal year 2009, the University identified our highest priorities and we will continue to invest available resources in these areas. These priorities are providing fair and competitive salaries to our faculty and staff, meeting student instructional demands by increasing course sections and developing and implementing new academic programs, increasing our complement of tenure-track faculty, improving and expanding student advising, and being good stewards of our campuses by maintaining and improving our physical plant. These are the priorities approved by the Board in September 2007 and included in the University's 2009 operating and capital requests also approved by the Board in September.

As the University community discusses and considers fiscal year 2009 tuition rates, the appropriate balance between affordability, access and educational quality improvements must be found, all within the state funding climate outlined above.

In addition to operating budget issues affected by state funding, the University also must consider the operations and quality improvements that are supported by student fees. Student fees support such areas as technology, student activities, the Student Union, campus recreation, and student health services. The student demand for services in these areas continues to increase. For example, requests continue to grow for new fee-supported student clubs, expansion of health services, additional computer labs and faster and more robust internet connections.

A major new initiative is underway that is supported by student fees, the new University integrated information system – *NEIUworks*, and the new University portal - *NEIUport*. A major component of this system is the expansion and improvement of student services, including a significant expansion of web-based student services (e.g., on-line registration, bill payment, degree audit that provides specific information on course/major requirements on a case-by-case basis, financial aid services).

In addition to the program requirements, student fees also support the various offices that administer the specific fee programs, such as the offices of student activities, health services and

campus recreation. A portion of the increase in student fees for those three areas is the result of increases in health and retirement benefits for employees within those offices.

Capital Priorities. Similar concerns are also evident with facility needs. There have been no new capital appropriations from the state of Illinois since fiscal year 2004. Northeastern received no state capital funding for the renovation of our aging facilities, and several of our major campus buildings were built in the early 1970's. Two significant buildings on campus, the Science Building and the Classroom Building, have had no significant remodeling since construction. These capital needs were discussed with the Board in September and included in our fiscal year 2009 capital request.

With this lack of state support for renovation, it falls on the University to make difficult choices - either maintain education programs in facilities that minimally meet educational needs, continue to seek external funding through grants or gifts, or fund renovation projects internally. While we continue to try to secure external funding from state, federal and private sources, we are in the same position as most other colleges, universities, and non-profit entities in trying to secure external funding. And since state funding has not been available for facility needs, student fees are the only likely source of funding for facilities maintenance and renovation.

Tuition and Fee Proposal

Table 6 provides proposed tuition and fee rates for fiscal year 2009. The proposed tuition rates attempt to balance the needs of the University, the continuing commitment to keep the costs of attending the University affordable, and the ongoing fiscal challenges resulting from the lack of new state funding.

In fiscal year 2009, there will be six different tuition rates for in-state undergraduate students, depending on the date of first enrollment at Northeastern. For three of these rates there will be no increase; that is for those students entering in fall 2005, fall 2006 or fall 2007 cohorts. This level tuition will be in place for approximately one-half of our undergraduate students. For students entering prior to fall 2004, referred to in Table 6 as continuing students, the tuition rate will be \$170 per credit hour, an increase of 9.0 percent. The in-state, undergraduate tuition rate for new students would be \$220 per credit hour. For in-state graduate students, the proposed tuition rate is \$220 per credit hour, an increase of \$20 per credit hour, or 10.0 percent. For each in-state tuition rate, there is a corresponding non-Illinois resident tuition rate that is twice the in-state rate.

An additional challenge for this year that is addressed in these recommendations is student tuition charges for students who first enrolled at Northeastern in fall 2004 and, by state law, have had their tuition held constant for four consecutive academic years. At the end of summer 2008, the tuition guarantee will expire for this first cohort of students, those that enrolled at Northeastern under this program in fall 2004. Several pricing options for these students were

examined and modeled, including extending the tuition lock, adding this cohort to another cohort (e.g., fall 2005 or fall 2006), or moving these students into the continuing undergraduate tuition rate category. Each of these options was examined to determine whether the students would be making an appropriate contribution to their education relative to other undergraduate students and whether their tuition increase would result in an unrealistic burden for those students. Another complication is the tuition rate for this first cohort was established at a very low rate. These students have been paying \$124 per credit hour for four years, compared to the current rate of \$156 per credit hour for continuing students and \$195 per credit hour for new students.

These recommendations propose that this first cohort, those first enrolled between fall 2004 and summer 2005, will move to the continuing rate over the next two years. In fiscal year 2009, it is recommended that the rate for these students be \$155 per credit hour. While this represents a 25.0 percent increase, this rate is still \$5 per credit hour below the next lowest rate (fall 2005 cohort) and \$65 per credit hour below the rate for new students. If this plan is approved, it is anticipated that in fiscal year 2010, both the fall 2004 and fall 2005 cohorts will move to the continuing student rate.

The recommended fee rates will support student-requested program expansion in student activities, funding for student computer labs and costs for the new information system (technology fee), facility maintenance and renovation (academic enhancement/facilities fee), and fringe benefit increases for employee health insurance and retirement in other student support services.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Lee	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Mahadeshwar	No
Duque	Yes	Masterson	Yes

The motion carried.

2. Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Mahadeshwar, moved to approve the lease of university property for the installation of a cellular switch site and antennae as follows:

Regulations adopted by the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees require that all contracts for the lease of real property require approval by the Board. The University requests approval to enter into a contract with Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, for the lease of an area on the Library roof for the installation of a cellular switch site and antennae that will support the entire main campus and immediate neighborhood with improved cellular service from Verizon.

Currently, cellular service on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods is sporadic. Over the past several months, University Computing Services has been in discussions with Verizon Wireless to install additional cellular service capacity on campus to improve cellular service to our faculty and staff and the neighborhoods surrounding the campus. As part of this discussion, the University obtained comparable contract terms for similar agreements with other Illinois public universities. University Facilities Management and Public Safety staffs also were involved in these discussions to assure that our facilities and campus safety would not be adversely affected by this contract.

The University seeks approval of this proposed contract with Verizon Wireless. The contract would be for an initial term of five years with the option for four additional five-year terms. Verizon would agree to pay the University \$21,600 annually (in monthly amounts of \$1,800) for the first five-year period. This amount would increase by three percent each year of the contract. These funds would be used to support general University operations. If the extensions are exercised, the amounts also would increase three percent per year. In exchange, the University would provide approximately 600 square feet of the main Library roof and approximately 500 square feet of the penthouse roof of the Library for the installation of the Verizon antenna and supporting cellular equipment. In addition, with proper notification, the Facilities Management and Public Safety departments will provide Verizon access to the roof site to service and maintain its equipment by.

This contract would not preclude the University from contracting with other cellular companies for similar services.

RECOMMENDED LESSEE:

Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership
d/b/a Verizon Wireless
One Verizon Way
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Lee	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Duque	Yes	Masterson	Yes

The motion carried.

3. Mr. Dykla, seconded by Mr. Dudycz, moved to approve **spending authority for Strategic Planning with the amount paid from state appropriated funds not to exceed \$122,500** as follows:

Information item II.A.1 on today's agenda is an information item that outlines University plans to move forward our strategic planning initiative. That report noted that the University is seeking consulting services to provide independent facilitation for strategic planning. We developed and advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) for external consultants to assist in our strategic planning process and received five proposals that were reviewed by a committee to determine adherence to the RFP requirements, qualifications and experiences working with comprehensive public universities, and comparable strategic planning projects.

Two consulting firms were invited to campus with presentations scheduled for January 25, 2008 and February 1, 2008 and it was anticipated that, as a result of those presentations and negotiations with the preferred consultant, the Board of Trustees at the February 7, 2008 meeting would be asked to approve the expenditure of funds for the strategic planning consultant. Unfortunately, due to the severe weather, we were not able to have the presentation on February 1, 2008.

The published RFP and our internal planning schedule anticipate a completed strategic plan by the end of May. After that date, it would be difficult to engage the entire University community until after the end of the summer recess, likely sometime in mid to late September. In addition, completing the strategic planning in May will allow the University to incorporate those strategic plans into the initial fiscal year 2010 budget request that needs to go to the Board of Trustees in June. Therefore, to meet these dates, the University needs to engage in the formal strategic

planning process in the very near future. One consideration is the fact that the Board of Trustees does not meet again until April and, absent a special meeting, would not be able to approve a consultant expenditure, should that be necessary, until April.

The University will continue to move forward with presentations and negotiations with possible consultants. Should there be an acceptable consultant, I am proposing that the Board of Trustees grant to me the authority to enter into a consulting contract with that vendor. The amount of the contract paid from state appropriated funds would not exceed \$122,500. This is the amount of non-personal services funds budgeted in the previous year for the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation visit. If additional funds are needed for this contract, the state funds will be supplemented with unrestricted local funds (e.g., indirect cost revenue). If this proposal is approved, a full report will be presented to the Board of Trustees in April with the details of the consultant contract and an update on progress with strategic planning.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Lee	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Duque	No	Masterson	Yes

The motion carried.

President Hahs discussed the notebooks which the trustees received recently containing information on student success at NEIU. She talked about the three new items found inside Sections 3 (Graduation Trends), 5 (Illinois Baccalaureate Survey), and 6 (NSSE data). Dr. Azcoitia said that he found this information useful and would like to know what keeps students planning to graduate in four years from doing so.

Trustee Dawson asked for a report back regarding the membership of the enrollment management council. President Hahs referred her to Tab 8 and said that representation for all of the groups discussed previously has been added.

President Hahs announced that NEIU will participate again this year in Lobby Day on April 9. All of the trustees are invited and materials will be mailed shortly regarding plans for the day.

Committee Report

Mr. Duque gave the following Construction Update:

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.

- Favorable bids were received for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition in April 2007; and work was completed in September 2007.
- For the construction phase, CDB opened bids for the prime subcontractors on November 7, 2007 and, in summary, the bids were not acceptable.
- The project is being rebid with prime subcontractor bids scheduled to open February 14th and the general contractor bids schedule to open February 21st.

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 is being reviewed. Meetings will continue with the architect to further develop the building program. The actual design work requires CDB approval to proceed.

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

- This project upgrades the Fire Alarm Systems in the PE Complex and CCICS.
- The PE fire alarm system has not been updated since the building was constructed in 1988 and the CCICS fire alarm system was last updated in 1972.
- Both facilities have new fire/smoke detectors and voice/visual activation devices installed. The project is waiting for final testing by the City of Chicago.

Education Building:

- The Governor included planning and construction funds for the Education Building in his proposed fiscal year 2008 capital budget and the project is included in the Board of Higher Education's fiscal year 2009 recommendations.
- Funding for the Education Building awaits action by the Illinois General Assembly on the statewide capital program.
- The University is reviewing and updating the current building program, site location and building design.

Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Arkell presented Legal Report No. 64 and said that he would provide updates during Executive Session.

Old Business

There were no items of old business.

New Business

Chair Masterson recommended appointments to the **Presidential Evaluation Committee** as follows: Chair: Dr. Grace Dawson; Members: Mr. Walter Duycz and Mr. Edward Dykla

Mr. Duque, seconded by Mr. Lee, moved to approve the appointments.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Lee	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Duque	Yes	Masterson	Yes

The motion carried.

Mrs. Masterson asked for trustees to represent the Board at upcoming university events as follows:

Student Awards Ceremony on April 18 – Dr. Azcoitia
Academic Honors Reception on April 23 – Dr. Dawson
Commencement on Saturday, May 3 – Mr. Dudycz
Black History Month Award Ceremony and Dance on February 29 – trustees to check calendars

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

Chair Masterson noted for the record that an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Convene in Executive Session

At 4:50 p.m., Mr. Mahadeshwar, seconded by Mr. Dudycz, 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:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Lee	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Duque	Yes	Masterson	Yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Lee left the meeting prior to Executive Session.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 5:30 p.m., Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Mahadeshwar, moved to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Duque	Yes		

The motion carried.

Mr. Dykla, seconded by Mr. Dudycz, moved to approve the **destruction of verbatim records required for 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (c) for the meetings of April 6, 2006 and June 8, 2006** 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 meetings held on **April 6, 2006 and June 8, 2006** 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 meetings held on **April 6, 2006 and June 8, 2006** 2) the destruction of the verbatim records of the closed meetings held on **April 6, 2006 and June 8, 2006** 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	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Duque	Yes		

The motion carried.

Dr. Azcoitia, seconded by Mr. Dykla, moved that the Confidential Written Minutes of the Executive Sessions dated **September 21, 2006 and February 15, 2007**, no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Duque	Yes		

The motion carried.

Adjourn

At 5:35 p.m., Mr. Duque, seconded by Mr. Mahadeshwar, moved to adjourn.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia	Yes	Dykla	Yes
Dawson	Yes	Mahadeshwar	Yes
Dudycz	Yes	Masterson	Yes
Duque	Yes		

The motion carried.

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