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NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

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I. ACTION ITEM

A. EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMOUNTS OF \$100,000 OR MORE: APPROVAL OF LEGAL EXPENDITURE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

The University has retained the services of Babbitt, Land & Warner, LLP to represent the University in a federal civil lawsuit due to the firm's unique knowledge and experience in this area. Because the case is in its initial stages, at this time it is not possible to estimate total legal expenses. It is anticipated that these legal fees will exceed \$100,000.

Board of Trustees approval is requested for the expenditure for legal services with Babbitt, Land & Warner, LLP related to this specific federal civil lawsuit.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2011 TUITION AND FEE RATES

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 cost of their education. It is with those continuing commitments and parameters that this report presents the proposed fiscal year 2011 tuition and fee rates to the Board.

Clearly, students are the campus constituency most affected by changes in student tuition and fees. At the November 2009 Board meeting, the proposed fiscal year 2011 tuition and fee rates (beginning fall 2010) are presented to the Board and to the University community for review and discussion. After the November meeting, senior University administrators will meet with the Student Government Association (SGA) in a forum open to all students to present the proposed tuition and fee rates and to discuss student concerns.

After these discussions, at the February 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees, proposed tuition and fee rates will be presented to the Board for approval.

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. In fall 2009, the sixth cohort of undergraduate students attending Northeastern entered the University under the tuition guarantee program.

One result of the tuition guarantee program 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. The Illinois Board of Higher Education recently developed a methodology for comparing tuition rates that involves weighing each university's various tuition rates by the number of students paying the corresponding rates. Those rates and comparisons are included in this report.

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Tuition comparisons are important because they provide a means to assess student costs among somewhat similarly financed institutions. Table 1 presents fiscal year 2010 weighted average tuition rates at Illinois public universities for new undergraduates and for all undergraduate students.

As noted in the recent Chicago Sun-Times article, the fiscal year 2010 tuition rate increase for new undergraduate students enrolling at Northeastern was 11.4 percent, the highest among the Illinois public universities, which averaged 5.2 percent. However, the actual tuition rate at Northeastern is lower than six of other public universities and higher than the other five universities, meaning our tuition is at the median for Illinois public universities. The tuition for new full-time undergraduates at Northeastern is \$7,350, or 89 percent of the statewide average of \$8,249. Given Northeastern's location in Chicago, having a tuition rate for new undergraduates at the median among the public universities and 11 percent below the average tuition rate for Illinois public universities, our tuition rate seems reasonable and consistent with our affordability goals.

For all undergraduate students, Northeastern's current year average tuition rate is \$6,293. As with new undergraduates, Northeastern's rate is below six other public universities and above the other five. Our overall undergraduate tuition rate is 16 percent below the public universities state average of \$7,499. Stated differently, on average, full-time undergraduate students at Northeastern pay \$1,206 less per year for tuition than the average for all Illinois public universities.

Table 2 provides comparison data for graduate tuition and shows that the fiscal year 2010 rate for students at Northeastern is \$5,880, 72 percent of the statewide average of \$8,199. The current year graduate tuition rate increase of 11.4 percent exceeded the statewide average of 6.7 percent. Six public universities have higher graduate tuition than Northeastern and four have a lower average rate. Governors State has the same graduate tuition rate as Northeastern.

Table 3 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. For the past three years, Northeastern has established graduate tuition at the rate paid by the entering undergraduate students. This assures that no undergraduate students pay more for their education than graduate students. Statewide, graduate students pay 24.2 percent more than undergraduate students. However, these data should be interpreted with caution because the graduate costs at several campuses are inflated due to the high cost of certain graduate programs, for example, medical education.

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 figure summarizes changes in state appropriations and undergraduate tuition rates over the past 10 years. Between fiscal year 2000 and 2005, state funding decreased 2.7 percent while tuition increased 22.0 percent. However, Northeastern ended the five year period with fiscal year 2005 state appropriations of \$6.2 million, or 13.6 percent, below fiscal year 2002 appropriations. This is the compelling story. Even with our increases in state funding from fiscal year 2005 to the current fiscal year 2010, we remain \$2.0 million, or 4.4 percent, below our level of state appropriation in fiscal year 2002. These are actual dollars changes; they are not adjusted for inflationary increases.

Figure 1

Fiscal Year	State Funding (in thousands)	% Change	Undergrad Tuition per Credit Hour	% Change
2000	40,330.4	----	94.25	----
2001	42,610.1	5.7%	97.50	3.4%
2002	45,396.8	6.5	101.00	3.6
2003	42,585.4	(6.2)	107.50	6.4
2004	39,077.7	(8.2)	110.00	2.3
<u>2005</u>	<u>39,227.7</u>	<u>.4</u>	<u>115.00</u>	<u>4.5</u>
2000-2005	(1,102.7)	(2.7)	20.75	22.0
2005	39,227.7	----	115.00	----
2006	39,247.7	.1%	126.00	9.6%
2007	40,026.3	2.0	136.00	7.9
2008	40,770.7	1.9	156.00	14.7
2009 *	43,401.9	6.5	170.00	9.0
<u>2010</u>	<u>43,401.9</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>190.00</u>	<u>11.8</u>
2005-2010	1,776.7	4.5	75.00	65.2

* Includes \$1.5 million in restricted funds for Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives.

Even when faced with the sharp funding decreases in fiscal years 2003 and 2004, Northeastern adopted fairly modest tuition increases of 6.4% and 2.3%. Other than the 6.4 percent increase in fiscal year 2003, tuition increases at Northeastern during this first five-year period did not exceed 4.5 percent.

However, in the second five-year period, when state funding remained below the previous funding level of fiscal year 2002 and the modest state funding increases were not enough to address salary, utility and inflationary increases, tuition increased more significantly. The University maintained modest tuition increases until fiscal year 2006, and then increased tuition at higher rates only in response to several years of state funding shortfalls. State funding levels will continue to challenge the ability of Northeastern and the other public universities to hold down tuition costs.

Not reflected in these state appropriations are additional funding requirements by the state of the University that must be funded within these available resources and reserve requirements that were imposed in several years on public universities by the governor that reduced available spending of state funds.

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 and continues into the current fiscal year. Public Act 94-4 requires Northeastern and all other public universities 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.

Also, in fiscal years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2009, reserve requirements were imposed on Illinois public universities which required the universities to set aside (not spend) a portion of their annual state appropriation.

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 greater pressure to reduce University services and programs.

Addressing the University's Strategic Goals

Northeastern has a long history of reallocation and will support our newly adopted strategic plan and goals through internal reallocation. However, as mentioned above, we continue to be challenged in supporting these goals because of state funding short falls.

For fiscal year 2010, the University reported to the Board our highest strategic priorities and we will continue to invest available resources in these areas. These priorities are ensuring student success, enhancing academic excellence and innovation, providing urban leadership in Chicago and the region, investing in exemplary faculty and staff, enhancing University operations and facilities, and strengthening the financial position of the University. These are the strategic goals endorsed by the Board in September 2008.

As the University community discusses and considers fiscal year 2011 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 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.

Timely Graduation Incentive Pledge

As part of the University's annual review of student charges, the University is exploring a program that would provide financial incentives to undergraduate students who complete their undergraduate studies in a timely manner. This program concept is consistent with the University's strategic goal which calls for strategies to ensure student success from recruitment through graduation. It also is consistent with the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Public Agenda which calls for incentives to improve student time to degree. In addition, the University is exploring further program expansion during weekends to help facilitate timely degree completion. These initiatives are still being developed and it is planned that details will be brought to the Board of Trustees in February 2010.

Tuition and Fee Proposal

Table 4 provides proposed tuition and fee rates for fiscal year 2011. 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 significant new state funding.

In fiscal year 2011, in compliance with state statute, there will be five 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; for those students entering in fall 2007, fall 2008, or fall 2009. This level tuition will be in place for approximately one-half of our undergraduate students. For

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students entering prior to fall 2006, the tuition rate will be \$200 per credit hour, an increase of 5.3 percent. The latest cohort with an expiring tuition guarantee, those first enrolling in fall 2006, will see tuition increase by \$25 per credit hour, to \$200, or 14.3 percent. The in-state, undergraduate tuition rate for new students would be \$260 per credit hour.

For in-state graduate students, the proposed tuition rate is \$260 per credit hour, an increase of \$15 per credit hour, or 6.1 percent. For each in-state tuition rate, there is a corresponding non-Illinois resident tuition rate that is twice the in-state rate.

In fall 2010, there will be three cohorts that have had their four-year tuition guarantee expire; those cohorts first enrolling in fall 2004 through fall 2007. When the tuition guarantees expire, the tuition charged those students will revert to the rate charged students who enrolled at Northeastern prior to the implementation of the tuition guarantee program, referred to as the "continuing rate" that is subject to annual adjustment.

The tuition and fee rates provided on Table 4 are presented to the Board for consideration. After discussion with campus constituents, tuition and fee rates will be presented to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

Table 1
ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
FY2010 UNDERGRADUATE TUITION INCREASES

(Annual based on 30 credit hours)	New Undergraduates				Weighted Average All Undergraduates				
	Enter	Enter	\$	%	FY2009	FY2010	\$	%	
	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Change	Change			Change	Change	
Chicago State University	\$ 6,870	\$ 7,470	\$ 600	8.7 %	\$ 5,975	\$ 6,486	\$ 511	8.6 %	
Eastern Illinois University	6,540	7,170	630	9.6	5,496	6,266	770	14.0	
Governors State University	6,120	6,720	600	9.8	5,547	6,229	682	12.3	
Illinois State University	7,680	8,280	600	7.8	6,720	7,434	714	10.6	
Northeastern Illinois University	6,600	7,350	750	11.4	5,565	6,293	728	13.1	
Northern Illinois University	6,920	7,260	340	4.9	6,143	6,375	232	3.8	
Western Illinois University	6,456	6,779	323	5.0	5,850	6,276	426	7.3	
<u>Southern Illinois University</u>									
Carbondale	6,975	7,388	413	5.9	5,981	6,744	763	12.8	
Edwardsville	5,850	6,201	351	6.0	5,088	5,540	452	8.9	
<u>University of Illinois</u>									
Chicago	8,791	9,203	412	4.7	7,753	8,409	656	8.5	
Springfield	7,215	7,403	188	2.6	6,215	6,805	590	9.5	
Urbana-Champaign	10,915	11,096	181	1.7	9,386	10,173	787	8.4	
Weighted Average	<u>\$ 7,838</u>	<u>\$ 8,249</u>	<u>\$ 411</u>	<u>5.2 %</u>	<u>\$ 6,876</u>	<u>\$ 7,499</u>	<u>\$ 623</u>	<u>9.1 %</u>	
NEIU as a Percentage of State Average	84%	89%			81%	84%			

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Table 2

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
FY2010 GRADUATE TUITION INCREASES**

	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Chicago State University	\$ 4,488	\$ 5,256	\$ 768	17.1 %
Eastern Illinois University	5,232	5,736	504	9.6
Governors State University	5,400	5,880	480	8.9
Illinois State University	4,896	5,280	384	7.8
Northeastern Illinois University	5,280	5,880	600	11.4
Northern Illinois University	6,296	6,576	280	4.4
Western Illinois University	5,178	5,709	531	10.3
<u>Southern Illinois University</u>				
Carbondale	7,629	8,482	853	11.2
Edwardsville	5,838	6,012	174	3.0
<u>University of Illinois</u>				
Chicago	11,388	11,946	558	4.9
Springfield	6,144	6,390	246	4.0
Urbana-Champaign	10,818	11,169	351	3.2
Weighted Average	<u>\$ 7,682</u>	<u>\$ 8,199</u>	<u>\$ 517</u>	<u>6.7 %</u>
NEIU as a % of State Average	69%	72%		

Note: Graduate rates are based on 24 enrolled credit hours.

Source: Illinois Board of Higher Education Data

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Table 3
ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
FY2010 GRADUATE TUITION
COMPARISON WITH UNDERGRADUATE RATES

	FY2010 Graduate Tuition	Comparison - New Undergraduate And Graduate Tuition Rates	
		FY2010 New Undergraduate Tuition Restated to 24 Credit Hours	Graduate Tuition Percent Difference Undergraduate Tuition
Chicago State University	\$ 5,256	\$ 5,976	(12.0) %
Eastern Illinois University	5,736	5,736	-
Governors State University	5,880	5,376	9.4
Illinois State University	5,280	6,624	(20.3)
Northeastern Illinois University	5,880	5,880	-
Northern Illinois University	6,576	5,808	13.2
Western Illinois University	5,709	5,423	5.3
<u>Southern Illinois University</u>			
Carbondale	8,482	5,910	43.5
Edwardsville	6,012	4,961	21.2
<u>University of Illinois</u>			
Chicago	11,946	7,362	62.3
Springfield	6,390	5,922	7.9
Urbana-Champaign	11,169	8,877	25.8
Weighted Average	\$ 7,682	\$ 6,599	16.4 %

Note: Graduate rates are based on 24 enrolled credit hours.

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**Table 4
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Schedule of Proposed Tuition and Fees
For Discussion Purposes Only**

	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Change FY10 to FY11	
				Dollar	Percent
TUITION (per credit hour)					
Undergraduate - continuing	\$ 170.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	5.3 %
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2004	155.00	190.00	200.00	10.00	5.3
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2005	160.00	190.00	200.00	10.00	5.3
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2006	175.00	175.00	200.00	25.00	14.3
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2007 ¹	195.00	195.00	195.00	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2008 ¹	220.00	220.00	220.00	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2009 ¹	-	245.00	245.00	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2010 ¹	-	-	260.00	n/a	n/a
Graduate	220.00	245.00	260.00	15.00	6.1
Non-resident Undergraduate - continuing	340.00	380.00	400.00	20.00	5.3
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2004	310.00	380.00	400.00	20.00	5.3
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2005	320.00	380.00	400.00	20.00	5.3
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2006 ¹	350.00	350.00	400.00	50.00	14.3
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2007 ¹	390.00	390.00	390.00	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2008 ¹	440.00	440.00	440.00	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2009 ¹	-	490.00	490.00	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2010 ¹	-	-	520.00	n/a	n/a
Non-resident Graduate	440.00	490.00	520.00	30.00	6.1
MANDATORY FEES					
	47.00	49.85	51.90	2.05	4.1
Activity Fee	3.60	3.70	3.80	0.10	2.7
Student Union Fee	6.75	6.75	6.75	-	-
Campus Recreation Fee	3.60	3.60	3.60	-	-
Performing Arts Fee	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.10	14.3
Student Health Service Fee	1.65	1.65	1.70	0.05	3.0
Computer Resources Fee	12.50	14.50	15.75	1.25	8.6
Academic Enhancement Fee	7.50	7.50	7.50	-	-
Parking Fee (waivable)	10.70	11.45	12.00	0.55	4.8
Green Fee - rate per semester	3.00	3.00	3.00	-	-
Health Insurance Fee ²	474.00	528.25	528.25	-	-
TUITION AND FEES (based on 15 credit hours, excludes health insurance fee)					
Undergraduate - continuing	\$ 3,258.00	\$ 3,600.75	\$ 3,781.50	\$ 180.75	5.0 %
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2004	3,033.00	3,600.75	3,781.50	180.75	5.0
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2005	3,108.00	3,600.75	3,781.50	180.75	5.0
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2006	3,333.00	3,375.75	3,781.50	405.75	12.0
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2007 ¹	3,633.00	3,675.75	3,706.50	30.75	0.8
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2008 ¹	4,008.00	4,050.75	4,081.50	30.75	0.8
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2009 ¹	-	3,730.50	4,456.50	726.00	19.5
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2010 ¹	-	-	4,681.50	n/a	n/a
Graduate	4,008.00	4,425.75	4,681.50	255.75	5.8
Non-resident Undergraduate - continuing	5,808.00	6,450.75	6,781.50	330.75	5.1
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2004	5,358.00	6,450.75	6,781.50	330.75	5.1
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2005	5,508.00	6,450.75	6,781.50	330.75	5.1
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2006	5,958.00	6,000.75	6,781.50	780.75	13.0
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2007 ¹	6,558.00	6,600.75	6,631.50	30.75	0.5
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2008 ¹	7,308.00	7,350.75	7,381.50	30.75	0.4
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2009 ¹	-	7,405.50	8,131.50	726.00	9.8
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2010 ¹	-	-	8,581.50	n/a	n/a
Non-resident Graduate	7,308.00	8,100.75	8,581.50	480.75	5.9

¹ Per Public Act 93-0028, Illinois undergraduate students newly enrolled starting Fall 2004 will have their tuition held constant for a period of four continuous academic years. This policy was extended at NEIU to non-resident undergraduate students.

² Assessed to all Undergraduate students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours who do not show evidence of other health insurance coverage. Final fee calculation for fiscal year 2011 is contingent on the results of negotiation with the insurance carrier. Amount shown is the charge per semester. Note that the Spring semester fee now provides insurance coverage during the Summer semester.

Note: Tuition and fees, other than health insurance and the Green Fee, are charged on a credit hour basis for each credit hour enrolled per semester up to 16 credit hours. There will be no tuition and fee charges for credit hours enrolled above 16 hours per semester.

B. ENROLLMENT

I am pleased to report that official enrollments are higher for Fall 2009 than the previous fall. Every category of student has increased. This is welcome news; the downward trend in recent years has been reversed. Overall, the Fall 2009 headcount is 11,631, up 3.9% from Fall 2008. The full-time equivalent count is up 5.3%. A handout of detailed statistical information will be provided at the Board of Trustees meeting.

C. NEIU FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The second Annual Meeting of the NEIU Foundation “Growing a Culture of Philanthropy” took place on Tuesday, October 27. The evening started with a reception for over 200 special guests in Alumni Hall. The reception was followed by a program in the Auditorium which included a Foundation Board business report; an award presentation to the NEIU Ethics Bowl Team for winning fifth place in the nation; recognition of alumni who have been honored with Golden Apple Awards and have come back to honor their NEIU faculty mentors with Golden Eagle Awards; and special presentations to thank our most generous donors who were instrumental in helping the NEIU Foundation reach its first million dollar year. Vice President Carla Knorowski also announced a new giving society, The NEIU Signature Society, honoring those individuals who, through their generous, major philanthropic support, have made a lasting, positive impact on the life of the University as we strive to fulfill our mission and vision. A brief presentation will be given by Vice President Carla Knorowski at the Board of Trustees meeting.

D. NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO THE BOARD

1. PURCHASES BETWEEN \$50,000 AND \$100,000

Board of Trustees Regulations require that the President report to the Board purchases of at least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, other than those exempt from Board approval (e.g., utilities). The following is a list of those purchases since the last Board meeting.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Order Amount</u>
Anixter Center	Interpreting Services for Hearing Impaired	\$56,320
Babbitt, Land & Warner	Legal Services	\$95,000
Tori Construction	Music Instrument Lockers	\$62,450
Snow Systems	Snow Plowing	\$75,000

2. ERP RELATED EXPENDITURES

At the April 6, 2006 meeting, the Board of Trustees resolved that "in order to facilitate the timely implementation of the ERP Project, (the Board) delegates to the University President the authority to approve such expenditures and contracts directly related to the ERP project without prior Board approval and that the President will report to the Board on all such approved expenditures and contracts normally requiring prior Board approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees." Under this authority, the following contract has been approved and is reported to the Board as required.

Touchnet Information Systems	License and implementation for e-payment	\$122,870
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E. NEWS AND EVENTS

1. Service Awards for Civil Service and Administrative and Professional Employees – September 23

After a one-year absence of the event, NEIU recognized the service of over 200 employees at a gala event in Alumni Hall on Wednesday, September 23.

Human Resource Director Marta Maso, Civil Service Council Chair Judy Brewer and A and P Council Chair James Lyon each greeted the assembly and discussed service to the University, setting the stage for the President. President Hahs continued the service theme and impressed all present with her statement that the honorees together comprised over twenty-five hundred years of service to Northeastern.

Following her remarks, and assisted by HR Director Marta Maso, President Hahs greeted honorees individually and presented them with a certificate and a gift based on their years of service, as their respective Vice President read their names from the podium.

When the presentations were completed, honorees and guests were invited to the impressive lunch buffet prepared by Sodexo staff, while, under the direction of Mayo Tiano, the NEIU Jazz Combo provided delightful musical accompaniment throughout the event.

2. NEIU Talent Show – September 24

Produced by the Office of Cultural Events and sponsored by Beck's Book Store, the NEIU Annual Talent Show took place on Thursday, September 24 in the auditorium. This year in addition to first, second and third place awards, two new categories were included; most unusual and honorable mention awards.

3. Purple Ribbon Campaign – September 24 – October 26

Adult and Women Student Programs sponsored the Purple Ribbon Campaign—a month long initiative (September/October) that provided educational awareness around the societal issues of sexual and domestic violence. The campaign began with a blitz of the university campus trees draped in purple ribbons and bows. The month-long initiative included the Silent Witness Exhibit, Light up the Lakefront, The Clothesline Project, and The White Ribbon Campaign. Co-sponsors included the Dean of Students Office, El-Cap, Health Services, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Student participation was very strong with seven academic classes participating. In addition, four local women's domestic shelters and their occupants were involved in the program.

4. State of the University Address – September 24

President Hahs presented the State of the University Address on Thursday, September 24 during student activity hour in the University Auditorium. A review of Strategic Plan activities was presented as well as work plan activities for the current year.

**5. Hispanic Heritage Month celebration “Noche de la Familia”
September 25**

NEIU's Hispanic Heritage Committee and the Office of Alumni Relations presented *Noche de la Familia*, the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, on Friday, September 25. With 250 in attendance, Roberto Sanabria served as the master of ceremonies for the event. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and beverages, a performance by Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, and a keynote address by Vincent Cordero, Vice President and General Manager of Univision and Telefutura, Chicago, the number one and number two Spanish TV stations in the city. Student Achievement Awards and Certificates were presented, and Awards for Excellence were awarded to Dr. Carols Azcoitia (Education), Mathew “Mateo” Mulcahy (Fine Arts), Leo Suarez (Business) and Joshua Cruz (Community Leadership).

6. Tom Daloff Memorial Softball Game – September 27

Home Runs for Heroes, a sixteen-inch softball game at Thillens Stadium to benefit the Tom Dalof Heroes Fund, took place on Sunday, September 27.

Tom Dalof was a student in the College of Business and Management and a player on NEIU's baseball club team. Last year, as he was rescuing a woman who was under attack, he was tragically killed by a hit-and-run drunk driver. In memoriam to Tom, NEIU has created a fund to honor everyday heroes at NEIU—people like Tom who change the world through their everyday actions—and to support the College of Business and Management at NEIU. In addition, funds raised from the game were used to name a room in the new College of Business and Management Building.

7. Presidential Lecture Series – October 1

The Presidential Lecture Series hosted author and activist Frances Moore Lappé on Thursday, October 1. Ms. Lappé led a panel discussion during the day and presented a lecture that evening. Both events were free and open to the public.

8. Green Week – October 5-9

Green Week included seminars and workshops on topics such as responsible recycling, energy conservation and optimum efficiency practices, as well as ventures to clean Illinois lakes and waterways. The week culminated with

students participating in a community service project to clean Kiwanis Park. The events were sponsored by Green Cycle Group with the support of numerous offices in Student Life and other areas. Money was raised toward the Green Fee through a book drive and a "penny wars" competition between offices to see who could raise the most donations.

9. Office of Sponsored Programs Recognition Breakfast – October 13

The Office of Sponsored Programs hosted its annual Recognition Breakfast in October, which was attended by fifty faculty and staff members. The event acknowledged NEIU faculty and staff who directed projects funded by grants and contracts and those who submitted proposals for external funding during fiscal year 2009. The Office of Sponsored Programs works closely with faculty and staff to guide them in executing the initial stages of grant preparation. From these new and continuing initiatives, NEIU has implemented and sustained many outstanding programs and projects to strengthen its learning community. Many of these efforts establish opportunities and services for the student population.

**10. The Fifteenth Equity in Action, "Immigration and Social Justice"
October 13-15**

The fifteenth Annual Equity in Action Conference "Immigration and Social Justice" was held at NEIU October 13-15. US Congressman Mike Quigley of the fifth Congressional District of Illinois delivered a keynote address on the theme of our conference. Two full conference days highlighting various aspects of the immigration debate were articulated, including research by Professor Nina Martin on Immigration and Labor Markets. Other presentations included issues related to Workers' Centers and contingent Day Laborers, the Criminalization of Immigrants in the Prison System, and Immigration Reform to list a few topics. Sessions were well attended by students, faculty and staff of the university community.

11. MAP Lobby Day – October 15

A group of thirty-two University students and staff, including President Hahs, participated at the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Lobby Day in Springfield. The group message was to restore the nearly \$200 million cut in MAP funding. More than twenty-eight legislative visits were conducted with legislators representing all of NEIU's campuses, the chairs and vice-chairs of the senate and house appropriations and higher education committees as well as NEIU alumni, leadership members and the governor's office. Subsequently, The General Assembly passed the bill to restore MAP funding for spring, and the Governor signed the bill on October 18, 2009.

12. Accounting and Finance Majors Day — October 15

The Office of Career Services and the College of Business and Management collaborated to host an Accounting and Finance Majors Day on October 15. This event consisted of a presentation by College of Business faculty members concerning the Accounting and Finance majors at NEIU, a panel of employers who discussed careers in accounting and finance, and a job fair-style open information session. Over 200 students participated in the day's activities.

13. Polish American Congress National Conference – October 15-16

The Polish American Congress National Conference was held on October 15 and 16 at NEIU. The Conference offered leaders, activists, and all persons interested in a vigorous Polish American community an opportunity to exchange experiences, share aspirations, and discuss best practices with others from across the United States. During the two-day conference the University hosted a reception to unveil a plaque commemorating Lech Walesa's summer 2009 visit to campus as well as a plaque honoring platinum donors to the Lech Walesa Endowment fund. In addition, the Polish Arts Club of Chicago presented the University with a bust of Lech Walesa.

14. Jewel Box Series – October 16

On Friday, October 16, the Jewel Box Series presented the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival Trio made up of viola, clarinet and piano.

15. Congressional Hispanic Institute – October 17

NEIU, in partnership with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, hosted the Second Ready to Lead program. The goal of the program is to motivate, educate and empower Latino eighth, ninth and tenth grade high school students to graduate from high school, prepare for college admission, and serve and lead in their communities. Approximately 180 students from nine schools participated in this one-day event. More than twenty-two Latino professionals, most of them NEIU alumni, participated in a mentoring power hour. State Representative Elizabeth Hernandez from the twenty-fourth district and Congressman Luis Gutierrez' staff provided remarks before Keynote speaker Wilmer Valderrama.

16. Faculty and Staff Town Hall Meeting – October 19

A Town Hall Meeting was held by President Hahs for faculty and staff on Monday, October 19. The meeting provided an opportunity for dialogue within the University community in an informal setting. Topics were presented, followed by a question and answer session.

17. Newly Tenured and Promoted Faculty Reception – October 21

On Wednesday, October 21, a reception was held to honor the newly tenured and promoted faculty by President Hahs at her residence. The event was well attended.

18. New Faculty Dinner – October 23

On Friday, October 23, President Hahs hosted a supper at her residence to welcome new NEIU faculty. This year, new faculty were welcomed in the areas of accounting; business law and finance; biology; chemistry; economics; educational leadership and development; health, physical education, recreation and athletics; justice studies; management and marketing; music; psychology; social work; special education; teacher education; and University library.

19. Great Service Matters – October 30

The Great Service Matters series on professional development continues to strengthen our service to students and to each other. Five concurrent sessions were held on October 30. The presenters provide valuable information that promotes dialogue to engage all staff of the University. The underlying culture of Northeastern Illinois University is enhanced by our participation and is reflected in the great service demonstrated in all of our work.

20. Twelfth Annual Polish American Heritage Awards – October 30

This year's Polish American Heritage Celebration was dedicated to the memory of Marlene Gill, an NEIU alumna who founded the event. Several awards were given to individuals/organizations that have made significant contributions to the Polish American community. Among these were special awards to President Sharon Hahs and to Vice President Carla Knorowski. The event also included the presentation of a check from Ken Gill to endow a scholarship in his wife Marlene Gill's name; and the presentation of a painting honoring Lech Walesa, a gift from an anonymous donor. One of the highlights of the evening was a special letter of greeting from Lech Walesa.

21. College of Business and Management Ribbon Cutting – October 27

The Northeastern Illinois University community celebrated the opening of our new College of Business and Management Building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 27. With the help of the Illinois Capital Development Board, the building was completed and opened in August 2009, after nearly two years of renovation. The 37,000 square-foot facility was designed for the College of Business and Management's departments and programs. The building houses the Dean of the College; the Accounting, Business Law, and Finance Department; the Management and Marketing Department; and Student Advisement. In addition to the main ribbon cutting for

the building, specialized ribbon cutting ceremonies took place to honor those who made contributions and named rooms in the building.

22. Nontraditional Student Appreciation Week – November 2-6

For the third consecutive year, the University participated in national Nontraditional Student Appreciation Week, November 2-6, 2009. This university-wide collaborative initiative involved key offices including Nontraditional Degree Programs, the Weekend College, Student Activities, the Wellness Council, Dean of Students Office, El Centro, and CCICS. The focus of the week was to acknowledge and highlight the nontraditional student population, their collegiate experiences, and their contributions to the educational fabric of all institutions of higher learning, and specifically at NEIU.

23. Student Town Hall Meeting – November 5

President Hahs held a Student Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, November 5 in the Auditorium during student activity hour. The meeting provided an opportunity for dialogue with students in an informal setting. Several topics were presented, followed by questions and answers.

24. El Centro Town Hall Meeting – November 5

A Town Hall Meeting was held for faculty, and students at El Centro on Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 pm. The meeting provided an opportunity for dialogue within the University community in an informal setting.

25. The Sixth Annual Authors Reception – November 11

The sixth annual Northeastern Illinois University Faculty Authors Reception was held on November 11, in the Golden Eagles Room. This event, which is co-sponsored by the Library and the Academic Affairs Office, recognizes faculty members who have published books in the past academic year. Honored this year from the College of Arts and Sciences, were Vicki Byard, Denise Cloonan Cortez de Andersen, Lesa Davis, Michael Davros, Holly Dunnsouth, Chielo Zona Eze, Inna Faliks, Lisa Hollis-Sawyer, Joan Johnson, Jaime Mendoza, Dragan Milovanovic, Richard Neapolitan, T.Y. Okosun, and Brian Torosian. Honored from the College of Business and Management was Marie-Élène Roberge. Book authors from the College of Education included: Kenneth Addison, Howard Bultinck, Lynn Bush, Effie Kritikos, Erica Meiners, and Beverly Otto.

26. Leo Segedin Art Opening Reception – November 12

During the entire month of November, The Ronald Williams Library at NEIU is pleased to host a display of paintings by Leo Segedin, NEIU Professor Emeritus. The opening reception for the exhibit was held on Thursday November 12 from

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5:00 – 7:00 p.m., with introductions and artist's remarks at 5:45 p.m. Dr. Leopold Segedin retired in 1987 after teaching at NEIU for thirty-two years. He has been an exhibiting artist since 1947, and his works having been shown at such museums as the Art Institute of Chicago, the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. and the Milwaukee Art Institute.