

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

**Academic/Student Affairs, Enrollment, and Technology Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

April 15, 2021

A special meeting of the Academic/Student Affairs, Enrollment, and Technology Committee was convened on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Trustee Ann Kalayil, Chair of the committee called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

The following Trustee committee members were in attendance: Marvin Garcia, Ann Kalayil, and Gabriela Loreda-Garcia.

Other Trustees present: Charlie Serrano

Also in attendance: Gloria Gibson, President; Natalie Brouwer Potts, Interim Assistant General Counsel; Mary Pat Burns, Board Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; and vice presidents, staff, and members of the University community.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Trustee Kalayil announced the opportunity for public comment in accordance with P.A. 91-0715. There were no requests to speak.

Chair's and President's Remarks

Trustee Kalayil asked that the tenure matter be added to an annual calendar so it can be included on the March meeting agenda next year. President Gibson expressed her pride in and offered congratulations to today's faculty being recommended for tenure and promotions.

Dennis Rome, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the list of faculty being recommended for tenure and promotions today and read their biographies.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Jorge Cantu	Biology
Sung Doo Kim	Management and Marketing
Anne Le	Accounting, Business Law and Finance
Kimberly Maljak	Health Sciences and Physical Education
Hector Morales	Teacher Education
Ulugbek Nurmukhamedov	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Ryan Poll	English
Brian Vivona	Literacy, Leadership and Development
Xiwei Wang	Computer Science

Trustee Kalayil, seconded by Trustee Garcia moved to recommend for approval the list of faculty recommended for tenure and promotion as presented by the Provost.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll* was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes Kalayil: Yes Loredo-Garcia:

* the student trustee may not vote on this matter

The tenure and promotion recommendations are recommended for approval.

Old/New Business

New business was raised by Trustee Loredo-Garcia. A group of around 200 students has signed a petition to have a socially distant in-person commencement in May as other local universities are doing. Several students who signed the petition will be addressing the board at its meeting today. Dr. Terry Mena, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, reported that he had met with Sama Ablahad, the student spearheading the commencement petition and effort. Northeastern does not have a large enough space on campus to accommodate commencement exercises, but the Student Union management is proposing some options, one of which is a themed photo session on campus where students can walk across a dais. Students may bring up to three family members. Trustee Kalayil added that maximum gathering numbers are still in effect.

There was no further business.

Motion to Adjourn

At 12:46 p.m., Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Loredo-Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalayil, Committee Chair
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary
Approved June 10, 2021