

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

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

May 18, 2023

A meeting of the Academic/Student Affairs, Enrollment, and Technology Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, May 18, 2023 in the Golden Eagles Room located in the Student Union at 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL. Trustee Ann Kalayil, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Roll was called and the following Trustee Committee members were present:** Marvin Garcia; Shyrice Howell; and Ann Kalayil

**Also present:** Gloria Gibson, President; G. A. Finch, University Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; vice presidents, staff, and University community members

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**Opportunity for Public Comment in Accordance with P. A. 91-0715**

Trustee Kalayil announced the opportunity for public comment. There were 2 speakers registered; 1 registrant withdrew.

1. **Anderson Lam**, as representative of University Technology Services  
**Topic:** onboarding process for new student applicants

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**Chair's and President's Remarks**

President Gibson offered congratulations to all graduates and thanked Student Affairs for their work on this past commencement exercises. At this time there is no further information from the Legislature concerning the FY24 higher education appropriation. U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth has secured \$145,000 in Congressional funding for the Veterans Resource Center at NEIU. The University will supplement this funding with \$63,000 from its Strategic Planning Development Fund (SPDF). Thank you, Senator Duckworth.

Trustee Kalayil also congratulated this year's graduates. Trustee Kalayil, along with Chair José Rico recently traveled to Springfield to help lobby for funding of University initiatives. This was a successful trip. Trustee Kalayil noted that today marks Trustee Shyrice Howell's last committee meeting as the Student Trustee.

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**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION**

Recommendation to Approve the Master of Science in Nursing Program

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Andrea Evans, reported that Northeastern Illinois University is seeking approval by the Board of Trustees to offer a Master of Science in Nursing, Entry into Practice Program. Following Board approval, the University will seek degree-granting authority for this program from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The Master of Science in Nursing, Entry into Practice Program is designed for the adult learner to become a professional Registered Nurse, who already holds a bachelor's degree in any field outside of Nursing. Students in the MSN program who have completed prior requisite coursework will be prepared to take their RN certification, along with having earned a Master's degree, within two years. The NEIU MSN program will educate students at the master's level which not only prepares them to be competent RNs and clinicians, but also leaders in the profession of nursing who will promote high quality, collaborative care that is equitable and reduces health disparities. The NEIU entry into practice MSN program will meet both

the national nursing staff and faculty shortage, while also providing an ethnically and racially diverse workforce.

The first cohort is expected to begin the program in Fall 2024. If the Board recommends approval of this program, there are three additional bodies that will need to approve the program: Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); approval can take from 3 – 6 months. Higher Learning Commission (HLC); approval can take up to 9 months. Illinois Board of Nursing (IBON); approval time is unknown.

Trustee Howell, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to recommend approval of the Master of Science in Nursing – Entry into Practice Program.

Discussion: Trustees asked clarifying questions about the program, expected program costs and when those costs would be realized. Additionally, Trustees asked about expected program revenue and when the program would be self-sustaining? There are three agencies that must approve the program before it can get off the ground: Illinois Board of Higher Education, American Association of Colleges of Nursing Education, and the Higher Learning Commission.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes                      Howell: Yes                      Kalayil: Yes

The matter is recommended.

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## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### Enrollment/Retention

Trustee Kalayil stated that a regular enrollment report that would be regularly available is being devised. Ryan Trout, Director of Undergraduate Enrollment presented some data on enrollment. Undergraduate enrollment figures as of May 12, 2023:

- Fall 2022 new First-Year students: 516 (58% increase over 2021)
- Fall 2023 First-Year projection: 625 (21% increase over 2022)
- Fall 2022 new Transfer students: 584 (24% decrease over 2021)
- Fall 2023 Transfer projection: 600 (2.7% increase over 2022)

### First year students

Apps: 8,313 (4,604 on 5/12/22) (70.9% via Common App) (29.1% via neiu.edu)

Accepted: 5,823 (2,493 on 5/12/22) Intent to Enroll: 775 (433 on 5/12/22)

### Transfer Students

Apps: 1,104 (922 on 5/12/22) (18.6% via Common App) (81.4% via neiu.edu)

Accepted: 574 (479 on 5/12/22) Intent to Enroll: 243 (223 on 5/12/22)

Orientations are in full swing. They will happen throughout the summer. All students at orientation meet with a financial aid advisor to ensure incoming students are prepared to register and start on day one.

### Governance Overview of Enrollment Management and Retention

Overall Fall to Spring retention: 84.3%

Retention of First-Year Students: **80.1%**

- Success Program retention: 83.6%

- Not in a Success Program: 76.2%
- Commuters: 76%
- NEST Residents: 89%

Retention of Transfer Students: **87.8%**

- Commuters: 87%
- NEST Residents: 100%

Students from City Colleges of Chicago: 91%

NEST Financial Overview (FY23 and FY24) and Operations

**Occupancy:**

- Fall 2022: 381/87.4%
- Spring 2023: 420/95.5%

Summer 2023: 179 (anticipated; summer officially starts May 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Fall 2023 Occupancy Projections:**

- Fall 2023 Target: 92%
- Spring 2023 Target: 96%
- Summer 2024: TBA

<u>Summary Amount By Cohort and Detail Code and Fiscal Year (July 1, 2023, to May 17, 2023)</u>				
<u>AMOUNT</u>		<u>Room Charge Total</u>	<u>Room Paid Total</u>	<u>Room Balance Total</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>Afghan Transition Prgm 21-22</u>	<u>93,347.40</u>	<u>84,755.40</u>	<u>8,592.00</u>
	<u>CASEP Housing Awd Fall 2022</u>	<u>91,516.20</u>	<u>88,652.20</u>	<u>2,864.00</u>
	<u>Discover Yourself Fall 2021</u>	<u>72,944.81</u>	<u>52,306.71</u>	<u>20,638.10</u>
	<u>Discover Yourself Fall 2022</u>	<u>188,537.64</u>	<u>182,809.64</u>	<u>5,728.00</u>
	<u>Future Teachers Fall 2021</u>	<u>54,555.20</u>	<u>46,098.10</u>	<u>6,969.90</u>
	<u>Future Teachers Fall 2022</u>	<u>164,209.54</u>	<u>156,474.54</u>	<u>7,735.00</u>
	<u>Honors Housing Awd Fall 2022</u>	<u>132,374.00</u>	<u>126,646.00</u>	<u>5,728.00</u>
	<u>HOPE Scholarship</u>	<u>335,428.91</u>	<u>168,233.49</u>	<u>30,913.25</u>
	<u>Soc. Justice Housing Awd Fa20</u>	<u>66,760.00</u>	<u>53,102.45</u>	<u>13,657.55</u>
	<u>Soc. Justice Housing Awd Fa21</u>	<u>126,337.04</u>	<u>99,137.26</u>	<u>25,356.00</u>
	<u>Soc. Justice Housing Awd Fa22</u>	<u>179,018.40</u>	<u>167,562.40</u>	<u>11,456.00</u>
	<u>STEM Housing Awd Fall 2022</u>	<u>188,687.64</u>	<u>179,863.34</u>	<u>8,824.30</u>

	<u>General Residents (No Cohort)</u>	<u>1,990,882.80</u>	<u>1,547,639.83</u>	<u>440,352.97</u>
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>3,684,599.58</u></b>	<b><u>2,953,281.36</u></b>	<b><u>588,815.07</u></b>

<b><u>FY23 July 1, 2022, to May 15, 2023</u></b>		
<u>University Coverage of Housing Scholarships</u>		<u>\$ 1,213,148.52</u>
<u>University Financial Contribution - Fall 2022</u>		<u>\$ 99,677.00</u>
<u>University Financial Contribution - Fall 2022 Adjustment</u>		<u>\$ 657,272.00</u>
<u>University Financial Contribution - Spring 2023</u>		<u>\$ 489,810.00</u>
<u>Master Lease - Fall 2022</u>		<u>\$ 181,114.00</u>
<u>Master Lease - Spring 2023</u>		<u>TBA</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 2,641,021.52</u></b>

Afghan Transition Program

**Admitted (Fall 2021 & Spring 2022) - 15** (*Decided Not to Register or Stop Out - 2*)

**Spring 2023 Enrolled – 13**

**Summer 2023 Enrolled - 10**

**Fall 2023 Projected Enrollment – 10**

**2023 - 2024 Living in NEST Housing - 8**

**Afghan Transition Program – Students’ Academic Progress (AY22-23):**

- ❖ Graduation (completion) - One ATP graduated (MBA) in Dec. 2022, and two (Master’s of Accounting and MBA) will complete their degree requirements in Summer 2023
- ❖ Retention
  - ❖ SAELL - Total three ATP students: two students are in transition into the degree-seeking programs at the Master’s level, and another student has an undergraduate degree in computer science this coming Summer, 2023
  - ❖ Five ATP at Master’s level; 2 Undergraduate seeking degree programs (Graphic Design and Computer Science)
- ❖ ATP students registered and completed courses during the spring 2023 semester with a “B” grade average

**FY24 - ATP Program Budget: \$230,281 (Includes Tuition, Fees, and Housing Costs)**

**Old/New Business**

Trustee Kalayil asked if there was any old or new business to address. Hearing none, there was no further business.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 3:23 p.m. Trustee Howell, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalayil, Committee Chair  
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary  
Approved September 21, 2023