

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee Special Meeting
November 16, 2023

A special meeting of the Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on November 16, 2023 in the Lower-level Conference Room at the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies, located at 700 E. Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60653. Trustee J. Todd Phillips, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Roll was called and the following Trustee Committee members were present: Anna Meresidis; J. Todd Phillips; and Paula Wolff

Other Trustees present: Jorge Leon and José Rico (via video conference)

Also present: Katrina Bell-Jordan, Interim President; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; vice presidents, staff, students; and University community members

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

Trustee Phillips announced the opportunity for public comment. There were no requests received to speak.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

FY25 Tuition Recommendations

Trustees received a briefing from Shayne Cofer, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. There was a robust period of discussion about the data presented and the University's justification for raising tuition was again raised. Trustee Medina reiterated the Student Government Association's recommendation to not increase tuition for FY25. Ultimately, the discussion ended with the committee rejecting the administration's request and will recommend a 0% tuition increase to the full Board.

FY25 Fee Recommendations

This presentation and discussion followed a similar pattern to the tuition discussion. Trustee Medina reported that the Student Government Association agreed with the administration's recommendation to increase fees, but Trustees again rejected the administration's request and will recommend a 0% increase in FY25 student fees to the full Board.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session

At 11:47 a.m. Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Section 2(c)2 to discuss collective bargaining matters.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Meresidis: Yes Phillips: Yes Wolff: Yes

The motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session

At 11:59 a.m. Trustee Meresidis, seconded by Trustee Wolff moved to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried by acclamation.

ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Recommendation to Approve the ICOPS Contract

Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to recommend approval of the contract between the Illinois Council of Police and Northeastern Illinois University on the terms presented.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Meresidis: Yes Phillips: Yes Wolff: Yes

The motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

At 12:03 p.m. Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Todd Phillips, Chair of the Committee
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary
Approved February 15, 2024