President’s Report
to the Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 14, 2019
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II. A. INFORMATION ITEM: SECOND QUARTER BUDGET TO ACTUAL

The Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees at its June meeting approved the University preliminary operating budget, which represented preliminary spending plans for fiscal year 2019 (FY2019). The Board of Trustees approved the final FY2019 operating budget in September.

The operating budget for FY2019 totals $151,085,600. Of that total, $88,444,200 is the University’s unrestricted general operating budget supported by State appropriation and student tuition. In addition, the University’s restricted funds budget amount of $62,641,400 is supported by student fee programs, auxiliary services, grants and contracts.

At the Board’s request, quarterly reports are provided for the unrestricted operating budget, which supports most University departments and ongoing operations. This report provides an update on second quarter spending in the unrestricted budget and is summarized in Table 1 at the end of this report.

Revenues

The FY2019 budget includes State support of $33,873,200 for the University’s unrestricted general operating budget, or 38 percent of that budget. University Income Funds are comprised primarily of tuition revenues. The FY2019 budget includes estimated income funds of $54,571,000, or 62 percent of the general operating unrestricted budget.

Through the second quarter, the University has vouchered a total of $32.4 million against the Education Assistance Fund (EAF). Of this amount, through the second quarter, $30.0 million was received.

Through the second quarter, 95.8 percent of estimated tuition and income fund revenue was recorded, after adjusting for anticipated waivers and bad debt. These amounts represent the second half of summer 2018 and fall 2018 and partial spring 2019 enrollments. Because the summer term bridges two fiscal years, accruals are made to apportion the tuition revenues and operating expenses between those fiscal years.

Enrollment projections and the resultant revenue projections for the FY2019 budget are based upon historical enrollment trends, the analysis of Enrollment Management Services, the advice of the Enrollment Planning Council, and available current registration data. This altogether resulted in total annual credit hour enrollment projected to decline by 9 percent from FY2018 levels. Fall 2018 credit hour enrollments fell slightly short of the budget targets, with final census date hours below last fall by 10 percent. Spring credit hours are also trending 10 percent below the prior spring.

It is important to note that for both the State appropriation and tuition income, revenues are recorded and reflected in this report as they are billed. Final revenue numbers will be available after the University makes all accounting adjustments during the year-end reconciliation period following June 30, 2019. These adjustments are required to account for activity such as class drop refunds, statutory waivers, bad debt allowances, and fees associated with outstanding account balances.
II. A. INFORMATION ITEM: SECOND QUARTER BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Expenses

Through the second quarter, the University spent 44.9 percent of the total $88,444,200 general operating unrestricted preliminary budget.

In October the University made a $676,000 contribution payment per its agreement with American Campus Community based on fall occupancy, with an additional payment required in February. To offset this unanticipated expense, the University is delaying hiring and reducing non-essential spending.

The following table provides an outline the actual University revenues and expenses compared to budget through the first quarter of FY2019.
II. A. INFORMATION ITEM: SECOND QUARTER BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Table 1
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISONS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING December 31, 2018
UNAUDITED FIGURES

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Notes:
1. Original Budget column reflects the FY019 budget approved by the Board of Trustees in September, 2018.
2. Year-to-date expense activity does not include encumbrances.
3. The Current Budget reflects budget transfers processed between organizations and accounts.
4. State Appropriations and Tuition Revenues reflect amounts the University has billed.
II. B. INFORMATION ITEM: SECOND QUARTER AUDIT FINDINGS PROGRESS REPORT

As requested by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees at its May 2018 meeting, the University will periodically report to Trustees the management of all outstanding audit findings from previous fiscal cycles.

As of January 22, 2019, this report is presented as a status update of the material findings from the FY2017 external audit. The summary provides the status of each individual finding and denotes whether it is a recurring finding from prior audits. While action plans for new or repeat findings as a result of the FY2017 audit may have been completely implemented by the University, the nature of the audit cycle does not guarantee there will be no recurring findings reported in the next audit cycle (FY2018). In many instances, an issue is not identified until 6 months or more into the following fiscal year; therefore, the University is considered non-compliant prior to an issue having been identified.

Since the last report, corrective action has been taken against two more findings, leaving three in process. Here is the current status of the audit findings:

- 15 of 18 findings have been reported as completed; 3 findings are in process
- 10 of 18 findings were repeated findings
- Technology improvements, training, and accountability were recurring themes during discussions.

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<td>Lack of Disaster Contingency Plan</td>
<td>In Process</td>
<td>Information Technology</td>
<td>Disaster plan to be fully implemented</td>
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<td>Computer Security Weaknesses</td>
<td>In Process</td>
<td>Information Technology</td>
<td>Securities awareness and training to be developed by the end of FY2019.</td>
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II. C. INFORMATION ITEM: PURCHASES $50,000 – 99,999.99

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 lists those purchases since the last Board meeting.

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<td>Demco Mechanical Services</td>
<td>El Centro Boiler and Hot Water Tank Flue Replacement</td>
<td>$53,140</td>
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<td>Taft, Stettinius &amp; Hollister</td>
<td>Legal services related to the student housing project</td>
<td>$55,000</td>
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II. D. INFORMATION ITEM: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Detention Basin Project was previously put on hold and construction was stopped due to the budget impasse. The project has restarted. The detention basin must be expanded to accommodate added storm water from the Education Building and future buildings. The project was approved by the Board in September 2015. Architectural drawings are currently being updated by Smithgroup to stay compliant with current codes.

As of this writing, the following project is on hold pending release of State funding for the Education Building by the Capital Development Board:

- Completion of Education Building construction documents, bid process and then construction.
II. E. INFORMATION ITEM: TRANSFORMING LIVES CAMPAIGN AND SPRING 2019 EVENT

On January 23, 2019, Northeastern Illinois University announced the official conclusion of its inaugural fundraising campaign, *Transforming Lives: The Campaign for Northeastern Illinois University*. The announcement was carried out through a campaign website, campaign.neiu.edu, which had been updated with statistics of outcomes and a thank-you video to all donors from President Gibson. An announcement was sent to University faculty, staff, and students, along with a press release, e-blast to all constituents, and promotion on social media. Select campaign outcomes include:

- The campaign raised $12,878,881, nearly $3 million over the original $10 million goal
- The NEIU Foundation endowment grew from $6.6 million (1/1/14) to $11.55 million (12/31/18), an increase of 74%
- The Foundation established 76 new scholarships over the course of the campaign
- Of the 5,944 total donors, 3,575 (60%) were first-time donors
- Breakdown of donors:
  - alumni (45.9%)
  - friends (35.6%)
  - faculty, staff, and retirees (8%)
  - corporations and foundations (5.3%)
  - students (3.8%)
  - and other (1.4%)
- A number of firsts for NEIU, including the first endowment for a faculty position, first faculty research scholarship, first biology scholarship, and first veterans scholarship

The campaign will be celebrated with a University-wide event on Wednesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. in Alumni Hall.
II. F. INFORMATION ITEM: PROPOSED REVISION TO THE UNIVERSITY’S “COMMUNITY” VALUES STATEMENT

Northeastern's Faculty Senate and University Advisory Council have encouraged a revision to the wording of one of the University’s value statements to more accurately reflect its identity, as well as the residential opportunities that now exist. Specifically, the change calls for the removal of wording that describes Northeastern "as a commuter institution." The opening of The Nest on the Main Campus in 2016 marked a transformational moment in the history of Northeastern.

The recommended revision below would be an acknowledgement of this.

"Community" value statement (Original)

As a commuter institution, NEIU has a special obligation to provide an environment that is supportive, nurturing, and participatory. Such an environment is characterized by civility, fostering humanity and engagement, and creates a sense of community through inclusion, mutual respect, and empowerment. NEIU values our metropolitan setting as a laboratory for learning, and we foster partnerships for learning, research, and service throughout this dynamic region to promote the public good.

"Community" value statement (Proposed Revision)

NEIU strives to provide an environment that is supportive, nurturing, and participatory. ...
II. G. INFORMATION ITEM: NEWS AND EVENTS

November 16, 2018 – February 14, 2019

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week – November 14-20
Once again the NEIU Community participated in the 10th annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Food, funds and awareness were raised for the homeless in Chicago and beyond. Some events included volunteering at a soup kitchen, a Hunger Banquet, food and clothing drives and, as always, a Thanksgiving Meal sponsorship. The NEIU community raised money to purchase and deliver Thanksgiving meals for 30 local families and five NEIU students.

Safe Zone Training sessions - November 16 and 30
NEIU faculty and staff learned how to be allies to LGBTQ+ students and create a safe and welcoming space for this student population.

ILLCF Scholarship Awards Luncheon – November 16
Government Relations hosted a table at the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation (ILLCF) Scholarship Luncheon. President Gibson, Trustees Palos, Garcia, and Molloy, faculty member Adrian Castrejon, NEIU Foundation Board Member Olga Camargo, Liesl Downey, and Suleyma Perez attended the luncheon. At the luncheon, NEIU Student Lizett Galan de Rosa was among the scholarship recipients recognized at the event.

Native & Indigenous Heritage Month Celebration - November 16, 19, 20 and 27
A variety of programs and events were planned to observe this important heritage month. This included events like a talk with Paula Navarez from the Narragansett Tribe, a discussion about Language Endangerment and Revitalizations with Dr. Gebhardt, a Pow Wow workshop, and various films.

Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20
The annual gathering honors transgender individuals who have died due to hate and violence. Additionally, there was a piano recital and choir performance during the event.

Visible Silence Documentary Screening — November 20
The documentary highlights the lives of queer people in Thailand and is screened in partnership with the Women and Gender Studies program.

Giving Tuesday - November 27
Northeastern hosted its fourth #GivingTuesday social media event as part of the national day of giving. The NEIU Foundation raised nearly $30,000 for its fourth Giving Tuesday fundraising effort on November 27, 2018. This amount came from 64 total donors and included a $10,000 challenge grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County. This annual collaboration between the Offices of Development, Alumni Relations, and with multiple University partners continues to gain awareness internally and externally. The record high point for NEIU’s Giving Tuesday efforts was 2017, which resulted in $44,000. By comparison, in 2016, Giving Tuesday raised $21,784, and $6,684 in 2015.

Unapologetic Migration — November 28
The event featured student performers as well as faculty. The artists shared their immigration stories through poems, singing, spoken word, etc.
II. INFORMATION ITEM: NEWS AND EVENTS

HIV/HCV Testing — November 29
Free testing was made available to all NEIU students.

Academic Honors - November 29
111 honorees attended the Academic Honors Ceremony/Reception in which graduates were recognized for achieving a 3.5 GPA or higher. President Gloria Gibson, Acting Provost Wamucii Njogu, Acting Vice Provost Mark McKernin, Trustees Wes Becton and Bob Biggins, and college deans participated in the ceremony to present medallions to the honorees.

World AIDS Day Lecture: Mexican Immigrants Living with HIV in Chicago with Dr. Patricia Aguado — November 29

Celebration of Life for Dr. Bernard J. Brommel - December 1
A memorial was held at Northeastern Illinois University in Alumni Hall to honor Dr. Bernard J. Brommel, professor emeritus of communication, on Saturday, December 1. Dr. Brommel, who taught at Northeastern for 28 years and in retirement became one of the University's most generous donors, died Sept. 22 at his home in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Soon after retiring, Dr. Brommel began making large donations to Northeastern, becoming the NEIU Foundation's first million-dollar donor and eventually contributing more than $2.5 million. In recognition of Brommel's continuing generosity, Northeastern named the Science Building after him in 2010. It is now known as Bernard J. Brommel Hall.

Fall Student Caller Program – December 3 – 14
Four Northeastern students participated in Institutional Advancement’s fourth Fall Student Caller program during the first two weeks of December, in which students called current donors and lapsed donors to thank them for past support and to encourage end-of-year giving. With this program, students called during the day and left more than 1,000 messages of thanks and raised $2,000 from nearly 40 donors. The Fall Student Caller Program is one component of the broader year-end giving communication strategy coordinated by the Development and Alumni Relations teams.

SACS: Mid-Year Celebration & Mindful Meditation with Shreya — December 4
Campus partners joined in organizing a stress-relief workshop that featured meditation session, stretching exercises, adult coloring and more.

Archives Plaque Unveiling Event with Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez – December 4
The Office of the President hosted an archives plaque unveiling event to commemorate the permanent home for the congressional archives of retiring congressman and NEIU alumnus Luis V. Gutierrez. It is the first archive of its kind at NEIU’s Ronald Williams Library. President Gibson, Trustees and members of the University Community attended the event.

Toast to Graduates - December 6
The Office of Student Leadership Development began a new tradition that included refreshments and a champagne toast from Dr. Gibson to honor our December 2018 graduates. The Office of Alumni Relations sponsored the sweets table for the event that included a chocolate fondue fountain.

Kwanzaa Celebration — December 7
Dr. Maureen Amos presented a thorough overview of the meaning of Kwanzaa in the Pedroso Center.
II. G. INFORMATION ITEM: NEWS AND EVENTS

Student Health Services - Stress Free Zone
SHS collaborated with Student Counseling Services to provide Stress Free Zone Events during Finals Week at all 3 campus locations.

Commencement Ceremony - December 16
Northeastern Illinois University held its Commencement Ceremony on December 16 at the Credit Union 1 Arena (formerly UIC Pavilion), in which 530 students participated. Billy Ocasio, a 1992 Northeastern graduate who served as the chief executive officer at the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, senior advisor to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, and as the 26th Ward alderman in the Chicago City Council, was recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award. Women and Gender Studies Professor Laurie Fuller was presented the Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award.

NEIU Briefing for ILBC – December 18
Government Relations hosted a briefing session for members of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus (ILBC) at CCICS. President Gibson, Board Chair Becton, Andrea Evans and Suleyma Perez updated legislators on the University’s latest news and fiscal year 2020 appropriations and capital requests.

Alumni Night at the Bulls Game – December 21
The NEIU Alumni Association hosted its fourth annual Alumni Night at the Chicago Bulls vs. Orlando Magic game. This year, 40 alumni, family, students and friends cheered on the Bulls at the United Center, who won the game.

Leader Fund – December 2018
As of December 31, 2018, gifts to the Leader Fund totaled more than $63,700 in FY19 YTD toward the $70,000 goal. By comparison, FY18 YTD raised $51,872, and by the same date in FY17 had raised $43,987. The Development and Alumni Relations teams continue to carry out communications including direct mail, personal outreach by fundraising staff, the student callers program, and proposals to corporations and foundations that support general operating funds. The Leader Fund goal is included as a subset of the overall $1.8 million FY19 fundraising goal for Institutional Advancement.

Class of 2018 Class Gift Campaign
In Fall 2018, three students were selected for the Class Gift Scholarship. These students, along with Student Philanthropy Committee members raised more $6,600 for the 2018 Class Gift from 196 donors. The gift was announced by volunteer and graduating student Byron Terry at December's Commencement ceremony. Three new scholarship recipients have been selected for Spring 2019 and will begin fundraising for the Class of 2019 Class Gift Campaign this semester.

Student Counseling Services expands services to El Centro and CCICS
Student Counseling Services now has regularly scheduled clinic hours on site at El Centro (weekly) and CCICS (monthly). We hope to expand these hours for FY20, as the freshman cohorts at both campuses expand.

Winter Welcome Week - January 7 - 10
To welcome back the students for the Spring semester Student Leadership Development hosted its annual Winter Welcome Week. Some events included:
Free Hot Cocoa
Paint and Sip
Design your own Hawaiian Art
Hypnotist
II. G. INFORMATION ITEM: NEWS AND EVENTS

Illinois General Assembly Inauguration – January 9
President Gibson and Suleyma Perez attended the Illinois Senate Inauguration Ceremony and General Assembly Inauguration festivities in Springfield, Illinois. At the events, President Gibson had the opportunity to meet members of the General Assembly and other community and educational leaders.

Governor Pritzker and Constitutional Officers Inauguration – January 14
President Gibson and Suleyma Perez attended newly-elected governor and constitutional officers inauguration ceremony and festivities in Springfield, Illinois. President Gibson met members of the new administration, as well as greeted with elected officials and other community and educational leaders.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Cake Cutting — January 15
Kick-off of MLK Celebration with President Gibson cutting cake for all NEIU students in Village Square.

MLK Celebration Keynote — January 17
Keynote speaker Dometi Pongo shared his journey of understanding MLK’s legacy and performs a thought-provoking spoken word piece.

Jesse Howard: MLK Art Workshop — January 22
Chicago Artist Jesse Howard shared his experiences with MLK and led a charcoal drawing workshop with students.

Live the Dream Monologues — January 24
Students express how Dr. King’s legacy shaped their stories through poems, storytelling, rap, etc., in front of a panel of student judges.

Puerto Rico Alumni Event – January 25
The Office of Alumni Relations organized a “Meet the President” networking event for alumni and friends in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Friday, January 25, hosted by President Gloria J. Gibson and NEIU 2018 Distinguished Alumnus Billy Ocasio at the Embassy Suites in Puerto Rico. The event was attended by more than 40 guests including 6 alumni, and was initiated as a complement to the opening of a grant-funded collaborative art exhibit between the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture and the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico. The exhibit and subsequent tours of San Juan and Loiza region was organized by Billy Ocasio (BA ’92, Board of Governors) and attended by a delegation of Chicago cultural organizations, philanthropic foundation and educational representatives from Chicago and Puerto Rico.

Transfer Social - February 5
Student Leadership Development hosted a transfer social for newly transferred students to help them make connections to campus. Members of Student Government Association were in attendance to learn about any issues transfer students experienced.

Student Counseling Services Increases Outreach Efforts
Student Counseling Services will be offering workshops on Test Anxiety and Public Speaking Anxiety this semester. Dr. Michael McPartland, Outreach Coordinator, will be collaborating with the Angelina Pedroso Center to offer an ongoing Coming Out Support Group this semester, and other programming. In addition, Dr. Nancy Easton, Director of Student Counseling Services will offer a Learn & Lead presentation on Student Mental Health Issues at NEIU.
II. G. INFORMATION ITEM: NEWS AND EVENTS

Student Health Services (SHS) - Student Survey
El Centro and CCICS students were surveyed by Student Health Services to assess students’ perceived barriers to success as well as their interests in health education topics.

Student Health Services - Health Education Tabling
SHS staffed health education tables twice per month in Village Square, the Nest, El Centro, and CCICS.

Student Health Services - Mentorship & Internship opportunities
Student Health Services began a new collaboration with the Health Sciences and Physical Education Department to provide mentorship and internship opportunities for senior Community Health students.

New Scholarships and Grant Announcements

James and Grace Gibson Scholarship
President Gloria J. Gibson has established a new scholarship in memory of her parents. The James and Grace Gibson Scholarship will provide financial support for underrepresented students, especially those from her hometown of East St. Louis, IL, to attend Northeastern.

Dr. Joseph C. Morton Scholarship
In December, NEIU Foundation Board member Jacqueline Krump established her ninth endowed scholarship, this time in memory of a beloved colleague in the History department, Dr. Joseph C. Morton. Dr. Morton's adult children have decided to augment the new endowment with another gift this Spring.

Arnold and Adele Weil Annual Scholarship
This new scholarship has been established by the late couple’s four adult children, who collectively have pledged to donate $5,000 annually to support new or returning students who graduated from Senn High School or Niles West High School.

Student Emergency Fund
The Student Emergency Fund is a joint venture between the Divisions of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs and has been established by Vice President Daniel Lopez and Acting Provost Wamucii Njogu. The Fund assists Northeastern students by providing limited emergency financial support when they need assistance for essential expenses due to a temporary and unexpected hardship. This resource will be able to provide assistance surrounding situations such as accidents, illness, death of a family member, fire damage or need for temporary housing. It is not intended to reimburse for expenses that have already been paid, or to replace or supplement existing financial aid. If Student Emergency Funds are granted, they do not have to be repaid.

Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County – Giving Tuesday Matching Challenge
As a current grantee, the NEIU Foundation received a $10,000 matching challenge for new and increased giving on Giving Tuesday 2018. The grant is for Dr. Jen Banas’s Targeted Health Literacy Curriculum at Waukegan High School, to promote health literacy and to support the Future Health Professionals Clubs at Waukegan High School.
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Grants for PNAP
The NEIU Foundation received two grants for the Prison + Neighborhood Art Project (PNAP), with project director, Dr. Erica Meiners. A grant of $30,000 was received from an anonymous private foundation, and a grant of $10,000 was received from the Tellabs Foundation. The funds will facilitate transforming the lives of male inmates at the Stateville Correctional Center by providing these incarcerated students with educational programming in the humanities, and, for a select cohort, the resources to earn a degree through NEIU’s University Without Walls program. PNAP also fosters dialogue on the need for educational resources in the criminal justice system.