

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

**Academic/Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee
Meeting Minutes**

April 18, 2019

A meeting of the Academic/Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 9:32 a.m. in the 3rd Floor Student Lounge at the El Centro location, 3390 N. Avondale Avenue, Chicago, IL. Jim Palos, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order.

The following Trustee Committee Members were in attendance: Marvin Garcia, Elena Molloy, and Jim Palos.

Other Trustees in attendance: Jonathan Stein

Also present: Dr. Gloria Gibson, President; Melissa Reardon Henry, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; Vice Presidents, staff; and University community members.

Opportunity for Public Comment in Accordance with Public Act 91-0715

Trustee Palos announced the Opportunity for Public Comment. There were no requests received prior to this meeting.

Trustee Palos introduced the first agenda item. The committee reviewed the list of tenure recommendations and received a presentation by the Acting Provost, Wamucii Njogu. Dr. Njogu gave a brief overview of the tenure process at the University and then presented a synopsis of each faculty member's biography, college and department in which they teach, and their areas of academic interest. Trustee Molloy expressed her gratitude to the University faculty and thanked them for making her experience at Northeastern meaningful. Trustee Palos concluded that the committee accepts the recommendations for tenure by the Acting Provost, and will take up the matter in the board meeting.

Trustee Palos read the biography of the Commencement speaker, Maria Woltjen and asked Trustees if there was any discussion. Seeing none, Trustee Palos concluded that the committee recommends the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to Maria Woltjen, and will take up the matter in the board meeting.

Trustee Palos introduced the IFEEL (Institute for Future Education, Entrepreneurship and Leadership) Tuition Rate item. The program has been fully-vetted from within the University and a tuition rate has been established. Dr. Mike Bedell, Dean of the College of Business and Management gave an overview of the program and how the student exchange operates. Northeastern sets the academic standard as the AACSB accredited institution, and IFEEL recruits the students, who are ultimately selected by Northeastern. Once accepted into the program, students begin their M.B.A. studies in Mumbai, India, and complete their remaining coursework in the College of Business and Management, earning their M.B.A. degree from Northeastern. Northeastern is one of two institutions internationally in this unique partnership with IFEEL that will bring twenty international students to its campus. This student group will also add to the community at The Nest. There was no further discussion.

Trustee Palos brought up an item of new business. In consideration of the broad governance oversight of the committee, Trustee Palos and Dr. Gibson have been discussing the benefits of creating a set of metric dashboards for the committee to receive at regular intervals. Dashboards would be a significant guide to fill out the three main focus areas of the committee. Dr. Gibson has assigned responsible University staff to begin the development of these dashboards: the Provost for Academic Affairs, along with Dr. Frank Gaytan for retention; Dr. Daniel Lopez for Student Affairs and student engagement, and Dr. John Fraire for Enrollment Management. The 8-10 sample dashboards will be presented to the committee at its next meeting for further discussion.

Trustee Stein encouraged an emphasis on enrollment management in order to make the academic and student affairs elements successful.

Trustee Garcia asked how these proposed dashboards will be different from and a complement to those data already available through Institutional Research, and wants to see these data improve the University's relationship to and with the schools in Chicago and the surrounding area.

Dr. Gibson reported that the committee will receive a retention presentation at the June board meeting.

There was no further business.

Adjourn

At 10:24 a.m., Trustee Palos adjourned the meeting

Jim Palos, Academic/Student Affairs and
Enrollment Management Committee Chair
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary
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