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Northeastern Neighborhood Network (NNN)  
Wednesday, November 29, 2017  
Meeting Summary**Welcome and Introductions**

The NNN meeting began at 5:35 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. The following were in attendance:

Thomas Applegate, North River Commission

Carmen Rodriguez, Hollywood-North Park Community Association and North Park Village Advisory Council

Janita Tucker, Peterson Pulaski Business and Industrial Council and neighbor

Vicki Byard, NEIU faculty and neighbor

Richard Helldobler, NEIU Interim President

Suleyma Perez, NEIU Executive Director for Government Relations

John Escalante, NEIU Chief of Police

Daniel Lopez, NEIU Vice President for Student Affairs

Kris Pierre, NEIU Senior Director of Academic and Community Partnerships

**University General Fall 2017 Update**

Interim President Helldobler addressed how the budget crisis affected the University and talked about planning with caution for fiscal year 2019. He provided an overall fall enrollment update highlighting that the University welcomed its largest incoming class in several years. Overall enrollment suffered a 5.8% decrease, favorable compared to other public universities enrollment.

Interim President also provided an update on the University's Forward 150 process and priorities, which is meant to help the University to prioritize programs and explore different budgeting models. This process is scheduled to be completed in the spring. Lastly, Interim President shared some of the celebrations that have taken place as part of the University's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and invited NNN members to join in these celebrations.

**Update on Student Housing**

Vice President Lopez provided a student housing update. Given that all NNN meeting attendees were present at the Student Housing Community Forum held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Vice President Lopez reported that since then forum, the University has learned that due to current financing challenges to move forward with a student housing Phase II, that it might take up to two years before the University begin the next phase. In the meantime, the University will consider more immediate options for the use of the Bryn Mawr properties. NNN members and neighbors will be kept informed of developments in an appropriate chain of communication.

**Neighbors Updates / Discussion**

Suleyma invited attendees to share updates on their member organizations. Carmen Rodriguez reported that Hollywood-North Park Community Association and North Park Village Advisory Council had elections and the new representative will attend the next NNN meeting. She also reported on initiatives the organization will be working on in the spring and next year. Other members provided the University suggestions on how to keep neighbors informed and engaged with the University.

**Closing Remarks**

Interim President Helldobler and Suleyma ended the meeting by thanking NNN members for their continued support and wish everyone happy holidays. The NNN meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of NNN will be scheduled for March 2018.