The NEIU Board of Trustees Committees met as follows on April 11, 2013 in the Multipurpose Room at Northeastern Illinois University, El Centro Campus, 3119 N. Pulaski Rd. The President’s Report is incorporated herein by reference. Chair Azcoitia called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes
Chair Azcoitia said that hearing no corrections, the Committee Minutes from February 21, 2013 stand as written.

Announcements – none at this time

Executive Committee 1:20 – 1:40 p.m.
Committee Members present: Carlos Azcoitia, Chair; Jin Lee, Vice Chair; Omar Duque, Secretary; and Jonathan Stein, member pro tem
Committee Members absent: none

At 1:20 p.m., Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Stein, moved that the executive committee convene in executive session to consider the employment, appointment, compensation, and performance of employees, as permitted by Section 2. (c) (1) of the open meetings Act.

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The motion carried.

The executive committee held their private meeting in another room.

Reconvene in Open Session
At 1:40 p.m., Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Duque, moved to reconvene in open session.

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The motion carried.
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  1:40 – 1:44 p.m.

Committee Members present: Barbara Fumo, Jin Lee, and Jesus Nuñez
Committee Members absent: Marvin Garcia
Other Trustees Present: Carlos Azcoitia, Ex-Officio; Bob Biggins, Omar Duque, Jonathan Stein
University Liaison: Richard Helldobler

Trustee Fumo represented the committee and briefly explained that there are two items on the agenda – Tenure Recommendations and Conferring an Honorary Degree. President Hahs added that each of the tenure candidates has met University and department criteria for excellence in teaching/primary duties, scholarship, and service. Donna Brazile will be our May 2013 Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient. Ms. Brazile is a renowned political strategist and commentator.

Adjourn: 1:44 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Committee  1:44 – 2:05 p.m.

Committee Members present: Omar Duque, Chair; Barbara Fumo
Committee Members absent: none
Other Trustees present: Carlos Azcoitia, Ex-Officio; Bob Biggins, Jin Lee, Jonathan Stein, and Jesus Nuñez
University Liaisons: Mark Wilcockson and Nancy Medina

Items Discussed:
- Construction Update
- Trustee Duque read the construction report.
- Vice President Wilcockson and his team gave a presentation – “Decade of Dreams” – on the new site plan for the location of new buildings at the main campus. A handout was distributed to the Board which showed the current layout of the main campus along with the location of the new buildings. New buildings include an education building, childcare facility, mixed-use facility, science building, and residence hall.

Adjourn: 2:05 p.m.

Finance Committee  2:05 – 2:12 p.m.

Committee Members present: Omar Duque, chair, Bob Biggins, and Jonathan Stein
Other Trustees present: Carlos Azcoitia, Ex-Officio; Barbara Fumo, Jin Lee, and Jesus Nuñez
Committee Members absent: none
University Liaisons: Mark Wilcockson and Robert Filipp

Items Discussed:
- Review of President’s Report Items
  Action Item 1. C. Increase in Student U-Pass Fee, page 6
  Information Item II. A. Purchases Between $50,000 and $100,000, page 7
The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) informed the University on February 28, 2013 it will increase the cost associated with the student U-Pass program for all Chicago area colleges and universities. The CTA U-Pass daily rate will increase from $0.81 to $1.07. Additionally, the CTA is charging the University a new fee of $5.00 for each new U-Pass created. As a result, the requested fee is $128.00 per semester for full-time students. The Student Government Association (SGA) surveyed students and found that three-fourths of full-time students feel that they have really benefited from the U-Pass.

Trustee Lee asked for the percentage spent on salaries from the University budget. President Hahs explained that it is in the 85% range of the total budget. Lee asked for a breakdown of how the remaining 15% is spent.

Adjourn: 2:12 p.m.