

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in the Armstrong Room at the Westin Hotel, Detroit Airport. It was convened by Chair Rick Popp at 8:00 a.m.

Participating were:

Mr. Richard M. Popp, Chair  
Mr. Stephen L. Gulis, Jr.  
Dr. H. Sook Wilkinson  
Dr. L. Garnet Lewis, ex officio  
Dr. David S. Haynes, ex officio

1. The Board discussed U.P. strategic issues.
2. University Reorganization: The Committee discussed potential organizational realignments within the University, as well as the particular challenges of recruiting top talent when difficult to find employment for trailing spouses. The Committee also discussed the importance of fully exploring NMU opportunities relative to online programs/offerings.
3. President's Goal on Enrollment Update: President Haynes updated the Executive Committee on progress on this key initiative, including a positive assessment of the work performed to date by Noel-Levitz, Higher Education Consultants. The enrollment growth target is being communicated throughout the campus.
4. Future Schedule for Executive Committee Meetings: The Committee agreed to conduct monthly meeting until further agreement to modify the monthly cadence.
5. May Executive Committee Agenda: Agreed on agenda items, which will be reported per usual at the full board meeting in May.
6. May Board of Trustees Meeting: The Committee also discussed the importance of engaging the full board and the administration in determining the priority projects and initiatives of the University. The Committee established some of the critical priorities, which will be a part of the May and also future Board meetings.
7. General Counsel Position: The Committee agreed with the President's recommendation to utilize outside counsel for legal matters for the time-being in lieu of backfilling the open position resulting from the departure of the internal General Counsel.

Signed,

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Rick Popp  
Chair, Executive Committee