

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Formal Session  
of  
Friday, December 12, 2014**

A formal session of the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University was held on Friday, December 12, 2014 in the University Center of Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan. The meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m. in the Marquette-Nicolet Room by Chair Richard M. Popp.

Mr. Richard M. Popp, Chair  
Mr. Stephen F. Adamini  
Mr. Scott L. Holman  
Dr. L. Garnet Lewis

Mr. Steven M. Mitchell  
Dr. H. Sook Wilkinson  
Mr. Gilbert L. Ziegler  
Dr. Fritz J. Erickson, ex officio

Senior Staff and Counsel present included:

Ms. Martha Haynes, Vice President for Advancement  
Mr. R. Gavin Leach, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer of the Board  
Dr. Steven R. Neiheisel, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services  
Ms. Cathy A. Niemi, Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
Mr. Kurt McCamman, Legal Counsel

Senior Staff absent included:

Dr. Paul Lang, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Chair Popp welcomed Ms. Tammy Seavoy and Mr. Robert Mahaney, the two new Trustees who will be joining the Board in January 2015.

**INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

There were none.

**MOMENT OF SILECE IN MEMORY OF NMU STUDENT**

Dr. Neiheisel read a memorial for Mr. Jacob Dominic, a junior who died on September 21, 2014. The Board of Trustees observed a moment of silence in his memory.

**MOMENT OF SILECE IN MEMORY OF NMU FACULTY MEMBER**

Dr. Broadway read a memorial for Dr. Ray Ventre, Head and Professor of the English Department, who died on November 26, 2014. The Board of Trustees observed a moment of silence in his memory.

**INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATING SENIOR SPEAKING AT MIDYEAR COMMENCEMENT**

Vice President Neiheisel announced that Ms. Emily Schneider, a Mathematics major from Arlington Heights, IL will represent the graduating class of Winter 2014 at Commencement ceremonies

tomorrow. On behalf of the Board, Chair Popp congratulated Ms. Schneider and presented her with a plaque. A photo was taken.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE  
RECIPIENT**

President Erickson announced that Mr. Dana Verville, Senior Director, Global Sales Excellence at Stryker Corporation, will be the December 2014 Commencement Speaker and will receive the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business.

**ASNMU REPORT**

Ms. Klawes, President of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, presented on a proposed Medical Amnesty Policy. (Addendum #1) She responded to questions and comments from Trustees.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Erickson reported on his first full semester and the events held on campus, which were all first events for him. Items included dedicated new spaces on campus, U.P. Outreach, Vice President Searches, U.P. Energy Users' Coalition, expanding Dual Enrollment options, Veterans Town Hall meetings, Core Values Listening Sessions, among others. His report is appended to these minutes (Addendum #2).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic Affairs**

Dr. Zurbuchen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported on a meeting held Thursday, December 11, 2014. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes (Addendum #3).

**Finance**

Mr. Ziegler, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on a meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2014. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes (Addendum #4).

**Executive**

Dr. Lewis, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported on the meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2014. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes (Addendum #5.)

**EX OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS TO THE NMU FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chair Popp announced the ex officio appointments of Ms. Scott L. Holman and Mr. Steven M. Mitchell to the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees for calendar year 2015.

**ACTION ON FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It was moved by Trustee Lewis seconded by Trustee Wilkinson, and supported unanimously by the full Board, to approve the Formal Recommendations.** (Addendum #6)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INFORMAL CLOSED SESSIONS TO BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015, AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015, SESSIONS OF THE BOARD**

President Erickson made this announcement for the public record.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING TRUSTEES**

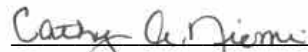
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Popp adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy A. Niemi  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees