

SUMMARY
Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee
September 21, 2017

Members Present: Mr. Steve Mitchell, Chair, Ms. Alexis Hart, Mr. Richard Popp

Also present but not participating were: Mr. Scott Holman, Mr. James Haveman, Mr. Robert Mahaney, Ms. Tami Seavoy, Dr. Kerri Schuiling, Dr. Fritz Erickson, ex officio

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

Charter School Board Renewals/Appointments

Dr. Kerri Schuiling introduced Dr. K.C. Holder, the new Charter Schools Officer and thanked Mr. Bill Pistulka, who retired this past summer, for his many years of service to NMU.

Dr. Holder proposed board member appointments for Burton Glen, Nah Tah Wahsh, North Star and Walton Public School academies.

After motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the board member appointments. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

Dr. Holder also reviewed the authorizer evaluation process, which consists of three overarching principles: accountability, access and autonomy.

Accreditation Site Visit Update

Ms. Kim Barron, Director of Institutional Accreditation & Assessment, discussed the recent Higher Learning Commission site visit. The Comprehensive Quality Review resulted in reaffirmation of accreditation and successful completion of federal compliance review. The reviewers identified three areas we need to focus on: distance learning, faculty advising and a process for setting, sharing and using student success metrics specifically persistence, retention, completion and targets. Committees are actively working on addressing these concerns. The interim report is due to the Higher Learning Commission by July 2018.

FROST at NMU

Dr. Jane Wankmiller, Director of Forensic Anthropology and Dr. Alan McEvoy, Head of Sociology & Anthropology discussed NMU's Forensic Research Outdoor Station (FROST). FROST will provide students with hands-on opportunities and internships for forensic research, create scientific studies/collaboration with other disciplines and provide realistic training scenarios for law enforcement agencies.

Academic Senate Report

Dr. Lisa Eckert, Vice-chair of the Academic Senate, provided an update of Senate activities. The Academic Senate has met twice since the start of the fall semester. To facilitate their work, the Senate has 12 standing committees, which have various charges.

Mr. Mitchell thanked the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.