

**FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY – Marquette, Michigan
May 3, 2024**

A. Minutes:

1. That the minutes of the December 15, 2023, February 16, 2024, and April 19, 2024 meetings of the Board be approved.

B. Personnel Actions:

Appointments:

1. Clause, Hannah, Assistant Professor, Chemistry Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
2. Elowe, Cory, Assistant Professor, Biology Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
3. Henseler, Jody, Instructor, School of Education, Leadership, and Public Service, a three-year term appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
4. Klumb, Jordyn, Special Instructor, School of Clinical Sciences, a three-year term appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
5. O’Keefe, Kimberly, Assistant Professor, Biology Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
6. Potticary, Ahva, Assistant Professor, Biology Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
7. Schiffer, Davida, Assistant Professor, Sociology/Anthropology Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
8. Seader, Chad, Assistant Professor, English Department, a tenure-track position, effective August 19, 2024. (New Appointment)
9. Sprenkle, Abigail, Assistant Professor, English Department, a one-year term appointment, effective August 19, 2024 (New Appointment)

Emeritus:

10. That Dr. Suzanne Williams be granted the status of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, effective immediately.
11. That Dr. Thomas D. Getman be granted the status of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, effective immediately.

Promotion and Tenure:

12. Based upon the recommendation of the President, the Board takes formal action to confer tenure to the following faculty effective July 1, 2024:

Dr. Matthew J. Jennings
School of Clinical Sciences

Dr. Daniel Rowe
Department of Mathematics and
Computer Science

Dr. Matthew A. Kilgas
School of Health and Human Performance

Mr. Alexander van Blommestein
Department of Theatre and Dance

Dr. Timothy M. O’Neill
Department of History

13. The following faculty members be promoted to the rank of Professor effective July 1, 2024:

Dr. Kevin T. Berry
Walker L. Cisler College of Business

Dr. Kelly Sassi
Department of English

Dr. Jaime L. Crabb
School of Nursing

Dr. Anne M. Stein
School of Nursing

Dr. Lanae M. Joubert
School of Health and Human Performance

Professor Tracy L. Wascom
School of Art and Design

Professor Christine Lenzen
School of Art and Design

14. The following faculty member be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 2024:

Dr. Heng-Hsuan Chu
Department of Biology

Dr. Danny C. LeBert
Department of Biology

Dr. Ryan K. Hines
School of Health and Human
Performance

Dr. Megan C. Nelson
School of Health and Human Performance

Dr. Matthew J. Jennings
School of Clinical Sciences

Dr. Emily C. Romeo
Department of History

Dr. Sarah J. Jennings
School of Nursing

Dr. Daniel R. Rowe
Department of Mathematics and Computer
Science

Dr. Matthew A. Kilgas
School of Health and Human
Performance

Mr. Alexander van Blommestein
Department of Theatre and Dance

15. The following faculty members be granted Continuing Contract Status effective July 1, 2024:

Dr. Heng-Hsuan Chu
Department of Biology

Ms. Kathleen K. Isleib
Walker L. Cisler College of Business

C. Degrees

1. That Dr. Milton Chen, Senior Fellow and Executive Director, Emeritus at The George Lucas Educational Foundation, receive an Honorary Degree, Doctorate of Education, and be the Commencement Speaker at the May 4, 2024 Commencement Ceremony.
2. The December 2023 final list of graduates and the May 2024 preliminary list of graduates be approved. A copy of the lists is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

D. Property and Finance:

1. That the room and board rates for fiscal year 2025 be approved. A copy of the proposed room and board rate schedule is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
2. That University operations be authorized to continue in 2024-2025 at a budget level no greater than the 2023-2024 budget until the new Auxiliary Operations Budget is approved, except for increases required by existing or newly negotiated union contracts.
3. That University operations be authorized to continue in 2024-2025 at a budget level no greater than the 2023-2024 budget until the new Housing and Residence Life Budget is approved, except for increases required by existing or newly negotiated union contracts.
4. That University operations be authorized to continue in 2024-2025 at a budget level no greater than the 2023-2024 budget until the new General Fund Budget is approved, except for increases required by existing or newly negotiated union contracts.
5. That University operations be authorized to continue in 2024-2025 at a budget level no greater than the 2023-2024 budget until the new Designated Fund Budget is approved, except for increases required by existing or newly negotiated union contracts.
6. That the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University authorizing one-day event liquor license be approved:

September 21, 2024	NMU Foundation	Superior Dome	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	Homecoming Tailgate	Parking Lot	
7. That the rental agreement between Northern Michigan University and The State of Michigan, Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, for the Department of Attorney General, from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, located in Suites 1201 and 1202 of the Northern Center, be approved. A copy of the rental agreement and resolution is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
8. That the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University confirm approval for the upcoming academic year Technology, Learning, and Communication (TLC) notebook program annual purchase of 3,050 additional ThinkPad T14, Gen4 and 315 ThinkPad P16s, Gen 2 (to include warranty, engineering services, software imaging, and shipping costs). Additionally, 116 Apple MacBook Pro units will be ordered.

E. Special Items:

1. That the following students receive the 2024 Board of Trustees Student Achievement Award:
 - Gwendolyn Feamster – Outstanding Graduating Senior
 - Katarina Rothhorn – Outstanding Graduating Senior
 - Mary Kelly – Outstanding Student – Any Class Standing
 - Phoebe Martin – Outstanding Non-Traditional Student
 - Erika Laitinen-Odbert – Outstanding Global Campus
 - Mackenzie Baranski – Outstanding Graduate Student
2. That the following new certificate program be approved:
 - Cannabis Agriculture, effective fall 2024
3. That Northern Michigan University reauthorize (renew) the following Charter School Academies:
 - **Francis Reh Academy**, for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1 2024 through June 30, 2029.
 - **East Shore Leadership Academy**, for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.
 - **North Star Montessori Academy**, for a term of two (2) years commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, with an opportunity for the Academy to add an additional term of not more than three (3) years by providing evidence to the Charter Schools Office that the Academy satisfied the obligations set forth in the charter contract.
 - **George Crocket Academy** for an initial term of two (2) years commencing from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, with an opportunity for the Academy to add an additional term of not more than three (3) years by providing evidence to the Charter Schools Office that the Academy satisfied the obligations set forth in the charter contract.
4. That the following individuals be appointed as board members for the following Public School Academies:
 - **Francis Reh Public School Academy:**
Jimmy Greene Expiration Date: June 30, 2027
 - **Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy:**
Tessa Keshick Expiration Date: June 30, 2025