

FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY – Marquette, Michigan
May 2, 2025

A. Minutes:

1. That the minutes of the December 13, 2024 and February 5, 2025 meetings of the Board be approved.

B. Personnel Actions:

Appointments:

1. Norberg, Seth Axel, Department Head – Engineering Technology, effective retroactively to July 1, 2024. (Transfer)
2. Pomerville, Scott, Assistant Professor, Mathematics/Computer Science Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 18, 2025. (New Appointment)
3. Shashidhar, Vinay Madanbhavi, Assistant Professor, Mathematics/Computer Science Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 18, 2025. (New Appointment)
4. Tumolo, Benjamin, Assistant Professor, Biology Department, a tenure-track appointment, effective August 18, 2025. (New Appointment)

Promotion and Tenure:

5. Based upon the recommendation of the President, the Board takes formal action to confer tenure to the following faculty effective June 30, 2025:

Dr. Michelle L. Andriacchi
School of Nursing

Dr. Suk Yin Caroline Cheng
Department of Social Work

Dr. Casey J. Hopper
School of Nursing

Dr. Joshua S. Ingber
Department of Economics

Dr. Sarah J. Jennings
School of Nursing

Dr. Maryam K. Khaledi
School of Clinical Sciences

Dr. Meghan Y. McCune
Department of Sociology & Anthropology

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

Dr. Kristen L. White
School of Education, Leadership, and Public
Service

Dr. Alexander E. Wilson
Department of Chemistry

Dr. Philip M. Yangyuoru
Department of Chemistry

6. The following faculty members be promoted to the rank of Professor effective June 30, 2025:

Dr. Stacy Boyer-Davis
College of Business

Dr. Erin E. Colwitz
Department of Music

Dr. Melissa A. Copenhaver
School of Nursing

Dr. Scott H. Jordan
School of Health and Human Performance

Dr. Lee E. Roecker
Department of Chemistry

Dr. Kristen L. Smith
School of Nursing

Mr. William Digneit
Head, Department of Theatre and Dance

Dr. Brian A. Zinser
College of Business

7. The following faculty member be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective June 30, 2025:

Dr. Michelle L. Andriacchi
School of Nursing

Dr. Maryam K. Khaledi
School of Clinical Sciences

Dr. Jon C. Barch
Department of Psychological Sciences

Dr. Lukus A. Klawitter
School of Health & Human Performance

Ms. Sarah R. Carlson
Department of Social Work

Dr. Vikash Kumar
Department of Social Work

Dr. Suk Yin Caroline Cheng
Department of Social Work

Dr. Liz Mandeville
Biology Department

Dr. Lin Fang
Department of Psychological Sciences

Dr. Meghan Y. McCune
Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Ms. Jill E. Grundstrom
Department of Theatre and Dance

Dr. Deanna L. Pozega
Department of Engineering Technology

Mr. Kirk L. Guckenberg
College of Technology & Occupational
Sciences

Dr. Jud Sojourn
Department of Native American Studies

Dr. Petra M. Hendrickson
Department of Political Science

Dr. Kristen L. White
School of Education, Leadership, and Public
Service

Dr. Joshua S. Ingber
Department of Economics

Dr. Alexander E. Wilson
Department of Chemistry

Dr. Heather M. Isaacson
School of Clinical Sciences

Dr. Philip M. Yangyuoru
Department of Chemistry

8. The following faculty members be granted Continuing Contract Status effective June 30, 2025:

Dr. Jon C. Barch
Department of Psychological Sciences

Mr. Kirk L. Guckenberg
College of Technology & Occupational
Sciences

Dr. Corinne T. Bodeman
College of Business

Ms. Crystal K. Keso
Department of Chemistry

Ms. Sarah R. Carlson
Department of Social Work

Dr. Deanna L. Pozega
Department of Engineering Technology

Mr. Seth R. Figler
College of Technology & Occupational
Sciences

Dr. Jud Sojourn
Department of Native American Studies

Ms. Jill E. Grundstrom
Department of Theatre and Dance

Ms. Jennifer L. Vollenweider
Department of Math and Computer Science

C. Degrees

1. That Ms. Leah Hocking, former NMU theater student and Broadway veteran, receive an Honorary Degree, Doctorate of Theater Studies, and be the Commencement Speaker at the May 3, 2025 Commencement Ceremony.
2. The December 2024 final list of graduates and the May 2025 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 2026 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 2025-2026 at a budget level no greater than the 2024-2025 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 2025-2026 at a budget level no greater than the 2024-2025 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 2025-2026 at a budget level no greater than the 2024-2025 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 2025-2026 at a budget level no greater than the 2024-2025 budget until the new Designated Fund Budget is approved, except for increases required by existing or newly negotiated union contracts.
6. That the following Capital Project with a total cost over \$250,000 be approved:

New Student Housing
Remaining Design, Development, and Construction Costs \$54,525,000

7. That the resolution be approved authorizing the issuance and delivery of General Revenue Bonds, and providing for other matters relating thereto. A copy of the resolution is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
8. That the continuation of 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, 2025 through May 31, 2026, located in Suites 1201 and 1202 of the Northern Center, be approved. A copy of the resolution is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
9. That the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University authorizing one-day event liquor license be approved:

September 4 – 6, 2025	Wildcat Theatre Follies Theatre and Dance Department	TFA Blackbox Theatre	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
September 20, 2025	Homecoming Tailgate NMU Foundation	Superior Dome Parking Lot	11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

December 4, 2025	Holiday Soiree Theatre and Dance Department	TFA Blackbox Theatre	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
December 12, 2025	Senior Show Reception School of Art & Design	DeVos Art Center	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

10. That the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University confirm approval for the upcoming academic year's Technology, Learning, and Communication (TLC) notebook program's annual purchase of Lenovo ThinkPad T14, Gen5 and ThinkPad P16s, Gen 3 (to include warranty, engineering services, software imaging, and shipping costs) with a quantity based on enrollment data for Fall 2025. Additionally, Apple MacBook Pro units will be ordered.

E. Special Items:

1. That the following students receive the 2024 Board of Trustees Student Achievement Award:
 - Tessa Standerford – Outstanding Graduating Senior
 - Landon Strzelewicz – Outstanding Graduating Senior
 - Bryson Krieger – Outstanding Student – Any Class Standing
 - Jennifer Kreger – Outstanding Non-Traditional Student
 - Amy Holmes – Outstanding Global Campus
 - Andie Balenger – Outstanding Graduate Student
2. That the NMU Board of Trustees engage the services of Parker Executive Search of Atlanta, GA to identify prospective candidates for Northern Michigan University's 18th president. A copy of the retainer is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
3. That the Board of Trustees formally approve the title change of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to "Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success," effective December 1, 2024.
4. That the Board of Trustees formally approve the following department name change from Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Services to "Intercollegiate Athletics," effective December 1, 2024.
5. That the Board of Trustees formally approve the following department and center name changes to reflect the work of the areas:
 - Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to "Office of Opportunity, Empowerment, and People"
 - Student Equity and Engagement Center (SEEC) to "Center for Community and Connection"
6. That the revised Equal Access and Non-Discrimination Policy be approved. A copy of the policy is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
7. That the revised Relationship Violence, Sexual Misconduct, and Stalking Policy be approved. A copy is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
8. That the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) Constitution. A copy is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

9. That the Board of Trustees approve the updated proposed language for the Temporary Suspension within Part 2: Student Code of the NMU Student Handbook. A copy is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
10. That the following new programs be approved:
 - Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification – Birth-Kindergarten, Bachelor of Science, effective Fall 2025
 - Psychology, Associate of Science, effective Fall 2025
 - Sustainability, Master of Science, effective Fall 2025
 - Cannabis and Plant-Based Wellness Operations, Bachelor of Applied Science, effective Fall 2025
11. That the following donations be approved:
 - Communication Device and Accessories:
 - Mrs. Doris Cuddie of Skandia, MI donated a speech device and accessories to the NMU School of Clinical Sciences for use in the Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic.
 - This equipment is brand new and was donated in honor of Doris's husband, Arnold '98, who was an ALS patient.
 - The intent is for NMU students working in the clinic to be trained to use this type of equipment.
 - Gift details:
 - ✓ Speech generating device accessory – \$6,900
 - ✓ Mounting system device – \$1,695
 - ✓ Speech generating device – \$8,665
 - ✓ Claimed value by the donor totals \$17,260
 - The Gift Acceptance Committee approved the acceptance of this gift on January 28, 2025.
 - Original Work of Art
 - Liz Ward of Eagle Harbor, MI and San Antonio, TX and Moody Gallery, her gallery representative, would like to donate a piece of her original work of art, valued at \$13,500, to the NMU Foundation to become part of the DeVos Art Museum's permanent collection at Northern Michigan University.
 - Work of art details:
 - ✓ *Daily Labor, 2020*
 - ✓ Watercolor, pastel, graphite, conte, wax-crayon gravestone rubbing, and collage of ink-jet print on Japanese paper, 46" x 35"
 - The Museum's Collection Committee has accepted the gift from the artist, and the Gift Acceptance Committee approved the gift on February 25, 2025.
12. That Northern Michigan University reauthorize (renew) the following Charter School Academies:
 - **JKL Bahweting**, for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1 2025 through June 30, 2030.
 - **Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy**, for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030.

13. That the following individuals be appointed as board members for the following Public School Academy:

- **North Star Montessori Academy:**

Marguerite Guter Expiration Date: June 30, 2027

Jessica Pfitzer Expiration Date: June 30, 2028

Derek Pugh Expiration Date: June 30, 2028