CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order 4:03 p.m. by Board Chair Rolly Williams. He verified that a quorum of the Board was present. Those in attendance were: Mic Armon, Judy Meyer, Ron Vieselmeyer, Rolly Williams, Interim President Priscilla Bell, and college attorney, Marc Lyons. Trustee Wood joined the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: 03-27-07: 10 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to adjourn to executive session under Idaho Code Sections 67-2345(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and (c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

Unanimous roll call vote was as follows:
Mic Armon yes
Judy Meyer yes
Ron Vieselmeyer yes
Rolly Williams yes
Christie Wood absent

Discussion took place regarding the hiring of a public employee as well as acquiring an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. At 5:58 p.m. the executive session was ended, and the Trustees reconvened as follows:

RECALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Board Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present.

ATTENDANCE
Trustees: Mic Armon
Judy Meyer
Ron Vieselmeyer
Rolly Williams
Christie Wood
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2007, as corrected, and February 28, 2007, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC REMARKS

Local citizen Stan Hess presented his views on the NIC budget and new legislation. Former student and current employee Alex Harris expressed his support of the proposed educational corridor. Kraig Lysek, a member of the Fort Grounds Homeowners Association, and Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President, also spoke to the Trustees of their advocacy for the project.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

NIC Instructor Tony Stewart told the trustees that he and attorney Scott Reed were at the meeting to provide the history of the acquisition of the North Idaho College beach. He stated that Jo Webb and Scott Reed were trustees in 1972. At that time, developers were interested in building condominiums near the beach. Webb and Reed urged the city to not annex the beach for construction. Winton Lumber Company, owner of the beach property, offered to sell the beach to NIC. Through negotiation and grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the beach area along the Spokane River and Lake Coeur d’Alene was purchased for a total of $260,000. Of that amount, NIC paid $35,000; the balance was paid by grants. In later years, Jeanne Givens, Coeur d’Alene Tribal member Henry Sijohn, and Tony Stewart on behalf of Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, were instrumental in the dedication and naming of the beach Yap-Keehn-Um.

Stewart introduced Scott Reed, attorney and former NIC trustee from 1966-1972. He told the trustees that the 1937 deed of the property from Winton Lumber Company to Kootenai County restricts the use of the property to a public hospital or a general public education institution or park. The exception in the deed is that property that lies between dike and river and lake, be dedicated log storage for Winton Lumber Company. According to the terms of the 1937 deed, should Kootenai County refuse to carry out the terms of the sale, the property will revert to Winton Lumber Company or the Winton family.

In 1941, Kootenai County realized that NIC needed a larger space and deeded the property to NIC for educational purposes. The terms of that deed retains the original reverter clause, so that the use of the property is restricted to public recreation and education purposes.

In the early 1970s Pack River Lumber Company wanted to construct condominiums. Through effort of a citizen’s committee, chaired by Tony Stewart, and the arduous effort of NIC Trustees, the construction was thwarted. In 1977, Pack River Lumber Company created a voluntary receivership for liquidation of the company. Negotiations with NIC began to sell the beach area to NIC. That year, $260,000 was the final selling price for NIC to acquire the beach area.

Land and Water Conservation Fund granted one half of the money for purchase. The grants require that the property must be maintained for public open space—in perpetuity. Should
NIC decide to sell the beach property, the terms of the grant-funded purchase stipulates that equal or greater outdoor recreation areas are required to be purchased with the proceeds.

Reed explained that in order to provide a current estimated value for the beach area, he contacted city planning department, for the NIC beach linear footage, which is approx 3,410 feet. Using the value of the Tubbs Hill lake frontage as a comparable at $20,000 per front foot in 2005, with the increase of 40% in 2006, Reed estimated the NIC beach and river footage. However, he stated that since the Spokane River property is not as valuable as lake property, he divided the valuation in half for this estimate purpose, or $47,730,000.

Reed suggested that North Idaho College have a day for a ceremony this summer, and invite the community and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, to celebrate 30th year since acquisition. The Board appointed President Priscilla Bell and Tony Stewart to coordinate the celebration. Trustee Wood complimented Reed and NIC Board of 1977 for their vision.

EDUCATIONAL CORRIDOR RESOLUTION
Priscilla Bell stated that public entities including the City of Coeur d'Alene, Lake City Development Corporation, North Idaho College, University of Idaho, Lewis Clark State College and others desire acquisition of the property for development of enhanced educational resources commonly known as the Educational Corridor. These public entities have long had an interest in acquisition of this property. The North Idaho College Board of Trustees will, by signing the Resolution for the Acquisition and Development of the Education Corridor reaffirm its unequivocal commitment to the Memorandum of Understanding between North Idaho College, the City of Coeur d'Alene, the University of Idaho and the Lake City Development Corporation that was signed by the President of North Idaho College in 2002; and, the Board through the adoption of the resolution will direct the President of North Idaho College to work with the North Idaho College Foundation Board of Directors, the City of Coeur d'Alene, Lake City Development Corporation, and other partners to develop a definitive plan for acquisition of the property and development of the Educational Corridor. The following motion was then made:

**MOTION: 03-27-07: 11** Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve the Resolution in Support of the Acquisition and Development of the Education Corridor (attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference). The motion was unanimously approved.

RENAMEING OF SCHULER AUDITORIUM
Vice President Eric Murray stated that Schuler Auditorium has become a community focal point for many events. It has the ability and does produce events of the highest production standards in the Pacific Northwest region. Historically, the word “auditorium” has denoted a facility that, although being well equipped for podium presentations, can be rather limited in stage area and the ability to produce large scale productions. Schuler Auditorium is not limited by these criteria. Murray said that changing the name to Schuler Performing Arts Center more adequately describes the full potential of the facility. The following motion was then made:
MOTION: 03-27-07: 12 Motion was made by Trustee Vieselmeyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to change the name of “Schuler Auditorium” to the “Schuler Performing Arts Center.” The motion was unanimously approved.

DUAL NAMING OF THE CHILDREN’S CENTER
Vice President Eric Murray reiterated point three of the 9-Point Agreement for the Trustees, which instructs the 9-Point Committee to provide a second Coeur d’Alene Tribal name to the buildings and areas on campus. Discussion with tribal members brought forth the dual name “Tgwe’l Ststs’Mi’It” Learning Center, which translates “for the sake of the children” Learning Center. The following motion was then made:

MOTION: 03-27-07: 13 Motion was made by Trustee Armon and seconded by Trustee Wood to approve the dual naming of the NIC Children’s Center: “Tgwe’l Ststs’Mi’It” Learning Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

AWARDING TENURE
Dr. Barbara Hanson, Vice President for Instruction, listed the criteria for recommendation for tenure for the Trustees. Trustee Meyer pointed out that the candidates have not been identified by name should there be a change in circumstances, but that the candidates’ tenure materials have been previewed by the Trustees in executive session. The second reading of awarding tenure will be presented at the April meeting to allow the Trustees to review the tenure candidates’ applications.

TUITION AND FEES FY2007-08
As a first reading of the tuition and fees schedule for FY2007-08, Vice President Jurgens showed the Trustees a comparison of tuition of regional community colleges. That information shows that NIC has the lowest resident tuition in the region. Jurgens said that a 5.9% increase to tuition and fees is requested. Changes include a new fee of $17 to help defray the costs of new student orientation. Jurgens provided a history of tuition and fees from 1978 to present. The tuition and fees schedule for FY2007-08 will be presented at the next meeting.

PERSISTENCE RATES
Vice President Eric Murray explained the persistence rates, which is Dashboard Indicator #4. He noted that the data is currently stable, and first-time fall enrolled NIC students have continued at or slightly better than the national percentages.

RETENTION RATES
Vice President Murray told the Trustees that retention rates, or Dashboard Indicator #5, tracks both part-time and full-time degree seeking students. NIC’s full-time students are at the national average at 52%.
LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW
Kent Propst, Vice President for Community Relations, provided a review of relevant legislation enacted by the legislature, including increases to the need-based scholarships, start-up funding for new community college districts, and a bill to shorten term limits of boards of trustees.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE
Vice President Propst stated that the search for a new president, though the American Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), had been advertised and that the preferred date for applications is April 17. On April 24 and 25 the search advisory committee will review the applications received by ACCT.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Interim President Priscilla Bell reported that she is meeting with business and community leaders, as well as with NIC’s constituency group leaders. She attended several Popcorn Forum events and is working with Kent Propst and others with a plan to meet with legislative delegations from NIC’s service area.

SENATE
Jim DeMoss, Senate Chair, said that the Senate reviewed the renaming of the Children’s Center and the Schuler Performing Arts Center, and Senators are reviewing grievance and professional improvement procedures for possible revision.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Bill Richards, Faculty Assembly Chair, said that faculty are finalizing the recommendations to Meet & Confer. At the faculty’s last meeting an advisory vote was taken to equalize faculty and staff on the college Senate. It was not approved.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Staff Assembly Chair Patrice Wheeler reported that the staff survey for Meet & Confer recommendations had been sent out, had been received back from the staff, and will be sent to the Meet & Confer Committee.

ASNIC
Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President, said that the students have approved the new student orientation fee. Students will be electing officers for the next academic year in April. He suggested that the college consider an earlier spring break.
BOARD CHAIR
Board Chair Rolly Williams suggested a trustees’ workshop to review the proposed budget.

REMARKS FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER
Trustee Armon replied to Ryan Robinson that the reason NIC’s spring break is late is to keep it in conjunction with the local school district. It was suggested that all three of the local school districts be considered when selecting spring break.

Trustee Meyer said she had read a news article about a plan to simplify federal college financial aid forms.

Lita Burns, Director of Nursing, said that NIC had received the formal letter for that program for eight years of re-accreditation.

Trustee Wood said Vice President Murray has been working closely with the Coeur d’Alene Policy Department for security and response to campus issues, and she appreciated his cooperation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wood, seconded by Trustee Meyer, and unanimously approved at 7:55 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Chair                          Board of Trustees Secretary