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, Christie Wood (joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.), Priscilla Bell, Rolly Jurgens, and college attorney, Marc Lyons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: 08-29-07: 28 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to adjourn to executive session under Idaho Code Sections (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, 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   joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the evaluation of an employee and acquisition of real property not owned by a public agency, as noted in the motion above.

At 5:10 p.m. the Board returned to regular session and a workshop on the proposed budget for FY08 was conducted by Vice President Jurgens. At 6:00 p.m. the workshop was ended, and the Trustees reconvened as follows:

RECALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Board Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present.

GUESTS
Meghan Cuniff of the Spokesman-Review and Andrew Ford of the Sentinel were introduced as guests.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Wood and seconded by Trustee Armon to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 20, 2007 and July 2, 2007, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Al Williams, Athletic Director, asked Don Don Williams, the NIC Women’s Baseball Coach, to represent him at the meeting. Ms. Williams reviewed the athletic and academic awards that have been achieved by the student athletes. She then introduced Chris Carlson, Women’s Basketball Coach, who expressed his appreciation for being able to compete in the SWAC conference. He said this conference affiliation allows him to recruit successful student athletes. A copy of the handout for the Trustees is attached to these minutes.

OPERATING AND PLANT FUND BUDGETS FOR FY07-08

Vice President Rolly Jurgens explained that the Trustees had held a budget workshop just prior to the meeting and noted that it is the third review by the Board of the FY07-08 Operating and Plant Fund Budgets. He pointed out the revisions, which include the actual assessed property values from the county and a resultant revenue increase of $21,285. The revenue has been transferred to the Plant Fund Budget for property acquisition. The following motion was then made:

MOTION: 08-29-07: 29 Motion was made by Trustee Armon and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve the Operating Fund Budget FY07-08 in the amount of $35,216,866, which includes new positions requiring new funding and converted positions not requiring new funding and to approve the Plant Fund Budget FY07-08 in the amount of $2,741,307 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

INSTRUCTIONAL OVERVIEW REPORT

Interim Vice President for Instruction Kathy Christie provided an overview of the Instruction Division. She reported that 19 faculty positions were filled prior to the start of classes. Additional revenue was received which allowed the addition of 20 additional nursing students to the Nursing Program, and nursing classes are being offered in the Sandpoint Center for the first time. Additionally, new transition classes have been added in the College Skills Center. Director of Dual Enrollment Steve Casey is working with the local school districts. Under his direction, dual enrollment has doubled from approximately 200 students last fall to 400 students this fall. Christie also stated that a certificate program in basic manufacturing has been developed, and WFTC is working with Cabela’s to provide space for employee training. Other topics reviewed included facilities changes both on the main campus and in the Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry Centers. Christie also reported that faculty were very helpful in raising the capacity in classes in order to accommodate more students. Lastly, she congratulated Nils Rosdahl on being named Distinguished Advisor of the Year Award by College Media Advisors. The award will be presented in October in Washington, D.C.
REPORTS

COLLEGE PRESIDENT
President Priscilla Bell reported that she has been enjoying the beginning of the fall semester and that enthusiasm among faculty, staff, and students is high. She encouraged the Trustees to look at the photos on display in the meeting room showing the cap toss at last May's graduation and the first of school for day for new students. Bell noted the successful Welcome Back convocation, and she commended the faculty and staff for their dedication every day to students. During the first week of school, Dean Bennett volunteered to have his head shaved if $1,000 for scholarships was raised in a week—$1,600 was raised, and Dean's head was shaved during the All-Employee Picnic.

Bell said that NIC will be engaging in a five-year Strategic Plan development, which will be data driven, will target all aspects of the college's mission, will be responsive to the community and will support regional needs for education at all levels, and will be responsive to students and their needs for alternative class schedules. She stated that the search for the Vice President for Instruction is underway with Carol Lindsay as search committee chair. The goal is to have finalists by mid-January, 2008. Bell reported that the first full semester of the implementation of the reorganization of the Instructional Division had been completed and that Kathy Christie will assess the performance of the reorganization and determine what might need revision. Bell also told the Trustees that the mid-term reaccreditation report and enrollment management will be priorities across all areas of the campus. She said that the Diamond Jubilee Committee is working on the 75th anniversary celebrations. Bell also noted that the institutional members of NICHE have agreed that the name of the educational corridor will be University Place Coeur d'Alene.

SENATE
Senate Chair Fran Bahr said the Senate had not yet met, but they will be working with Human Resources Director Wade Larson and the administration on policy revisions. It is anticipated that the policies will be moved through the governance structure in groups, rather than individually.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Faculty Assembly Chair Bob Bennett reported that there is general optimism on campus from faculty due to the salary increases. He said that faculty are grateful. The Faculty Assembly is working on this year's agenda with the goal to be proactive. They look forward to working with the new President and the Board. Bennett also said they are pleased and optimistic having Kathy Christie serve as Interim Vice President for Instruction.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Shelley Cobetto, Staff Assembly Chair, thanked the Board on behalf of the staff for approving salary increases for 2008. Staff feels privileged to work for a President and Board of Trustees committed to fair compensation.

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No report.
BOARD CHAIR
Rolly Williams, Board Chair, congratulated the Athletics Departments on the individual and collective awards received by that department and the student athletes. He also congratulated Nils Rosdahl and the Sentinel on their distinguished achievements.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
Trustee Wood said that she was looking forward to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and announced that the actual kickoff will be in Fall of 2008. She said the committee has great energy and great ideas, and she is still seeking community members to help design the celebrations that will take place.

Trustee Meyer attended the Idaho Business Coalition for Excellence in Education (IBCEE) meeting in mid-July. She said that Governor Otter spoke to the businesses about the tough choices and tough times faced by business and education. She distributed minutes of meeting and a document that the Governor expects to use as support for education. Meyer also stated that the College of Western Idaho (new community college) trustees have been appointed.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wood, seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer, and unanimously approved at 7:05 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Chair    Board of Trustees Secretary