CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order 4:05 pm by Board Chair Rolly Williams. He verified that a quorum of the Board was present. Those in attendance were: Judy Meyer, Ron Vieselmeyer, Rolly Williams, and President Priscilla Bell. Trustee Armon joined the meeting at 4:08 pm and Trustee Wood arrived at 4:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: 01-30-08: 01 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to adjourn to executive session under Idaho Code Sections 67-2345(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.
Roll call vote was as follows:
Judy Meyer    yes
Ron Vieselmeyer  yes
Rolly Williams   yes

Evaluation of the President, as well as discussion of acquiring an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency took place. At 5:45 pm the executive session was ended, and the Trustees reconvened as follows:

RECALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Board Chair Williams recalled the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and verified that a quorum of the Board was present.
ATTENDANCE
Trustees: Mic Armon
        Judy Meyer
        Ron Vieselmeyer
        Rolly Williams
        Christie Wood

Also present:
        Priscilla Bell, President
        Rolly Jurgens, Vice President for Administrative Services
        Eric Murray, Vice President for Student Services
        Marc Lyons, Attorney for North Idaho College
        Fran Bahr, Senate Chair
        Shelley Cobetto, Staff Assembly Chair
        Bob Bennett, Faculty Assembly Chair
        Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President

GUESTS
Guests at the meeting included Pat Whitcomb, NIC Wrestling Coach, Ron Nilson and John Chambers of Ground Force Manufacturing, Inc.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC REMARKS
Ron Nilson, CEO of Ground Force Manufacturing, Inc., spoke to the Board about reaching out to high school students for education in professional-technical education. He urged the Trustees to consider ongoing commitment to the 30% of students that drop out of high school.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Pat Whitcomb described the Shirley Parker Reading Program named after Doug Parker’s late wife. The wrestling students read to each of the first graders in the Coeur d’Alene School District. The program is a huge success—both the children and the wrestlers look forward to it. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for his inspiration and the community service he facilitates.

HEAD START UPDATE
Vice President Jurgens introduced Doug Fagerness, Executive Director for Head Start in the five northern counties. Fagerness noted that a federal review of the Head Start program had occurred, and out of over 2,000 standards, the regional program was cited for only two. He explained that rather than “written” work plans Head Start has “task plans”, and rather than being written, they are electronic work plans.

Fagerness also presented information on the federal funding bills of Head Start, which called for an 11% cut. However, that reduction will not affect the local programs, but will impact services of regional offices. The federal Head Start Reauthorization has been approved. It will take some time before the regulations of that legislation will be implemented. Fagerness also noted that the Idaho Head Start program had received many awards, and of the 11 regional awards, the local programs were awarded nine.
OFFICIAL SPRING ENROLLMENT REPORT
Vice President for Student Services Eric Murray reported on enrollment for the Spring 2008 semester. Dual enrollment experienced a 50% increase in dual enrollment. Gains also occurred in the PTE program enrollments. Overall headcount is up almost 4%, and Murray noted that the enrollment has more part-time students taking fewer classes because generally students are working while attending school. Other data noted by Murray included enrollment by county, state, age, and declared major.

The pilot test of discounted tuition for students from Washington and Montana has not shown a significant increase in students from those states. The data presented showed the first year of two years of the pilot program. Murray said that if the decrease in tuition proves to be ineffective in increasing enrollments from those states, the tuition could be reconsidered by the Board of Trustees.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
President Bell told the trustees that she was substituting for Kent Propst, who was unable to attend the meeting. She thanked Trustees Armon, Meyer, and Wood for going to Boise for the JFAC presentation and for their advocacy on behalf of NIC while there. Bell said that the presentation of the legislative agenda went well, and NIC had a receptive audience. She noted that her presentations to the two legislative education committees were well received, too. Dual enrollment—concurrent enrollment in high school and college—is popular in Boise and state funding may be as much as $50 per credit per student. Bell also commented on employee compensation requests and funding for joint programs with Washington community colleges, both of which are featured topics of the NIC Legislative Agenda.

REPORTS
PRESIDENT
President Priscilla Bell said that the December 2007 budget comparisons for the 2nd quarter will be presented at the February board meeting. She called attention to several events: The Wild Game Feast will occur on February 2, the NIC Jazz concert on February 5, and the Board retreat on February 7. Bell also mentioned the Human Rights Banquet on March 17. Additionally, the trustees were updated on the strategic planning process.

SENATE
Senate Chair Fran Bahr reported that the Senate had reviewed nearly all of the policies from student services and had forwarded them to the President’s Cabinet. Currently, the Senate is working on policies from Rolly Jurgens area of administration. Bahr related that the senators are very respectful of the current policies that have been put together by past boards of trustees and senates and that the current senate members are somewhat overwhelmed with the number of policies to be moved or omitted. Subsequently, the Senate has established an ad hoc committee to review the policies that are presented. Dr. Bell and Marc Lyons have been working on a policy to develop policies, which is nearly complete.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Bob Bennett, Chair of Faculty Assembly, said he traveled to Boise for a meeting with other faculty representatives. While there, he met with local legislators. He said that NIC was the
only community college at the reception, but that a good showing was made with a table banner and brochures.

**STAFF ASSEMBLY**
Shelley Cobetto, Staff Assembly Chair, said that staff will be surveyed soon for recommendations for Meet & Confer.

**ASNIC**
Ryan Robinson, President of ASNIC, said he had attended the NIC/CSI legislative lunch in Boise. He was pleased to meet his counterpart at CSI and exchange ideas. Robinson said that two senators did not return for the Spring semester, so two new senators had been appointed. ASNIC is adopting one main goal—to “go green.” ASNIC representatives will be meeting with Waste Management to talk about recycling.

**BOARD CHAIR**
Board Chair Rolly Williams expressed kudos to Doug Fagerness of Head Start. Williams had interviews with the Head Start federal inspectors, and he noted the stringency of the inspection. He congratulated Fagerness and Head Start on the excellent review.

**REMARKS FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER**
Trustee Meyer said she was proud of President Bell and her presentations at the recent legislative session. She said that NIC met with CWI, and she wanted to continue that relationship. Meyer also shared other events of her recent trip to Boise.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wood, seconded by Trustee Meyer, and unanimously approved at 7:35 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Chair                      Board of Trustees Secretary