CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order 4:00 pm 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, and President Priscilla Bell. Trustee Wood arrived at 4:40 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: 02-20-08: 02 Motion was made by Trustee Armon and seconded by Trustee Meyer 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:
- Armon   yes
- Judy Meyer      yes
- Ron Vieselmeyer  yes
- Rolly Williams  yes

The evaluation of an employee as well as discussion of acquiring an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency took place. At 5:55 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
Kathy Christie, Interim Vice President for Instruction
Rolly Jurgens, Vice President for Administrative Services
Eric Murray, Vice President for Student Services
Kent Propst, Vice President for Community Relations
Marc Lyons, Attorney for North Idaho College
Nancy Edwards, Senate Vice Chair
Shelley Cobetto, Staff Assembly Chair
Bob Bennett, Faculty Assembly Chair
Jessica DeWitt, ASNIC Vice President

GUESTS
None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC REMARKS
None.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Doug Anderson, Division Chair of the Trades and Industry Division, introduced Lonnie Raaum and Tony Christensen, Diesel Technology Instructors, and Joel Davis, HVACR Instructor. These instructors are former NIC students who returned to the college to instruct classes. Anderson emphasized that the success of these individuals as students at NIC contributed to their desire to teach at NIC.

BUDGET REVIEW – 2ND QUARTER FY07-08
Vice President Rolly Jurgens reviewed the second quarter of the FY07-08 general fund budget. He said that both revenue and expenditures are very close to the previous five-year mean. Tuition and fees revenue has increased slightly due to growing enrollment this fiscal year. Discussion took place regarding the recent problems with the Kootenai County Assessor’s office software which erroneously decreased property values resulting in the collection decreased tax revenue. The trustees instructed Jurgens to draft a letter expressing their concern regarding this situation.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE FOR FY09-10
Jurgens reviewed the process by which the budget is developed within the campus departments and the alignment of the budgets to the strategic plan. He explained the various committees that prepare estimated budgets for new personnel, new computer servers, equipment, and other items, and how that information is summarized. The draft budget is presented to the trustees for approval in June.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Vice President Kent Propst told the trustees that the legislators anticipate completion of the session by mid-March. State revenue projections for this year and next are not as good as expected. Legislative topics of concern to NIC include change in employee compensation, the need-based opportunity scholarship endowment, additional funding to community colleges through the state liquor tax, and increasing the tuition cap, as noted by Propst.

DIAMOND JUBILEE/HISTORY BOOK UPDATE
Trustee Wood, Chair of the NIC Diamond Jubilee Committee, said that a date had been set for the signature gala—Saturday, September 27, 2008. It will most likely be held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, and it will kick off the schedule of year-long events.

Erna Rhinehart reported that the proof of *The Gathering Place*, the history of North Idaho College had been sent to Fran Bahr, author. She said that ads for purchasing the book have been placed in the alumni newsletter and in an NIC brochure of classes that is sent county-wide. College Relations will also be placing displays about the history at various college and community events.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Priscilla Bell, President said that an in-depth discussion of strategic planning will take place at the March Board meeting. In the meantime, the trustees have been provided with a short, written update. Bell reported that candidates for Vice President for Instruction will be visiting NIC in early March and that the trustees will receive invitations to the candidate open forums.

Bell also provided an overview of the legislative priorities for ACCT and AACC, as well as requests before the federal legislature that are applicable to higher education. It was noted that college policy revisions by Marc Lyons are going well. He stated that policies having to do with internal operations have been separated from Board policies.

NIC is scheduled for the five-year visit of the ten-year accreditation in April. Kathy Christie is assembling a schedule for the accreditation team’s visit. The trustees will be meeting with the team and given periodic updates.

Bell said that varsity men's and women's golf teams are now in place. She reminded the Board that golf was added several years ago as a club sport. The golf programs will have very little impact on the budget. The Booster Club is supporting the programs as well as the grants-in-aid for the students.

The employees were recently surveyed for opinions about the campus climate. Bell said she takes the results seriously, and she is working with Wade Larson from Human Resources to develop a presentation to the employees outlining the results. Human Resources and the President’s Cabinet will be studying the outcomes in order to address issues that will make NIC a better place to work.

Finally, Bell said that she and Trustee Wood had attended a meeting with the City Council in Post Falls to reassure the City that NIC is not abandoning the WFTC in Post Falls.
SENATE
Nancy Edwards, Senate Vice Chair, said that the Senate met with Chris Gabbert, attorney with the firm of Ramsden and Lyons, regarding policy revisions. She said that the Board will be receiving policy revisions soon.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Faculty Assembly Chair Bob Bennett reported that faculty considered and passed a resolution drafted by the Idaho Federation of Teachers in support of a rewrite of the Idaho Teacher’s Negotiation Act, which currently only allows K-12 public school teachers to have a choice of whether they want to use collective bargaining or Meet and Confer. The rewrite would allow teachers in higher education across the state to have the same choice of either Meet and Confer or collective bargaining as K-12 teachers.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Shelley Cobetto told the Trustees that the staff Meet & Confer survey had been distributed. On March 7 staff will participate in a strategic planning focus group. Ballots for Staff Assembly election of officers and for the annual staff achievement award will be distributed in March.

ASNIC
ASNIC Vice Chair Jessica DeWitt said that the students approved a resolution for a one-dollar fee increase to be used to start recycling in the residence hall and student union. Student Jodi Oakland has implemented a Volunteer Club to heighten awareness and increase volunteer opportunities for students. DeWitt also noted that officer elections are forthcoming with the results to be announced in April.

BOARD CHAIR
Board Chair Williams had no report.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
Trustee Meyer said she was glad to see NIC represented at the recent Business Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Armon, seconded by Trustee Wood, and unanimously approved at 7:15 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Chair    Board of Trustees Secretary