Dear Trustees,

We find ourselves in another busy spring with much activity at the college and I’ll bring you up to date on some of our recent events after our monthly update to the Strategic Plan.

**NIC Strategic Plan**  
**Theme 1 – Programs**

**Goal 1:**  
Improve and expand educational opportunities, programs, and courses for the student population and community.

**Objective:**  
Expand program offerings, and accelerate the implementation of new professional-technical and workforce training at NIC that meet the needs of students, business and industry.

**Action Item:** Determine the appropriate standardized class size for each NIC course.

Currently, there is little documented rationale for the placement of classes in NIC classrooms. It is not uncommon for a small class to be assigned to a large classroom. Often, larger classes are placed in rooms that are designed for smaller audiences.

In an effort to deal with this problem, the deans and division chairs are determining the appropriate class size for the traditional face-to-face delivery of instruction in all academic disciplines. The goal is to connect instructional pedagogy with appropriate classroom spaces. For example, writing-intensive courses require extensive one-on-one time with instructors, and therefore require a more limited class size. Such classes, once appropriately identified, should be placed within our small classrooms.

**Goal 4:**  
Create program schedules that maximize the use of available facilities, and take advantage of new and alternative facilities as appropriate.

**Objective:** Develop scheduling alternatives to maximize room utilization.

**Action Item:**  
Establish an internal policy for the use of shared resources between PTE and WTC to include facilities, equipment, and faculty.

The Graphic Design Program will be moved from its current location in the Hedlund Building to the Kaniksu Building adjacent to the NIC Workforce Training Center. This move will allow a program that has been very successful and highly recognized in the community to expand into bigger quarters. In addition to all Graphic Design classes moving to Post Falls, other general education classes that support the Graphic Design curriculum will be delivered at the site.

This move allows for the space within Hedlund to be assigned to other programs that expanded beyond their boundaries. Over the next few months, the Office of Instruction will field requests to move into the vacated space.
Other news and events happening at NIC:

The college, the foundation and the Athletics Department will be active at the February 22 Coeur d’Alene Chamber Business After Hours event scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. at the Coeur d’Alene Resort. NIC’s booth will include general information about all NIC programs. The cheerleaders will be on hand to distribute free admission tickets to the February 24 and 26 NIC basketball games and staff from the Development Department will be on hand to promote this year’s Really BIG Raffle.

Development Department & NIC Foundation:

On February 1, the foundation staff kicked off the annual Employee Giving Campaign, which offers NIC employees the opportunity to invest in the college as the foundation simultaneously seeks funding from the community. Employee support demonstrates the internal family’s commitment to the mission of the college. Employees are encouraged to register online at www.nic.edu/employeegiving to show their support and, by doing so they will be registered for a chance to win great prizes throughout the month of February. While a donation is not required, those who make donations are eligible for additional prizes.

The NIC Foundation Board and staff continue to focus on securing support for the Annual Campaign to ensure dollars are available for important NIC needs this coming year. In addition, they are coordinating the Campaign Feasibility Study process on behalf of the college. As part of the foundation’s Annual Campaign and one of the priority efforts of the Development Department this fiscal year, the staff have provided extensive leadership and support for the college’s American Indian Education Foundation fundraising initiative, which will provide additional scholarship dollars for American Indian students attending NIC. Much collaboration has taken place the past year between Student Services, the American Indian Student Advisor, American Indian Studies Program instructor/coordinator, the Development and Grants offices, and the foundation leadership to ensure success of this matching grant opportunity.

The 18th Annual Really BIG Raffle is also well underway with the busy marketing and sales season upon us. The NIC Carpentry program students are doing an exceptional job on the 2011 raffle home with the house being almost fully enclosed. Tickets for the fundraiser are now on sale at all community outlets and monthly incentive prizes are being offered. Check out the website at www.nic.edu/rbr to see construction progress. The drawing will be held July 13.

Alumni Relations: The NIC Alumni Association is gearing up to select 2011-12 scholarship recipients. Planning is also underway to implement a spring phone-a-thon and summer fundraising event.

Grants Development: The hiring process to fill the Grants Coordinator position is underway. The grants seeking efforts are still moving forward and the NIC grants office is currently focusing on a multi-million dollar proposal for the federally funded Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant program. Planning for this grant incorporates a statewide consortia approach focusing on regional needs. In January, the grants office submitted three grant proposals totaling $29,596 to support program and scholarship needs. Funding announcements for these proposals will be made later this spring.

Spring 2011 Enrollment:
The 2011 Spring Semester enrollment numbers did, in fact, reach a new pinnacle for NIC. For the first time ever, NIC offered over 580 courses, over 1,400 sections and over 30,000 class
seats. In spite of the pressure that comes with record enrollment, the instructional team demonstrated a high level of efficiency by filling 85.8 per cent of all seats available.

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*Spring 2009 Data Mart indicates 34,770 “Total number of class seats available.” This number is an error based on inappropriate class size numbers for newly created Computer Applications Office Technology (CAOT) offerings. The correct number of 24,770 is indicated in the above table.

**NWCCU Accreditation Year One Report:**
North Idaho College has completed its first NWCCU report under the new seven year cycle. Our Year One Report received its last edits over the last month and is ready for submission weeks ahead of the NWCCU deadline. The accreditation executive committee has begun work on the Year Three Report that is due in March 2012.

**Kootenai Technical Education Campus:**
NIC faculty and staff played a key role in working with the architects responsible for designing the KTEC high school facility. Doug Anderson, Gina Prindle, Mark Magill, Dave McRae, Jeremy Dodge, Lita Burns and Cathleen Sanborn were very active contributors to the conversations about what the educational spaces of the new facility should look like.

Through these conversations, the architects have created an initial design that was met with admiration and praise. This new facility appears to address the concerns and issues raised by educators and employers. The design also anticipates future expansion and alignment with North Idaho College.

**Meetings**
The following is an overview of meetings and events that I attended over the past month:

Jan 15  Women's and Men's basketball vs. Colorado Northwestern

Jan 17  Annual legislative pasta party in Boise co-hosted with CSI and CWI

Jan 19  Phone conference with Washington, DC legislative advocate regarding federal funding opportunities
        Follow up phone conversations with prospective Opera Coeur d’Alene donors
        Interview with Sentinel reporter about the Albertson Foundation grant
Jan 20  Hosted Mike Patrick for tour of Trades and Industry programs and lunch at Emery’s
Informal meeting with dual credit student
Opera board meeting
Men’s basketball vs. Salt Lake Community College
Jan 21  Rotary
NIC Wrestling match vs. Simon Fraser
Jan 22  Coeur d’Alene Symphony’s Black & White Ball
Jan 24-27  Higher Education Week in Boise / presentations to JFAC and Senate and House
Education Committees
Jan 28  Met with Tom Monaghan; consultant selected to conduct the capital campaign feasibility
study for the college and the NIC Foundation.
Luncheon and presentation by Lewis-Clark State College presidential candidate
Jan 29  Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. College of Southern Idaho
Jan 31  Met with Doug Eastwood of the Coeur d’Alene City Parks Department to discuss potential
of a public boat launch and parking on the former mill site.
Visited the SUB for coffee and conversation with faculty, staff and students
CASA board meeting
Feb 1-2  Presidents’ Council meeting and legislative luncheon – Boise
Feb 3  Foundation board meeting
Attended Math, Computer Science & Engineering Division Meeting
Feb 4  Rotary
Feb 5  Hospice of North Idaho Wine Tasting and fundraising event
Feb 7  Met with Bob Hoover of Idaho Community Foundation to discuss educational and
scholarship funding.
Lunch meeting in Boise with legislators and Dennis Wheeler of Coeur d’Alene Mines
Feb 9  Visited and toured College Skills Center with Division Chair Michele Jerde
Presented Sterling Silver Award to February’s employee of the month, Tammy Payton, one of our math instructors and instructor for the College Skills Center.
Visited and toured Physical Education, Dance, and Resort Recreation Management
Division with Chair Paul Manzardo.
Visited the SUB for coffee and conversation with faculty, staff and students
Feb 10  Dean of Health Professions and Nursing Lita Burns and I met with new CEO of Kootenai Health, Jon Ness.
Attended staff assembly meeting

Feb 11  Rotary

Feb 12-17  ACCT’s National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC

Feb 14  CASA Board meeting via phone conference

Feb 17  Opera Board meeting

Feb 18  Rotary

Upcoming meetings and events:
Feb 22  North Idaho College Employee Day
Budget discussion with Board Chair Mic Armon and Trustee Ken Howard

Feb 23  Management Team meeting
Monthly meeting with Constituent Leaders
Visit sub for coffee and conversation with students, faculty and staff

Feb 24  Meet with local business leader to discuss potential endowment through the NIC Foundation
Attend open reception for “Tangle” in the Boswell Hall Corner Gallery
NIC’s production of “Crimes of the Heart” – Schuler Performing Arts Center

Feb 25  CASA Ray of Hope Breakfast committee meeting
Rotary
Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival event hosted by UI President Duane Nellis in Moscow

Feb 26  Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. Eastern Utah

Feb 28  CASA Board meeting

Mar 1  Jobs Plus Board meeting
Presidents’ Council meeting via video conference
Visit with students, staff and faculty in the Hedlund Building

Mar 2  Visit SUB for coffee and conversation with students, faculty and staff
Mar 3  Foundation Board meeting
Attend Business and Professional Programs Division meeting
Visit tour Natural Sciences Division with Chair Peter Zao
Rotary new member reception

Mar 4-9  American Council on Education Annual Meeting and Women in Higher Education Commission meeting – Washington, DC

Mar 11  Conference call with representative of North Idaho Network for Women in Higher Education and Linda Michal
Rotary

Mar 14  Visit with students, faculty and staff in Seiter Hall
Visit the SUB for coffee and conversation with students, faculty and staff

Mar 15  Education Corridor monthly meeting with the city

Mar 16-18  ACCT Governance Leadership Institute in Las Vegas
Mission statement: North Idaho College is committed to student success, teaching excellence and lifelong learning. As a comprehensive community college, North Idaho College provides educational opportunities that expand human potential and enhance the quality of life for the students and the communities it serves.

6:00 p.m. Driftwood Bay Room

**CONVENE BOARD MEETING**

- Verification of Quorum/Introduction of Guests
- Minutes Review/Approval
- Public Comment
- Celebrating Success: Center for New Directions

**CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

- ASNIC: Jenna Betts
- Staff Assembly: Alex Harris
- Faculty Assembly: Pat Lippert
- Senate: Erin Norvell

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Tab 3: Official Spring Enrollment
- Tab 4: ACTION: Legislative Position Statement

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Legislative Session Update: John Martin
- KTEC: Jay Lee
- Education Corridor: Mic Armon

**REPORTS**

- College President: Priscilla Bell
- Board Chair: Mic Armon

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Remarks are subject to NIC Policy and Procedure 2.01.03. Copies are available from the President's Office and at each board meeting.

Executive sessions may be called for the purposes of considering hiring a candidate for public employment; considering the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public employee; conducting deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; advising its legal representatives in pending or probable litigation or considering preliminary negotiations in matters of competitive trade or commerce with governing bodies in other states or nations.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2011
CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Chair Mic Armon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the board was present at the meeting.

ATTENDANCE
Trustees:
Mic Armon
Christie Wood
Ron Vieselmeyer

Also present: Priscilla Bell, President
Marc Lyons, Attorney for North Idaho College

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion was made by Trustee Wood, seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer, to go into executive session under Idaho Code § 67-2345(b), (c) and (f) for the purpose of discussing issues related to specific personnel matters, matters related to the acquisition of property not owned by a public agency and to consider pending litigation. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

- Mic Armon  aye
- Christie Wood  aye
- Ron Vieselmeyer  aye

Trustee Meyer arrived at 4:15 and Trustee Howard arrived at 5:00 p.m. At 5:45 p.m. a motion was made to return to open session by Trustee Meyer, seconded by Trustee Wood.

There was a brief discussion on parking issues at the college then Chair Armon recessed the meeting to reconvene in the Driftwood Bay Room.

RECALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Chair Armon recalled the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and verified that a quorum of the board was present.

ATTENDANCE
Trustees: Ron Vieselmeyer
Ken Howard
Mic Armon
Christie Wood
Judy Meyer

Also present: Priscilla Bell, President
John Martin, Vice President for Community Relations and Marketing
Jay Lee, Vice President for Instruction
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Armon called for remarks regarding the meeting minutes. Trustee Meyer pointed out that the minutes from the December 15 meeting incorrectly identified the board chair as Christie Wood under the Recall to Order and Verification of Quorum section.

Motion was made by Trustee Wood and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2010, with corrections noted. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Steve Casey, dual enrollment coordinator for North Idaho College presented trends for high school dual credit enrollment for fall and spring semesters from 2002 through 2010. He reviewed online courses available to any student that dual credit students may also select if their high school approves them for dual credit. He next reviewed the specific courses available in the region’s high schools and provided some general facts about the program. Mr. Casey concluded his report by stating that the program had awarded more than $25,000 in scholarships provided from donors including the Windemere/Garden Club, Qwest and the Meyer Family in Wayne Meyer’s memory.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

ASNIC
ASNIC President Jenna Betts reported that David DeMouy had been appointed to fill their vacant senator seat. She announced that they are nearly finished with their budget for FY12 and that they’ll be proposing a campus tobacco usage policy to the College Senate. She reported that students will be celebrating spirit week next week leading up to the basketball games with CSI. She finished by reporting on her recent trip to Boise to attend the annual legislative pasta party where she met with legislators and her counterparts from CSI and CWI.

Faculty Assembly
Chair Pat Lippert reported that during their last meeting on January 13 the assembly approved the formation of the Liaison Outreach Committee led by Eric Mack and Amy Flint. They also approved Kathie O’Brien as the new Faculty Assembly vice chair. He added that Senator Laurie Olson Horswill reported on the tobacco usage policy proposal coming before Senate as well as the Reduction in Force policy currently being drafted.

Staff Assembly
Chair Alex Harris reported that they are continuing to work on the Staff Sabbatical policy and the Employee Day Committee is working on an exciting agenda for upcoming Employee Day.

Senate
Chair Erin Norvell reported that the campus tobacco usage policy is coming before Senate in January and she added that they are looking forward to seeing the Reduction in Force policy in the coming months.

OLD BUSINESS
None
NEW BUSINESS
Second Quarter FY11 Budget Review
Vice President Ron Dorn reviewed revenue and expenses for the second quarter of this fiscal year including actual to budgeted revenue and expenses. He reported that year to date revenue from tuition and fees is 22% higher than budgeted and that total expenditures year to date are 42% of budget. He added that property tax revenue will be booked in January and will be reflected in the third quarter budget review.

A discussion took place about NIC’s positive revenue position due to higher enrollment. Dr. Bell reminded the board that although the higher enrollment does provide increased tuition revenue, the student tuition only covers about one third of the cost of educating a student.

Draft Year One Accreditation Report
Vice President Jay Lee presented the board with the draft Year One Report required of NIC by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). He reviewed the new seven year reporting requirements for accreditation implemented by NWCCU and he described NIC’s placement and reporting requirements in the process. He went on to review the steps taken by the Accreditation Steering Committee to develop the draft Year One Report that is due to NWCCU in March, and he described the key elements of the report.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Legislative Session Update
Vice President John Martin distributed packets and the itinerary of activities during JFAC week in Boise. He reported on legislative business, so far, in the session including the Governor’s address where the Governor presented the state budget including projections of 6.9% growth in FY12. Martin next reported that the Joint Legislative Economic Outlook Committee had agreed to accept the Governor’s budget recommendations although they won’t make any decision about the legislative budget until they see January revenue numbers.

Martin next reported that Rep. Frank Henderson has proposed changes to the way community college trustees are elected.

Dr. Bell commented that the dollar cuts in state general funds over the years only represent a part of the reduction in funding from the state. She reminded trustees that NIC no longer receives funding such as historical maintenance of effort money, historical workload adjustment money or inflation and cost of living increases. A discussion took place about the shift of financial burden from the state to the local community college districts.

Kootenai Technical Education Campus (KTEC)
Vice President Lee provided the board with an update on the activities of the KTEC Board. A discussion ensued about the role of the NIC Board and the fact that NIC has no vote on the committee. Lee stated that the committee remains interested in NIC’s input with regard to the educational areas within the facility. Dr. Bell added that the KTEC curriculum is professional technical education curriculum, and by virtue of state regulation, in order for the high schools to be reimbursed for PTE programming for students, their curriculum has to articulate with NIC’s. She added that NIC currently has articulation agreements in place for the program curriculum that is being considered for inclusion in the KTEC facility.

Area Agency on Aging Overview
Director Pearl Bouchard provided the board with a history of the agency and an overview of the agency’s program focus for 2010 and 2011. She provided an overview of resource development plans involving volunteers and planned giving.
**Campaign Feasibility Study**
Dr. Bell reported that to ensure NIC has the resources and facilities necessary to meet the needs of the community, the college is working with the NIC Foundation on a feasibility study for a campaign to gauge the community’s interest in three areas. The first area includes capital needs – the expansion of the Meyer health and Sciences Building, a joint-use facility on the mill site and the PTE facility on the prairie. The second area includes sustainability including equipment, technology, and program support and the third area is the perennial scholarship area. She continued to state that several consultants were interviewed and Tom Monaghan was selected to conduct the feasibility study. She added that the communications and education strategy will be developed in January and February and the interviews with the community will take place in March and April.

**Education Corridor**
Chair Armon turned the floor over to Doug Eastwood from the Coeur d’Alene Parks Department. Mr. Eastwood provided an overview of the city’s McEuen Park project and described the need to replace the boat launch that will be taken away when the project is underway. He went on to propose how the city and the college could collaborate by using Spokane River waterfront and land located on the college’s property, that was the formal mill site, for a boat launch and related parking.

Mr. Eastwood asked the board for conceptual approval to move ahead and explore the details and requirements of the proposal. Dr. Bell suggested to Chair Armon that the board provide the administration the go ahead to explore the concept and bring information to the board that would allow them to make an informed decision about the project. Trustee Howard asked about the city’s timeline for this project. Mr. Eastwood stated that if all went well, the work could begin this time next year. The board agreed to direct the administration to explore the project’s requirements.

**REPORTS**

*College President*
Dr. Bell provided her report in writing to the board earlier in the day.

*Board Chair*
Chair Armon discussed an upcoming governance leadership institute taking place in Las Vegas in March and he encouraged members of the board to attend. He mentioned some other items for trustees’ calendars.

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**
Trustee Wood asked VP Lee about the television studio equipment. Dr. Bell suggested that this be included discussions about equipment priorities in the FY12 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**
At 8:15 p.m. Chair Armon adjourned the meeting.

__________________________________________  ________________________________________
Board of Trustees Chair                        Board of Trustees Secretary
SUBJECT
Official FY11 Spring Credit Enrollment

BACKGROUND
Each year at this time, an analysis of the spring semester enrollment is provided to the board of trustees. This enrollment count is based on a snapshot of our FTE and headcount the 10th day of the semester.

DISCUSSION
Sheldon Nord, vice president for student services, will provide further details on student demographics to the board.

In summary:
- NIC headcount increased 9.8% or 574 students over spring 2010, and 32% or 1,566 students over spring 2009.
- The increase was 79 students over fall 2010 enrollment.
- Total FTE enrollment increased by 10.6% or 426 students over spring 2010.
- The largest percentage increase of headcount was in PTE (17.7%) followed by Dual Credit (13.0%) and then General Studies (7.6%).
- FTE enrollment increase was 19.2% for PTE, 14.9% for Dual Credit, and 8.8% for General Studies.
- The full-to-part time ratio went from 52.6% FT in 2010 to 65% in 2011; Gender went from women/men ratio of 60/40 in 2010 to 59/41 in 2011; residency-by-county remained consistent.
- The impact of continued increases continues to stretch staffing and facility resources.

COMMITTEE ACTION
None

FINANCIAL IMPACT
None

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION
No action is necessary at this time.

Prepared by
Sheldon C. Nord, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Services
### Professional-Technical Enrollment
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Full-Time/Part-Time Enrollment
Unduplicated Headcount

Bonners Ferry, Ponderay, Silver Valley Centers
Seat Counts - Duplicated Headcount
Internet Seat Counts
Duplicated Headcount

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Spring 07 Spring 08 Spring 09 Spring 10 Spring 11

Student Profile
Fall to Spring Persistence
Full-Time, First-Time Degree Seeking Students

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Enrollment by Age
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Idaho Counties

Unduplicated Headcount

- Kootenai: 4,234
- Bonner: 664
- Other ID Counties: 230, 227, 224, 152
- Boundary: 4,000
- Shoshone: 5,731
- Benewah: 224, 152
Top Dual Credit Feeder High Schools
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North Idaho College
Board of Trustees Presentation
February 23, 2011
SUBJECT
Proposed legislation to change trustee elections

BACKGROUND
In the 2010 legislative session, Representative Frank Henderson proposed legislation that would have created sub-districts for community college trustee elections. The bill did not have sufficient support or interest to move forward.

Again this session, he has begun the process to have a bill approved to create sub-districts for trustee elections as well as require candidates to file campaign donation reports. These are referred to as “sunshine reports.”

DISCUSSION
The proposed legislation was presented to the House State Affairs Committee and approved for printing. It is now draft legislation HB-106. If there is sufficient support, the committee chair can call for a hearing on the bill and, if approved, move it to the full House.

The initial legislation was created without input from, or discussion with, the trustees of the community colleges. There are both philosophical and technical difficulties with the proposed legislation.

COMMITTEE ACTION
None

FINANCIAL IMPACT
None

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION
Approve the attached position statement which opposes the passage of the legislation.

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Representative Henderson has introduced legislation to change community college trustee elections from at-large in the entire district to geographic sub-districts. His legislation appears to come from a flawed perspective rather than any substantive reasons. Rationale that has been heard includes:

- Community college districts should be like other taxing districts and have distinct geographic constituencies;
- There are widespread feelings of lack of representation in parts of the district;
- The current system equates to “taxation without representation;”

The following information is provided in opposition to the proposed legislation. Community colleges and their constituencies are not the same or similar to other county taxing entities. The key to this point is, very simply, that other entities, such as school boards, county highway districts, and fire protection districts compete for finite resources and need geographic designations to balance resource distribution. For community colleges, the entire county (or counties) is the district and there is no geographic competition for resources. Rather, the programs and services of community colleges are available throughout the district equally for all residents and taxpayers. Program and service decisions are not made on any geographic metric.

- A serious problem with geographic sub-districting is the very real danger of introducing a geographic competition into the board decision process. This is in direct opposition to NIC’s mission of providing service to the entire region. Inter-district geographic competition will lead to less service to outlying areas of the region. It could very well restrict programs and services now offered throughout the five county region.

There has been little or no real public call to change the current system. Other than failed candidates for board election who may feel there was geographic bias, there have been no calls for change.

- Recent board elections show that the winning candidates have received wide support throughout the entire county, not just from one geographic area.
- Historically, trustees have been elected from diverse parts of the district.

The claim of “taxation without representation” is incorrect. The fact that voters in every precinct participate in the trustee elections and that the trustees do not represent any
limited number of precincts or geographic areas argues that representation exists in theory and practice.

- This claim is similar to arguing that a particular part of the state is not represented in the U.S. Senate because neither of the two U.S. Senators is from that region.
- As you can see, this is more emotion than logic.

Other problems exist in this legislation.

- It allows the trustees, themselves, to establish the sub-districts. One can imagine the claims of gerrymandering and, most likely, the subsequent litigation.
- It includes a call for “sunshine reporting” that should be addressed in separate legislation to allow for full debate and discussion of that issue alone.
- It calls for sub-districts and then allows full district voting for all seats. This appears very inconsistent and could very easily violate the concept of “one person, one vote” and the expectation that each vote count equally. For example, one candidate in a sub-district could be so repulsive to voters that few votes are cast for him/her. At the same time, popular candidates in other sub-districts are getting many hundreds of votes more, but cannot win a seat unless they have the most in that district.

There is no compelling reason for this legislation. History shows that the current system works and ensures representation throughout the full district. Unpopular or unexpected election results should not be the reason for legislative action, absent other reasons. When the current system was created by the legislature, there must have been sufficient rationale for not creating geographic sub-districts. Changes to the current system should only be made after much more careful analysis and review of that original rationale.