CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order 4:10 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
   MOTION: 03-26-08: 03 Motion was made and seconded 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  
Fran Bahr, Senate Chair  
Shelley Cobetto, Staff Assembly Chair  
Bob Bennett, Faculty Assembly Chair  
Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President

GUESTS
None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC REMARKS
Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President, told the board that he was concerned about Spring Break on the proposed college calendar. He requested that NIC’s Spring Break coincide with that of LCSC.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Max Mendez, NIC Choir Director and Music Instructor, spoke to the trustees about the Madrigal’s musical tour to Mexico. Mendez said that five concerts were performed by the group in five different historic or architecturally significant places. Cultural experiences are very educational, and he said that the 24 staff, faculty, students and community members that traveled to Mexico were delighted with the immersion in the Mexican culture. He thanked the board for the opportunity and expressed his hope to continue the tradition.

UPDATE ON COLLEGE POLICIES
Marc Lyons, college attorney, said that he and his firm were reviewing and proposing changes to the college policies. He is working in collaboration with the college Senate, as it is essential to have the input of the constituent groups represented by the Senate. One of the policies under revision, Board and College Governance Policy 2.01.04, is nearing the final draft stage. A table of contents is also being drafted.

SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-09
David Foster, Biology Instructor, applied for a sabbatical leave at half-pay for the 2008-2009 school year in order to complete multimedia applications for courses that he teaches in his department. Peter Zao, Division Chair of Natural Sciences, Bob Murray, Dean of General Studies, and Interim Vice President Kathy Christie support the proposed sabbatical. Therefore, the following motion was made:

MOTION: 03-26-08: 04 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve and grant the sabbatical leave of David Foster as presented.
College Calendars Academic Years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012

Eric Murray, Vice President for Student Services, presented the college calendars for academic years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. He explained that faculty and staff were surveyed to learn their preference of Spring Break, and the majority responded to keep the break the same as School District 271. ASNIC student representatives were also polled, and only 3 of 9 students responded. Each of those students had different preferences as to Spring Break. The calendars will be presented at the next meeting for board approval.

Student Services Policies

Vice President Murray presented the Admissions 5.01, Financial Aid 5.03, Communicable Disease 5.09, Student Union 5.11, and Disabilities (Center for Education Access or CEA) 5.13 Policies for board consideration and approval. The policies have been streamlined, updated, and reviewed by the college attorney. They have been approved by the college Senate and the President’s Cabinet. Following discussion the policies were approved by:

MOTION: 03-26-08: 05 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to approve the Admissions 5.01, Financial Aid 5.03, Communicable Disease 5.09, Student Union 5.11, and Disabilities (Center for Education Access or CEA) 5.13 Policies as presented.

Information Items

President Bell reviewed the progress to date on the Vice President for Instruction search. A visit to one of the candidate’s campus is being planned. Following that visit, Bell said an offer of employment will likely be made. Emergency planning is a priority on campus, and several training workshops have been held, including tabletop exercises. Bell said that an employee survey was conducted in January, and the response was good. Building a positive environment on campus is important to her, and she said that incentives, professional development opportunities, training and succession planning will be explored. The accreditation team for NIC’s interim five-year reaccreditation will visit April 17 and 18. Bell said that strategic planning is moving into phase five. The President’s Cabinet and the Strategic Planning Committee will be reviewing the collected data and defining themes and refining goals. On May 14 at 7 pm, a public presentation of the draft strategic plan will be presented. Planning for the Diamond Jubilee is moving forward with the hallmark gala on September 27, 2008. Other events throughout the year highlighting the anniversary are being finalized. The college history, A Gathering Place, will be for sale soon. Pre-sales are now available.

Legislative Update

Vice President Kent Propst told the trustees that the legislative session was near completion, and he reviewed the bills of significance to Idaho educational institutions. Those bills include $10 million to endow Opportunity Scholarships, an enrollment workload adjustment of $190,700, liquor tax funding increase of $50,000 per year, increased support for professional-technical education—6.3% statewide, change in state employee compensation of 3%, and an increase to the community college tuition cap from $1,250 per year to $2,500 per year. Propst said that the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be visiting NIC in June.

President’s Report
President Bell praised Rolly Williams’ commitment to diversity and congratulated him on recently receiving the Civil Rights Award from the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations. NIC representatives and Bell recently traveled to Spaulding to sign an Memorandum of Understanding specifying education commitment with Lewis-Clark State College, the University of Idaho, Washington State University and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Bell also reported on the Really Big Raffle, on facilities projects that have either been completed or are planned, and on the NIC Foundation annual campaign.

SENATE
Senate Chair Fran Bahr reported that she was meeting with attorney Marc Lyons to refine the Policy on Board and College Governance. That policy has had a first reading, and it will be reviewed by the Faculty Assembly as an information item. Bahr noted that working with Lyons directly on policies is very helpful.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Bob Bennett, Faculty Assembly Chair, said that faculty attended a strategic planning meeting. They also are participating in the Meet & Confer process and reviewing policies from the Senate.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Staff Assembly Chair Shelley Cobetto noted that staff had participated in the all-employee survey, the Meet & Confer process, and were soliciting nominations for assembly officers for elections to be held later this spring.

ASNIC
Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President, visited CSI recently, and he enjoyed learning of the similarities and differences in the two colleges. Students have approved a $3.00 fee increase to develop a recycling program. Robinson also reiterated the students’ interest in having Spring Break coincide with LCSC. He said that the meeting would be his last official board meeting, as student elections will held in April.

BOARD CHAIR
Board Chair Williams thanked President Bell for her congratulations on his receiving the Civil Rights Award. He explained that he did not set out to promote diversity; however, he did believe that recruiting the best players from all ethnicities was important. That practice provided cultural awareness opportunities for local student athletes that otherwise might not be available.