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, Christie Wood, Marc Lyons, and President Priscilla Bell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: 04-30-08: 06 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
- Christie Wood: 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. The executive session was ended at approximately 5:00 pm, and the Trustees reconvened in open session for a budget workshop. It concluded at approximately 6:00 pm, and the meeting was recalled as follows:

RECALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
Board Chair Williams recalled the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and verified that a quorum of the Board was present. He said that the Public Comments, generally heard at the beginning of the meeting, will be following the Report on the Resolution Regarding Acquisition and Development.
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2008, as amended to show Trustee Wood not in attendance. The motion was unanimously approved.

GUESTS
Taryn Hecker of the Spokesman-Review and Heidi Groover of the Sentinel were introduced as guests.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Vice President Murray introduced Curt Hoffman, Principal of Timberlake High School, and John Cordell, Principal of St. Maries High School. Cordell is president of the Region I Principals Association. They presented an award on behalf of the Principals Association to NIC for the collaboration extended to the area school districts.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION CORRIDOR
President Bell said that as one of her primary goals, the trustees had directed her to work on acquisition of property for the education corridor. The purchase of the Stimson mill site has a long history, and is not an easy concept to bring to fruition. In March 2007, the Board passed a resolution noting its commitment. Bell said that Marshall Chesrown, a regional developer, is developing a contract of sale for the property, to be delivered according to EPA clean-up standards. She cited population projections for growth, the low college attainment rates for Idaho, as well as the expanding need for educational services.
Trustee Armon noted that the Board’s involvement in discussions relative to the acquisition of the Stimson property goes back about seven or eight years. At that time a valuation was placed at $10 million. Despite escalation of real estate values in North Idaho, Chesrown has not increased the cost. He proposes a simultaneous contract closing on the property with both the mill and NIC. Armon said that NIC is looking at financing mechanisms, and the first reading of the budget proposes utilization of foregone taxes of $2.4 million. He explained that NIC has had the opportunity collect foregone taxes over the past number of years, but has elected not to do so. Armon said his preference for use of foregone taxes is for capital assets for the college.

Armon was specific about the deed restriction on the land on which NIC is located—it was granted, in perpetuity by the former Winton Lumber Company, for either educational facilities or a hospital. Thus, nothing else can be built on the land where NIC is located. Armon noted that Tubbs Hill, Kootenai Medical Center, and other projects were undertaken when it might not have seemed economically feasible. However, the area will grow and education is one of the mandates of growth. Armon said that the citizens need to look to the future of NIC, UI, LCSC and ISU. Bell conveyed that it is a “win-win” opportunity—protecting public access and providing opportunity for education in our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Jack Beebe, a local realtor, Larry Branen, Director of UI Coeur d’Alene, Jonathan Coe, President of the Coeur d’Alene Chamber of Commerce, Tony Berns, President of Lake City Development Corporation, Kraig Lysek, a Fort Grounds Homeowner, Freeman Duncan, local attorney, Mayor Sandi Bloem, Cyndie Hammond, Director of LCSC Coeur d’Alene, Ryan Robinson, ASNIC Chair, Jim Robson, local dentist, all expressed positive support of the education corridor and acquisition of the mill site by NIC. Gary Ingram, a Coeur d’Alene resident said he felt that the decision was moving too quickly and that the valuation of the property may not be accurate. Ingram further asked the trustees to be sensitive to impact to citizens for the possible increases to taxes for other public projects such as the jail, the school district levy, and the City of Coeur d’Alene budget needs.

Following Public Comment, each of the trustees commented on the acquisition of the mill property and the ability to enhance education as well as the community with the purchase. The board further stated that the purpose and rationale supporting the March 2007 resolution to support the acquisition and development of the Stimson Mill site still exists. They also believe it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The issue is ripening quickly and there is a need for action to investigate and pursue the opportunity. They directed the administration, working with the college attorney, to become directly involved in discussions to acquire the property. Negotiations with other governmental entities and NIC’s education partners may be necessary. The NIC Foundation may be needed to assist the college. Therefore, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: 04-30-08: 07 Motion was made by Trustee Wood and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer directing the NIC administration to work with its partners in education, the NIC Foundation, and others, to enter into negotiations with the owner of the Stimson mill site with the goal to return to the Board with a proposal to acquire this property. The motion was unanimously approved.**
COLLEGE CALENDARS ACADEMIC YEARS 2010-2011 AND 2011-2012
Eric Murray, Vice President for Student Services, told the trustees that it was the second reading for the college calendars for academic years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. He said that records indicate 85 concurrent students enrolled in both NIC and LCSC. During the recent student elections, three spring break proposals were forth for vote by the student body. The majority voted for aligning spring break with UI and LCSC. The remaining votes were nearly equally divided between the Coeur d'Alene School District’s spring break or placing it in the middle of NIC’s spring semester. The trustees requested that Murray discuss future institution-wide calendars that coordinate with the other educational entities. The following motion was then approved:

MOTION: 04-30-08: 08 Motion was made by Trustee Wood and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve the college calendars for academic years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD AND COLLEGE GOVERNANCE POLICY 2.01.04
College Attorney Marc Lyons reported on the Board and College Governance Policy 2.01.04. The policy is a proposal to change policy on NIC’s governance and how to adopt policies. Lyons said that two versions have been presented. Because faculty are on nine-month contracts, they want to be represented on policies that affect them. One version of the policy reflects this condition. The other allows policy work to continue throughout the whole year. Lyons said that it is a pleasure to work directly with the Senate on this policy. However, the restriction on policy initiation, changes, or deletions during only the fall and spring semester takes much of the year away from the ability to continue work on policies.

Discussion took place of ways to accommodate the faculty representatives on the Senate during the summer. The following motion was then made:

MOTION: 04-30-08: 09 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to have the Senate and college attorney revise the Board and College Governance Policy 2.01.04 to allow compromise that will provide for continuous work on policies throughout the entire year. The motion was unanimously approved.

AWARDING TENURE
Interim Vice President for Instruction Kathy Christie reported that she, the Tenure Committee, and the President had reviewed the candidates for tenure and their files. She requested that the following candidates be approved for tenure:
MOTION 04-30-08: 10 Motion was made by Trustee Armon and seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer to approve and grant tenure in accordance with Board Policy 3.02.09 to:
  Curt Booth
  Carl Curtis
  Christine Shaw
  Lesley Schoch
The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CALENDAR FOR FY07-08
Board Chair Williams noted the first reading of the Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar for FY08-09. The proposed calendar coincides with the NIC calendar and national events attended by the Trustees and the President. The following motion was then made:

MOTION 04-30-08: 11 Motion was made by Trustee Meyer and seconded by Trustee Armon to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar for FY08-09 as presented.

TUITION AND FEES 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR
Vice President Rolly Jurgens said that a 7.4% increase to residence tuition for students is recommended. The average tuition increase at NIC over the past six years is approximately 6.7%. Jurgens noted that NIC tuition is among the lowest in the region. The trustees asked if the reduced tuition for Washington and Montana students had resulted in increased enrollments. Vice President Murray said that the decrease had attracted Washington students, but few Montana students. Jurgens told the trustees that an increase from $60 to $65, in accordance with state law, to dual enrollment students will be sought as well. The tuition and fees will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

THIRD QUARTER BUDGET FY08 REVIEW
Vice President Jurgens said that tuition and fees revenue is slightly above revenue reported for the previous five years. He said that there are no areas of concern.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY08-09
The General Fund Budget for FY08-09 was presented by Vice President Jurgens. The Plant Fund Budget is a separate budget within the overall Operating Budget of the college. Further explanation was provided by Jurgens of the items covered by the Plant Fund Budget. The Operating Budget FY08-09 reflects an increase of approximately 5% from state allocations, approximately 4.5% in professional-technical funding, and a 7.4% increase in student tuition and fees. Jurgens outlined the expenditures changes from the FY07-08 budget. The proposed budget is prepared without the county estimates for property tax values, which will not be available until fall. Thus, Jurgens said that adjustments may be made at the time property tax valuations are available. The budget will be presented for Board approval at the May meeting.
INFORMATION ITEMS
President Bell’s activities during the past month included a Greater Regional Chamber of Commerce Fly-In to Washington, DC. She said the meetings were very positive and beneficial. The five-year interim accreditation visit and report has been made, and the faculty and staff were complimented by the students to the accreditation team. The Strategic Plan is nearing completion, and a meeting for public comment will be held May 14. Many employees are involved the Xplor NIC program, during which students from School District 271 will visit the campus. The event is led by Vice President Murray and the Student Services Division.

DIAMOND JUBILEE
Trustee Wood said that funding based upon a minimal budget has been included in the next year’s budget for the Diamond Jubilee celebration. The committee, as well as sub-committees, continues to work on the various events for the celebration year.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
None.

SENATE
Senate Chair Fran Bahr reported that this was her final meeting, and that a new Chair would be elected. The Senate has three more policies that will be before the trustees in the next meeting or so.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Bob Bennett, Faculty Assembly Chair, said this, too, was his last meeting. He said that benefit recommendations had been sent to Meet & Confer from the faculty. He urged the trustees to consider the growing salary gap between competitor institutions and NIC. Bennett thanked the board for their consideration and for their support of the NIC community.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Staff Assembly Chair Shelley Cobetto noted that a new officer for the staff would be at the next meeting. She requested that improving salaries be considered along with land acquisition and other designated projects. Additionally, Cobetto thanked the trustees for their progress on improving salaries over the past several years.

ASNIC
Ryan Robinson, ASNIC President, said that it was his last meeting, too. Four new ASNIC senators were elected, and the results will be forthcoming. Austin Folinagy was elected ASNIC President.

BOARD CHAIR
Board Chair Williams thanked the constituent group leaders for their work. He had no further report.
REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustee Wood said that the board has been approached in the past about the POST academy locating a center in the area. She noted that a company named “Blackwater” had been talking with the Region I chiefs of police and the sheriff about building a facility in the area. Wood noted that the law enforcement departments are still very interested in partnering with NIC.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Armon, seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer, and unanimously approved at 8:55 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Chair                  Board of Trustees Secretary