Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 14, 2016
AGENDA

Special Meeting of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
1:00 p.m. – Thursday – April 14, 2016

Board of Trustee Room
315 Altgeld Hall
DeKalb, Illinois

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Verification of Quorum and Appropriate Notification of Public Meeting
3. Meeting Agenda Approval................................................................. Action...........
4. Chair’s Comments/Announcements
5. Public Comment
6. President’s Report No. 104
   a. Appointment of Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts ................ Action........1
7. Other Matters
8. Next Meeting Date
9. Adjournment

*Individuals wishing to make an appearance before the Board should consult the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University, Article II, Section 4 – Appearances before the Board. Appearance request forms will be available in the Board Room the day of the meeting. For more information contact Kathleen Carey, (kjehns@niu.edu) Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Altgeld Hall 300, DeKalb, IL 60115, 815-753-1273.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEAN, COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Following a national search, Professor Paul Kassel has accepted an offer to be the Dean of the NIU College of Visual and Performing Arts. He is recommended for appointment at the rank of professor with tenure in the School of Theatre and Dance. Professor Kassel is currently a Professor of Theatre Arts at the State University of New York at New Paltz (SUNY New Paltz). Previously, he served that institution as Associate Dean and Interim Dean of the School of Fine & Performing Arts.

Professor Kassel has experience supervising undergraduate and graduate degree programs, as well as public visual and performing arts events and community arts programs. At SUNY New Paltz, he led the strategic planning process for Fine & Performing Arts. He contributed to the development of interdisciplinary art/design and computer science/engineering programs in collaboration with the School of Engineering & Science, including a Digital Design & Fabrication Lab and Team that received $500,000 in start-up funding from Hudson River Ventures and Central Hudson.

Kassel's scholarly works include *Acting: An Introduction to the Art and Craft of Playing*, published by Allyn & Bacon in 2006, as well as several articles and many conference presentations on acting and performance theory. Kassel has worked off and off-off Broadway in regional theaters and in a number of films, several television shows, and industrials. He has written four original plays and several adaptations, and is a member of Actors' Equity Association and the Screen Actors' Guild. He has been an artistic associate with the Half Moon Theatre Company since 2010, and a trainer/consultant with the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science since 2015.

Professor Kassel holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Communications from Miami University of Ohio, as well as a Master of Fine Arts from Florida State University's Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training.

**Recommendation:** The President recommends that Professor Paul Kassel be appointed Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, with the rank of professor with tenure in the School of Theatre and Dance, effective July 1, 2016.