

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Meeting June 11, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30 a.m. in Riverfront Hall 103 & 104. Chair Radosh presided.

Trustee Brown moved to convene to open session at 8:30 am. Trustee Shaw seconded the motion.

Roll Call

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| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Patrick Twomey | Yes |

Motion approved.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustees were present:

Trustee Polly Radosh
Trustee Doug Shaw
Trustee Greg Aguilar
Trustee Justin Brown
Trustee Erik Dolieslager
Trustee Kisha Lang
Trustee Carin Stutz
Trustee Patrick Twomey

Also present for the closed meeting of the Board of Trustees:

President Guiyou Huang
Provost Martin Abraham (Virtual)
University Legal Counsel, Liz Duvall (Riverfront Hall)
Interim Vice President for Student Services, John Smith (Virtual)
Associate Provost & Associate VP, Academic Affairs, Mark Mossman (Virtual)
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Gary Swegan (Virtual)
Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, CFO, Teresa Smith (Virtual)
Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations, Jeanette Malafa (Virtual)
Assistant to the President for Diversity & Inclusion, Sterling Saddler (Virtual)
Executive Director of Auxiliary Services & Risk Management, Joe Roselieb (Virtual)

Executive Director of Personnel and Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb (Virtual)
Executive Director of the Foundation, Brad Bainter (Virtual)
Executive Director of Facilities Management, Troy Rhoads (Virtual)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Review and Approval of March 25, 2021 Closed Session Minutes and March 26, 2021 Open Session Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: to approve Open and Closed Session Minutes by Trustee Brown
Second: Trustee Dolieslager

A correction was entered into the record to correct Billy Clow’s title to “Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication.”

Roll Call

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| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |

Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Thompson: Praised the Board of Trustees for increased transparency and encouraged that to continue by not destroying closed session minutes.

CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Chair Radosh

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Huang thanked the Board for allowing him to do the work he needs to do. Thanked Trustee Brown for his work as a Trustee. Expressed appreciation for the following administrators as this will be their last Board Meeting: Dr. Teresa Smith, Dr. John Smith, Gary Swegan. HLC Accreditation work acknowledged and Mark Mossman’s team.

ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Elizabeth Orwig – President, Student Government Association – Macomb

Reviewed the newly approved printing policy, officers, and activities to come. Goals are promoting activities, diversity and inclusion and being agents of change. Thanked Justin Brown for his service to SGA and the Board of Trustees.

Ashley Danner– Chief of Staff, Student Government Association – Quad Cities

Goals are event planning, recruitment for SGA, and planned events are Welcome Week, Casino Night, video tours with faculty and staff, and finishing the workout room.

Dr. Christopher Pynes – Chair, Faculty Senate – Macomb

Thanked Trustees for their time and this is his last meeting as Chair. Recognized the Board for their difficult work and for their diligence.

Mathematics and Philosophy eliminated Math 099 and there is a new path for math competency. Fire Protection program is new.

The new chair will be Elon Lauer, Bill Thompson vice chair, Jeremy Robinett secretary.

Encouraged the new chair to reach out to predecessors while in leadership.

Dr. Padmaja Pillutla—Chair, Faculty Council—Quad Cities

Gave a brief history of the Faculty Council, its role, and the Council’s objectives.

Justin Schuch – President, Council of Administrative Personnel

Samantha Klingler was awarded COAP Employee of the Year.

COAP has been active with the many searches.

Sarah Lytle is the new COAP President.

Nicky Friedrichsen – President, Civil Service Employees Council

- Thanked President Huang, the Administration and the Board of Trustees for their leadership in moving us forward. This spring we are happy to report we were able to award two \$250 Textbook scholarships to Matthew Clark and Jason Kubis.
- Elected officers for the 2021-2022 Council year: Ted Renner Vice President, Dawn Schmitt Secretary, and Laura Caldwell Treasurer. Nicky Friedrichsen elected as President again.
- Grateful for the reduction in the parking hang tag fee for next academic year. Salary increases do not seem to be coming in the near future, President Huang’s consistent statement, “When we can we will” is encouraging. Thanked Board for continuing to keep concerns at top of mind and Council looks forward to continuing to work with the administration for alternatives to increases and in attracting and retaining quality students.

Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations Report

Jeanette Malafa

Noted that this is the first time in many years that all Board Members have been confirmed. There are a number of bills up for consideration and they will make it to the Governor’s desk soon.

HB3438: Each campus must designate an Undocumented Student Liaison.

August 26 Illinois Constitution Day

June 19 is Juneteenth

SB2338 Student Athlete Endorsement Rights Act-deals with when a student may or may not use his or her image for compensation, Financial Aid cannot be lowered if the athlete has income from the image

SB1697 amends Grants Transparency and Accountability Act

SB2800 contains state budget and WIU's flat \$49.6M budget, MAP increase, AIM High increase

Redistricting maps drawn and approved and there will be a change in representation in Macomb and the QC

Trustee Twomey expressed concern on behalf of school administrators about the Early Child Education Consortium legislation and how ISBE is promoting it.

Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Dr. Sterling Saddler

Dr. Saddler presented the video from the President's Excellence in Diversity Awards 2021.

The video can be found at https://youtu.be/p_b9-beu78s

Executive Director of University Communications

Darcie Shinberger

A report of marketing and university relations was provided to the Trustees.

Assistant Vice President, QC Academic Affairs

Dr. Kristi Mindrup

Dr. Mindrup shared about the focus on student wellness and engagement: the excitement of Commencement planning and success, planning for a fitness and wellness center/corridor on campus, food trucks on campus.

Focus on Career Readiness: WQPT offers internship opportunities

Campus promotion: Branding refresh with campus entrance directional signage, Rocky's Corner signage

Facilities and grounds look fantastic.

WQPT has won several awards for their programming.

First two Environmental Science graduates, many Environmental Science highlights.

SBDC has had a significant impact during COVID, assisted 12 new business starts, accessed ___M in grants.

Strategic planning converts last summer's Strategic Position Statement to align with other strategic plans.

Campus Coordination Team has helped to steer the success of the campus and demonstrates a commitment to WIU.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS

Provost and Academic Vice President, Dr. Martin Abraham reported:

Highlighted first PhD degree in Environmental Studies; Cyber Security program is entering accreditation review, School of Engineering and program of Engineering Technology merged to form the School of Engineering and Technology and Rafael Obregon will serve as Interim Director; pathway agreement with Highland Community College takes students from high school to Highland to WIU in four years to earn a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education; Marching Leathernecks were invited to play at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu, HI; IIRA has worked with legislators for economic development with the PTAC positions and a rural grocery store initiative; awarded 742 undergraduate degrees, 272 master's degrees and 3 doctoral degrees.

Trustee Radosh asked how the Highland Community College partnership would work and Provost Abraham said that WIU would have staff on the campus of Highland to cut down commuting time for full-time employed students.

Trustee Stuz congratulated the Diversity award winners.

Interim Vice President for Student Services, Mr. John Smith reported:

Welcomed Dr. David Braverman as the new VPSS, thanked senior leadership during tenure as Interim Vice President for Student Services, and expressed that the division of Student Success has earned its name. The Top Flight Award was awarded to the entire division.

Interim Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, Dr. Teresa Smith reported:

Updated the search process for CHRO-it has been failed. Director of Purchasing was a failed search and the search is restarting in July. The financial audit report is complete and will be released at the state level and results will be available at the September meeting.

Interim Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, Mr. Gary Swegan reported as follows:

FINANCE

Report No. 21.6/1: Report on Annual Fund Contributions

Executive Officer of the Foundation, Brad Bainter

Thanked Trustees Radosh and Stutz and President Huang for assistance. Highlighted the many outreach and donor events occurring throughout the country.

Report No. 21.6/2: Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence

Executive Director of Facilities Management, Troy Rhoads

Discussed priorities of driveway and parking lot repairs. Appliances and flooring are the next items to be addressed. Wifi was updated in the residence.

Report No. 21.6/3 Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

Thanked Foundation with assistance with CARES funding.

Resolution No. 21.6/1: Purchases of \$500,000 and Over—Television Programming Services

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

Motion: Trustee Brown

Second: Trustee Aguilar

Roll Call

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| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 21.6/3: Purchases \$500,000 and Over--Spark Plasma Sintering System

Motion: Trustee Aguilar

Second: Trustee Lang

Roll Call

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| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 21.6/3: New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

No changes and no need to increase reserve limits.

Motion: Trustee Shaw

Second: Trustee Brown

Roll Call

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| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |

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| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |

Motion passed.

Report No. 21.6/4: Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2021

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

The division pledged to work in 3 areas to manage the deficit: Maintain all operational costs, watch attrition savings, CARES funding and this has been accomplished. As of now the university will definitely have \$1.1M as a positive fund balance and will continue to work to manage the deficit.

Resolution No. 21.6/4: Authorizing Refunding of Certificates of Participation (COPS)

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

James McNulty from Blue Rose Capitol gave a brief overview of the plan.

Motion: Trustee Shaw
Second: Trustee Brown

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| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 21.6/5: FY2022 Preliminary Spending Plan

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

Motion: Trustee Aguilar
Second: Trustee Shaw

Budget approval process was reviewed. The proposed budget is flat due to the flat funding from the Illinois General Assembly and the uncertainty of fall enrollment numbers.

Roll Call

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| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |

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| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |

Motion passed.

Report No. 21.6/5: Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Memorandum of Understanding – 12 Hour Shift Schedule

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

The FOP MOU was approved at the May 6 Board of Trustees meeting. Due to the pandemic the plan was not able to be piloted and will be going forward.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT SERVICES

Report No. 21.6/6: Report on Fall Health and Safety Plans

Interim Vice President for Student Services John Smith and Executive Director of Auxiliary Services and Risk Management Joe Roselieb

In anticipation of the state reopening to Phase 5 today, a preliminary plan for the university has been released to take place Monday, June 14. There is discussion of a mandatory COVID vaccine but that will not happen until the vaccine has full FDA approval.

There was discussion on mandatory vaccination, impact of HIPAA on vaccine inquiry, and preparation of a database which falls within current regulations.

Report No. 21.6/7: Enrollment Update

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Gary Swegan

Enrollment

Retention was 67.5% two years ago and we are just under 70% now. It is important to compare enrollment and retention to the same time in 2019 not 2020 due to the outlier year with COVID.

Average turn around for an applicant is nine days.

Report No. 21.6/8: Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes

Provost Martin Abraham

Presented report as submitted.

Report No. 21.6/9: Report on Academic Affairs Hiring Activity

Provost Martin Abraham

Discussion on hiring practices and anticipated positions was held.

Report No. 21.6/10: HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Report and Findings

Associate Provost & Associate VP, Academic Affairs, Mark Mossman

The report and findings from the Higher Learning Commission was positive overall. Commended the use of technology, the recognition of what we can improve, transparency in shared governance, and commended the improvement in assessment and retention. The review team found that the financial status of the institution was of concern but warranted no sanction.

Resolution No. 21.6/6: Tenure Recommendations for 2021-2022

Provost Martin Abraham

Motion: Trustee Twomey

Second: Trustee Aguilar

Roll Call

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| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | N/A |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |

Motion approved.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 21.6/7: Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes

General Counsel Liz Duvall

A motion was made by Trustee Aguilar to amend Resolution No. 21.6/7 to modify the list of the meeting minutes to be destroyed. Seconded by Trustee Stutz.

Roll Call

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| Trustee Kisha Lang | No |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | No |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | No |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | No |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | No |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | No |
| Trustee Justin Brown | No |

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 21.6/8: Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Western Illinois University Board of Trustees

Trustee Brown made a motion to begin voting for the chair position, seconded by Trustee Twomey.

****VOTE DID NOT OCCUR****

Trustees voted for chair, vice chair, then secretary.

Roll Call

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| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |

Motion passed.

The slate of officers for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 was elected as follows:

Board Chair: Doug Shaw
Vice Chair: Erik Dolieslager
Secretary: Kisha Lang

Resolution No. 21.6/9: Elect Trustee to Serve on State Universities Civil Service Merit Board

Western Illinois University Board of Trustees

Motion: Trustee Twomey
Second: Trustee Aguilar

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| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |
| Trustee Patrick Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |

Motion approved.

Kisha Lang will continue to serve on the state Universities Civil Service Merit Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution No. 21.3/6: Student Cost Guarantee

Interim Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

Motion: Trustee Brown
Second: Trustee Lang

Teresa Smith confirmed that this is the same Resolution from the March Board of Trustees meeting.

Provost Abraham read a statement from the Grad Council that opposes eliminating the cost guarantee for graduate students.

Roll Call

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| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Retreat

Discussion was held on having the retreat on various dates and it was decided that Monday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 3.

During the meeting the Higher Learning Commission sent communication that Western Illinois University has received full accreditation until 2030.

Proclamation

A proclamation recognizing Trustee Brown for his service was read by Chair Radosh.

Next Meetings:

September 9 & 10, 2021
December 1 & 2, 2021

ADJOURN ACTION

Trustee Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 2:33 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shaw.

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| Trustee Greg Aguilar | Yes |
| Trustee Mark Twomey | Yes |
| Trustee Kisha Lang | Yes |
| Trustee Carin Stutz | Yes |
| Trustee Erik Dolieslager | Yes |
| Trustee Justin Brown | Yes |
| Trustee Doug Shaw | Yes |
| Trustee Polly Radosh | Yes |

Motion passed.

Dr. Polly Radosh, Chair
Nicky Friedrichsen, Administrative Assistant to the Board