

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8th, 2023

Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois
University Union, Capitol Room

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30am on June 8, 2023 in the University Union, Capitol Room. Chair Doug Shaw presided.

June 8, 2023 - University Union, Capitol Room

Trustee moved to convene to open session at 8:30am.

Motion: Trustee Stutz

Second: Trustee Aguilar

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes

Motion approved.

Roll Call

The following Trustees were present:

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes

The following Trustees were absent
None

Also present for the meeting of the Board of Trustees:
President Guiyou Huang
University Legal Counsel, Liz Duvall
Senior Executive Assistant to the President, Athena Brooks

Public Comments

None

Review and approval of March 23rd, 2023 Open and Closed Session meeting minutes and the March 24th, 2023 Open Session meeting minutes.

Motion: Trustee Aguilar

Second: Trustee Lang

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes

Closed Session – Change am to pm in the minutes.

Motion approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Doug Shaw

- Thank you from all to Erik Dolieslager for years of service to the Board.
- Thank you from all to Mark Twomey for years of service to the Board.
- Welcome New Trustee Kirk Dillard
- There will be a crisis planning and review of disaster planning completed in September following the recent shooting concern.
- Last meeting as your chair to the board
- Encourage all trustees to use the offices on both campuses.
- Thank you to President Huang, the board chose the right person.

President's Remarks

President Guiyou Huang

- Thank you to faculty and staff in Macomb and the Quad Cities campuses.
- Welcome Senator Kirk Dillard to the board. Glad to see a man of his caliber and with his connections joining us.
- Thank you to Erik Dolieslager. His service to WIU was valuable with his guidance and relationships.
- Thank you to Mark Twomey for his stellar service and support of the University.
- Welcome back Carin Stutz and Kisha Lang. I look forward to working with both trustees as they are reappointed to the board. I appreciate their dedication and advice.
- There has been an increase in the budget signed by the governor yesterday. We need his support and it is nice to see it at this time.
- Paul Bubb, Brad Bainter and the Foundation, thank you for your leadership and support in changing from the Summit League to the Ohio Valley Conference. Membership is official very soon.
- There have been many positive comments about this conference change.
- Thank you to Doug Shaw as he steps down from the chair position, for everything you have done to enhance the University. I have enjoyed our good partnership and communication.
- The recent shooting was something that affected us all. Everyone was excellent while working together. From the CEO of MDH, Mayor Inman, the local police department and all of our students. The campus violence plan has been revised and implemented. Safety is always our number one goal.

Reports and Discussion Items

Report No. 23.6/1

Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence

(Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, Troy Rhoads)

Rhoads - Review of report.

Report No. 23.6/2

Purchases of \$100,000-499,999.99

(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton)

Sutton - Review of report and discussion.

Report No. 23.6/3

Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2023

(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton)

Sutton - Review of report. In-depth discussion of areas that went over budget.

Report No. 23.6/4

Enrollment Update

(Vice President for Enrollment Management, Amber Evans)

Evans - Review of report. Discussion about GPA requirements, change in FASFA, budget concerns and overages, reputation and graduation rate.

Report No. 23.6/5

Marketing & Communication Update

(Interim Assistant Vice President for Communications, Marketing and Media Relations,
Alisha Looney)

Looney - Review of report. Discussion about changing wording from Affordable to Quality Education, program specific marketing and digital marketing.

Report No. 23.6/6

Report on Contributions

(Executive Officer of the Foundation, Brad Bainter)

Bainter - Review of report and two videos.

Radosh - Nice choice of content and individuals in the video.

President Huang - Thank you for your service as you prepare to retire.

Report No. 23.6/7

Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Zoghi - Review of report. Welcome Kirk Dillard, thank you to Doug Shaw for services as Chair and thank you to Erik and Mark for service to the board.

Report No. 23.6/8

Provost and Academic Vice President Report

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Zoghi - Review of report.

Report No. 23.6/9

Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 3rd Quarter

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Zoghi - Review of report.

Report No. 23.6/10

Academic Calendars

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Zoghi - Review of report.

Verbal Reports and Updates

Vice President of QC Campus Operations, Kristi Mindrup

- Rocky's Play space located within Moline's Florencia Neighborhood
- Spring commencement was a success with 111 undergraduates and 81 graduate students
- WIU staff and several volunteers from neighboring IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union helped with a Day of Caring flood debris cleanup on campus in April
- During the flood our Ph.D. students under the direction of Dr. Roger Viadero in Environmental Science gained experience and knowledge about flooding and river

behavior during times of flooding. This research was recognized nationally and on Colorado Public Radio

- “Luchadores Immigrants,” a multi-media exhibit by Iowa artist Miriam Alarcon Avila was featured on the QC campus
- WIU Faculty and Staff Art Show in April, and served as a site for Congressman Eric Sorenson to host the annual Congressional Art Show
- Review of several WIU sponsored events and activities
- WIU Career Development and Workforce Preparation Center launched a survey of graduates, of 250 responses, 90% of those secured positions related to their major
- WQPT celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a Gala
- Quad Cities campus focused on four major priorities
 - 1) fostering growth by supporting Quad Cities-based programs, tailoring recruitment models for a Quad Cities audience, and establishing new pathways to both campuses of WIU through partnerships
 - 2) building community support for WIU, and owning our own narrative as we set the pace and tone for higher education innovation in the Quad Cities region
 - 3) Aligning Quad Cities priorities and community resources within the University Comprehensive Capital Campaign
 - 4) Ensure an effective, efficient campus operation with an emphasis on an inclusive and positive campus culture.

Interim Vice President for Student Success, John Smith – Report given by JB Biernbaum

- JB Biernbaum – Retiring after 30 years of service – Congratulations from ALL
- Focus on retention – 3268 activities/events in the union in the last year up 35%
- Emergency management team added the Building Emergency Coordinator Program with 58 individuals across campus serving in buildings to focus on emergency response
- SDSC (Student Development and Success Center) served over 2K student cases
- Review of new hires
- 105K visitors to the Rec Center
- MCC – review of events
- Office of Student Engagement 139K events with over 20K attendees
- Bue Health Center – 95% compliance rate on immunizations and served over 1500 students
- Counseling Center - 582 clients 3188 hours of service
- Student Rights and Responsibilities 1149 judicial cases / expelled 2 / suspended 37
- Review of Camps and Conferences

Discussion about concerns in regards to smoking on campus and mental health resources.

Athletics Director, Paul Bubb

- Review of hires and searches
- Leatherneck Board of Directors’ update
- 45th Annual Golf Outing fundraiser was a success 120 golfers
- 325 student athletes – Review of honors and GPA - Academic accomplishments reviewed
- Concern with May 1st deadline for scholarships
- Hand out and review of the Strategic Plan

- Move to the Ohio Valley Conference this year. Review of why the change was made
- Will remain with Summit league for football and soccer for one more year

Discussion about the deficit and planning for a balanced budget.

Interim Director of JIDE, Carl Ervin

- History of the new JIDE office – Goal of collaboration
- BSA demands update
- University Diversity Plan in draft
- Four Town Hall meetings planned for Fall
- Anti-racism Task Force update
- Campus climate survey- results are coming in now
- Off campus shooting sparked several events
- June will be the decision on affirmative action from the Supreme Court – We will monitor and be prepared
- Focus on collaboration
- Two upcoming grants – Virtual Police De-escalating Training and Rural Post-Secondary Economic Development
- Research projects reviewed

Discussion about climate survey results, follow up to the BSA and how will JIDE judge its effectiveness.

Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton

- Thank you to the board and co-workers. This will be the last BOT meeting as a VP
- Thank you to Shannon from all Trustees and President Huang

General & Advisory Group Reports and Comments

Faculty Senate Chair, Julia Albarracin

- Creation of a Committee on Artificial Intelligence – Tech changes in the classroom and reviewing policies
- Anti-bullying policy being reviewed
- Concerns brought to EXCO in regards to admission standards - Request CAGAS to review standards and retention
- Request to review retention initiatives across campus

Discussion about faculties view on admission standards.

Council of Administrative Personnel President, Justin Schuch

- Congratulations to all of our WIU grads
- Thank you to all areas of Campus that helped with the block party
- COAP person of the year was JB
- Review of new board members

Resolutions and Action Items

Action

Resolution No. 23.6/1

Action

New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton and Executive
Director of Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Cornell

Second: Trustee Lang

Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/2

Action

Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Spending Plan
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton and University
Budget Officer, Renee Georges)

Motion: Trustee Stutz

Second: Trustee Lang

Trustee Stutz – Concern voiced in regards to the preliminary spending plan amount and request for a decreased budget be brought to the Board in September.

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/3

Action

Purchases of \$500,000 and Over – Athletic Conference Exit fee
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton)

Motion: Trustee Wise
Second: Trustee Aguilar

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/4

Action

Tenure Recommendations for 2022-2023
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Motion: Trustee Lang
Second: Trustee Radosh

Roll Call

Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Abstain
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/5

Action

Presidential Appointment
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

Motion: Trustee Cornell
Second: Trustee Aguilar

Discussion by Board in regards to President Huang's contract continuation is supported.

Roll Call

Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/6

Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

Action

Motion: Trustee Radosh

Second: Trustee Stutz

Roll Call

Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/7

Elect Trustee to Serve on State Universities Civil Service Merit Board
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

Action

Motion: Trustee Lang

Second: Trustee Cornell

Trustee Derek Wise – States that he is honored to serve.

Roll Call

Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes

Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 23.6/8

Action

Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

Slate Recommendation: Trustee Lang

Second: Trustee Aguilar

Trustee Radosh – Recommendation to complete voting without a specific slate.

All agree

Discussion and deliberation in regards to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary positions.

Eight total rounds of voting

Final selection as follows:

Chair - Trustee Carin Stutz

Vice-Chair - Trustee Greg Aguilar

Secretary - Trustee Cody Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes

Motion approved.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- BOT Retreat – Change from October 27th to the 13th due to our Homecoming date changing. Meeting will be in Macomb.

Next Meeting

- September 27th – 28th, 2023 – Quad Cities, Riverfront Hall 104

ADJOURN ACTION

Trustee moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 3:35pm.

Motion: Trustee Aguilar

Second: Trustee Lang

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes

Motion approved.

Doug Shaw, Chair
Athena Brooks, Senior Executive Assistant to the President