

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 9, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:00 A.M. at Riverfront Hall Rooms 103 & 104 – WIU Quad Cities. Chair Cathy Early presided.

The following trustees were present and available to answer roll call:

Trustee Roger Clawson  
Trustee Lyneir Cole  
Trustee Cathy Early  
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Trustee Todd Lester  
Trustee Steven Nelson  
Trustee Yvonne Savala

Trustee William Gradle was absent.

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

President Jack Thomas  
Legal Counsel Rica Calhoun  
Board Treasurer and Vice President for Administrative Services Matt Bierman  
Interim Provost and Academic Vice President Kathy Neumann  
Vice President for Student Services Ron Williams  
Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter  
Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives

Advisory Group Representatives present:

Civil Service Employees Council Representative – Steve Whan – Quad Cities  
Faculty Senate Chair – Christopher Pynes – Macomb  
& Brendan Young – Executive Committee Member, Faculty Council – Quad Cities  
Student Government Association President – Grant Reed – Macomb  
& Michael Cortez – President, Student Government Association – Quad Cities  
Council of Administrative Personnel President – Dustin Van Sloten – Macomb  
& Audrey Adamson – Representative, Council of Administrative Personnel – Quad Cities

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Cole moved to approve the March 30-31, 2017 Board Meeting minutes. Trustee Lester seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Chair Early said that she tries to catch people doing good things at Western:

- School of Agriculture – the third greenhouse, which widens teaching and research opportunities, opened in April
- School of Agriculture – Director Andy Baker received the 2017 Illinois Teacher Mentor Award
- Senior LEJA Jose Gutierrez won first place for his poem at the Symposium for Spanish as a Heritage Language at UC-Irvine
- Audrey Adamson was recognized by ACPA for Commuter Students and Adult Learners for Outstanding Achievement by an Experienced Student Affairs Professional
- Tri-States Public Radio has won numerous awards and recognitions
- Jennifer Grimm was awarded an Outstanding Advising Award by National Academic Advising Association
- Eta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Delta was named a 2017 Phi Beta Delta Eileen Evans Outstanding Chapter
- Four WIU-QC Students named to the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society: Douglas Wood, Kaleb Wadsworth, Todd Range, Patrick Gilliam

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Thomas' remarks were as follows:

Good morning, and thank you for joining us here at our Quad Cities campus for today's Board of Trustees' meeting.

I would like to start by congratulating the more than 1,700 students who participated in our 2017 commencement weekend, which was held May 12-14 in Macomb and the Quad Cities. I know many of you here today participated in the weekend's activities. Thank you for helping to make Commencement Weekend such a success.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we welcomed more than 200 students and their families to our Leatherneck family at the first Summer Orientation and Registration. Seven additional SOARs are scheduled through July.

On a more serious note, allow me to set the stage for you this morning. We are now entering a third year without a state appropriated budget. Our story with regard to a lack of state funding, unfunded state mandates, enrollment and related tuition and fee income, and competition for students is similar to other Illinois public universities. Between 2002 and 2015, state appropriated funding for Western Illinois University has decreased by 20%. Adjusted for inflation, this percentage increases to 39%. For FY16, we received one stop-gap payment from the state totaling \$14.9 million. This fiscal year, we have received \$39.8 million through one stop gap appropriation and a distribution from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). For fiscal years 2016 and 2017 combined, we only received half of what we would normally receive over a two-year period. Additionally, we have received no MAP funds for FY17 and the University covered MAP funding for our students. Certainly, this is unprecedented in the history of our state and in higher education. The uncertainty of state funding makes planning and fiscal management difficult.

Western Illinois University has been forced to institute substantial cost-saving measures. Our administrators, faculty and staff participated in furloughs or salary reduction programs last fiscal year as well as this fiscal year. 59 employees took advantage of an early retirement incentive program that the University sponsored, and we were forced to lay off over 100 employees. Since 2011, we have combined administrative departments to achieve streamlined operations and efficiencies, decreased facilities and maintenance services, eliminated academic programs and realized attrition savings through not filling vacant positions at the University.

Since our last Board of Trustees Meeting, I have traveled to Springfield on many occasions. We visited with legislative and executive leaders to discuss the ongoing budget impasse and its continued impact on public higher education. Last week, we sent notification letters to approximately 117 Unit B faculty informing them that we are delaying contract renewal notices for non-tenure track faculty. Today, our Board of Trustees will consider a resolution for the temporary use of Auxiliary Systems Funds for non-System purposes during FY18. This is similar to a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting in April 2016. We did not utilize these funds in FY17. However, because it appears that the budget situation will extend into a new fiscal year once again, it is critical that we take all necessary actions should the need arise to ensure the operational continuity of Western Illinois University. Reductions are inevitable because of the state budget impasse, and we have plans in place to deal with various contingencies regarding state funding.

Simply put, the state of Illinois has not provided sufficient, reliable and predictable fiscal support. We cannot rely on the state in the future, and we must become more self-sufficient. We are being forced to operate more like a private university. Therefore, we must engage in more fundraising, with an emphasis on corporate fundraising. Further, we have developed a plan with various scenarios and when certain financial triggers from the state are not met, we will enact those plans as necessary.

In spite of what is happening at the state level, we are moving forward to further enhance the institution. On Wednesday, June 14, members of the University community and area residents are invited to attend press events on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses where I will present the President's Executive Institute and Strategic Plan Supplement initiatives and goals.

The Macomb media event will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Tri States Public Radio Performance Studio, and the Quad Cities program will begin at 2:30 p.m. in this room, Riverfront 103/104. You will hear about some of these initiatives when Joe Rives provides remarks today regarding the President's Executive Institute and the Strategic Plan Supplement. I look forward to sharing our continued progress for the future.

We also continue to host education and economic development summits with education and community leaders throughout the state and in St. Louis, and we have also started hosting alumni summits to obtain feedback and suggestions from WIU alumni. Our first alumni summit was held last week at the Quad Cities campus. We appreciate the participation we have had at these events as they provide yet another opportunity for us to better meet the needs of the regions we serve, and to showcase to our alumni base the many outstanding things happening at their alma mater.

Despite the challenges we face, Western Illinois University continues to excel. The budget does not, and will not, define our University. We are here because of our students, and we will continue to provide them with a quality and well-rounded education. Many of our students spent their spring break helping others, both in the U.S. and abroad. Our students live our core value of social responsibility, giving back to the communities we serve and beyond. Many of our students are national award winners, from broadcasting, agriculture, supply chain management, accountancy, and others.

Western Illinois University's student athletes set a new department record as 68 percent of them earned a 3.0 or higher grade point average in the Spring 2017 semester. The 3.16 cumulative GPA is the second-highest semester grade point average in Leatherneck Athletics' history. I also note that ten percent of our student-athletes received a 4.0 grade point average.

Our commitment to engaging international students also continues. Between April 11 and 13th, Dr. Jeff Hanks and I traveled to Washington, DC to meet with embassies from Mexico, Denmark, Columbia, the Royal Thai Academy and others. May 22, we hosted Arlene Jackson, director for International Education at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and Sufei Li, national coordinator of AASCU's China Center for International Educational Exchange CHEPD Program, to our campus to discuss our ongoing partnership. Our international student base continues to grow and Western is recognized for providing a world-class education to students from other countries.

According to the US Department of Education, in 2016, international students at Western Illinois University had a 14.7 million dollar economic impact and supported over 100 jobs. These international students bring the world and a variety of cultures to our University, and we appreciate their contributions and presence among us. We will continue to focus on recruiting international students to the University and providing the support they need to be successful.

Western Illinois University is also committed to increasing our online degree offerings. I would like to congratulate the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, which will begin offering an online major in anthropology this fall. As was stated in an Inside Higher Ed article, this is the first online anthropology program in the state, and one of only a few in the nation. We are investing in making other majors available completely online as well.

At this time, I would also like to officially introduce Dr. Ron Williams and Mr. Matt Bierman as our vice presidents for student services and administrative services, respectively. We will start a national search for the provost and academic Vice President position this fall.

As I discuss all that is good about Western Illinois University this morning, I would be remiss if I did not mention Dr. Gil Belles, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration professor emeritus who passed away last month in Macomb. Gil loved Western, and he loved his community. He made it his mission in life to give back to an institution and community he loved. Gil's presence at University events will be missed, and I know I will miss seeing him in the rec center in the mornings. There will be a Celebration of Life for Gil on July 15th in the COFAC Recital Hall. Ice cream will be provided outside after the ceremony, as Gil would have wanted.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for what you bring to Western Illinois University. Our faculty, staff and students make this University the great place that it is and will continue to be. Rest assured that Western Illinois University will survive these tough times, and thrive for many years to come. As I stated in my commencement address, Robert Schuller once said that, "tough times never last, but tough people do." Thank you.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations Jeanette Malafa updated the Board on legislative items that affect Western Illinois University, and the status of the budget impasse. Malafa answered a question from the audience regarding the prior learning bill being considered. Trustee Clawson asked about

MAP funding. Trustee Nelson asked about continuing education for the Trustees and what options will be coming forward.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS BY VICE PRESIDENTS**

### **Academic Services**

Interim Provost and Academic Vice President Kathy Neumann gave updates from Academic Affairs. She mentioned that the last half of the spring semester is always very busy with much going on across the University. Neumann gave information regarding the number of graduates recognized at the spring commencement ceremonies. She provided information regarding upcoming retirements. Neumann then gave specific updates of activities and recognitions from the different colleges and units. Neumann thanked those employees in her division, as well as her colleagues, the President and the Board, for their service.

Trustee Savala commented on the Ready to Run event that she attended. Dr. Janna Deitz was recognized for her leadership of this outstanding program. Chair Early elaborated on the importance of this program.

### **Student Services**

Vice President for Student Services Ron Williams shared activities and accomplishments from Student Services, including numerous recruitment and retention efforts. He also provided an update on enrollment. Williams gave information about the upcoming Higgins Hall implosion, scheduled for July 1. Trustee Lester commented on the number of students enrolling at Western from area school districts and gave kudos for the recruitment efforts.

### **Advancement and Public Services**

Vice President Brad Bainter gave updates on areas within Advancement and Public Services, such as University Relations, University Television (UTV) and the Visual Production Center (VPC). Bainter talked about how one of the recognized alumni awardees gave a large gift to the University during his commencement comments and provided Jimmy John's sandwiches to the graduates. Bainter outlined different marketing initiatives taking place. The third Western Magazine for alumni and friends should be going to the printer soon (possibly today) and should be mailed this summer. The next edition will come out in October. Bainter recognized the work of employees in his division.

Trustee Ehlert Fuller gave positive comments about the live streaming of the commencement ceremonies here in Macomb.

Bainter recognized his colleagues on the leadership team for their work.

### **Administrative Services**

Vice President Matt Bierman gave an update on the University's budget and cash flow and provided examples of activities that are ongoing. Bierman thanked the campus for their efforts. Bierman provided updates on activities and accomplishments in Administrative Services. The Benefits Choice period just took place, and this was the first year under a new third-party system. There were some hiccups but the program worked. Western will be working with the Illinois Training Standards Board to run an academy in Decatur for law enforcement officers. On June 29, WIU will participate with local entities in Macomb on an emergency exercise and training. Bierman gave updates on facilities projects taking place on campus. The Higgins Hall implosion is scheduled for July 1. It is expected that clean up after will last into the fall semester. Bierman thanked the Facilities Management employees for their service. Bierman announced that Scott Coker will be departing WIU later this month for a position off campus. Document and Publication Services (DPS) will be hosting an event on June 14 to show off their new equipment and increased services.

Trustee Ehlert Fuller asked if DPS does commercial work for those outside of Western. Bierman said they do not do commercial work but do not-for-profit work, as they do not compete with other commercial entities in Macomb.

Trustee Nelson asked about the Academy and the reason that it will not be in Macomb. Bierman explained how a contribution from the donor determined that the location be in Decatur. Nelson asked about how this might impact our relationship with ADM. VPs Rives and Bainter addressed that question.

### **Quad Cities and Planning**

Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives welcomed everyone to the Quad Cities Campus. Trustees Early and Lester were recognized for coming to the campus yesterday to serve on a Trustee-In-Residence experience. Rives addressed a question presented by the Governance Groups in the Consent Agenda. Rives deferred comment on planning items for later in the meeting. He recognized the Trustees for their support and participation in activities and summits. Rives gave updates on activities and accomplishments of the WIU-QC Campus, highlighting awards given to on- and off-campus individuals for their contributions. Rives gave kudos related to the commencement ceremony at the iWireless Center. He also provided information regarding memberships and awards for members of the QC Campus. Finally, Rives showed off a brochure that shows the work of the DPS.

Trustee Clawson gave positive comments regarding his recent participation in an alumni summit. Clawson and Rives thanked Alumni Director Amy Spelman for her leadership in planning and facilitating these events. Chair Early added that she has attended mayors and high school administrators summits and that they have been outstanding. President Thomas thanked Joe Rives, Becky Paulsen, and others for following through on these efforts. He also thanked the Dean of College of Education and Human Services Erskine Smith and Associate Dean Katrina Daytner for the career fair held recently. Trustee Ehlert Fuller said that not only did the participants learn about us, but they also provided valuable questions and feedback. Rives said that it is incumbent upon us to follow up on these meetings with the participants. Rives thanked President Thomas for his leadership in this area. There was further discussion regarding some of the discussions that have come out of these events.

## **ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

### **Consent Agenda: Civil Service Employees Council, Council of Administrative Personnel, Faculty Senate, and Student Government Association:**

Written Report Submitted On Behalf of Governance Groups by Dustin Van Sloten, Council of Administrative Personnel:

The four constituency groups recognize all the leadership groups on campus for the jobs they are doing during these uncertain budgetary times. We would also like to recognize all Western Illinois University employees for their continued efforts during these unprecedented times. We encourage the BOT to demonstrate fastidious leadership and vision. Once again, we hope that a full budget will soon be part of the regular operation of the State of Illinois.

Furthermore, we vastly encourage the BOT to keep our students, faculty, staff, administration, and our four core goals in mind when making and communicating important decisions and long term planning: Academic Excellence, Educational Opportunity, Personal Growth, and Social Responsibility.

We do approve the agenda. However, we would like an explanation of the 20 million dollar reduction mentioned on page 55 in the report. It's not a report that gets voted on, but it is still something that people

would like an explanation about.

**Civil Service Employees Council Macomb President – Stacy Dorethy**

Dorethy was not at the meeting. Steve Whan from the Quad Cities Campus presented her report on her behalf.

Her written report follows.

- 1) We would like to thank all the Employees of the Month for going above and beyond their everyday duties. We would also like to send out many thanks to their nominators for helping to recognize them for their outstanding service to Western Illinois University.

**Civil Service Employees of the Month:**

- April 2017: Cheryl Rossio, Staff Clerk, University Advising & Academic Services Center
  - May 2017: Sarah Nelson, Office Support Specialist, College of Business and Technology, Dean’s Office
  - June 2017: Lorin Waller, Inventory Specialist, Property Accounting and Redistribution (PARC)
- 2) Five \$100 Civil Service Employee Textbook Scholarships were given for the Spring 2017 semester.
    - Brent Burnett
    - Elizabeth Henley
    - Tamara Irwin
    - Cal Melvin
    - Christina Reneau

In addition: CSEC Dependent Scholarships interviews have completed for the annual nine, one-time \$1,000 scholarships awarded to dependents of Civil Service employees. Announcements forthcoming.

- 3) We continue to field numerous questions and concerns from Civil Service employees regarding the lack of a state budget. We do our best to obtain accurate answers to share with them promptly so as to try and lessen their fears.
- 4) The CSEC Spring Luncheon “*Kentucky Derby: A Celebration of Hats & Horses*” was held Thursday, May 4 in the Heritage Room and was a raving success! We immediately received emails complimenting the luncheon. As usual, we sold raffle tickets for a chance to win the many purchased and secured donations, sold raffle tickets for a chance to win one of three \$50 lottery ticket “trees”, as well as meal tickets. The money made from each luncheon (spring and fall) is used to support the Civil Service Dependent Scholarships and Civil Service Employee Textbook scholarships. Many thanks to all the dedicated CSEC members that, once again, went above and beyond and made this another great event. Watch for the fun theme for the fall luncheon!

The Civil Service Employees Council would like to express their sincere appreciation to the WIU Board of Trustees; President Thomas; Matt Bierman, Vice President for Administrative Services; and Pam Bowman, Human Resources Director, for their continued support of our council and to Western Illinois University’s Civil Service employees.

**Civil Service Employees Council Quad Cities Representative – Steve Whan**

Whan represented CSEC for both campuses at this meeting. He gave highlights from his written report.

WIU-QC hosted the Ready to Run event on Saturday 6-3-17 with keynote speaker Representative Cheri Bustos. We hosted the annual Children's Therapy Network 5K Fun Run on Saturday 5-27-17. For the first time, and an annual event, we had our prairie burn in the retention areas of the WIU-QC Campus during early spring.

WQPT will be hosting the Vietnam traveling 1/2 size replica of "The Wall That Heals" on the west end of the WIU-QC Campus from the opening ceremony on Thursday July 27 until the closing ceremony on Sunday 7-30. The event will be open to the public 24 hours a day throughout the duration.

We would like to thank the BOT and the Administration of WIU for their continued support of the University by continuing to visit Springfield and making the case for Higher Education funding, and fighting for WIU. We as a group are very concerned about the ongoing budget crisis and what could happen because of the lack of a budget in the future.

### **Faculty Senate Chair – Christopher Pynes**

Pynes thanked the Board of Trustees as this is the last meeting at which he will serve as the Chair of the Faculty Senate. He gave highlights from his written report.

The following is an abbreviated summary of some of the major activities and initiative the Faculty Senate has engaged in since the 31 March 2017 BOT meeting with full Faculty Senate meeting minutes available on the Faculty Senate website, < [http://wiu.edu/faculty\\_senate/meetings/index.php](http://wiu.edu/faculty_senate/meetings/index.php) >:

- Three Amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution were submitted to the 549 eligible faculty with the following results. Proposal 1 for Article II: PASSED 179 (76.5%) for and 55 (23.5%) against; Proposal 2 for Article III: PASSED 211 (89.8%) for and 24 (10.2%) against; Proposal 3 for Article VI: PASSED 219 (91.2%) for and 21 (8.7%) against. The President approved the amendments, and they became part of the constitution on 22 May 2017. The three ballot items concern Article II on voting eligibility, Article III on membership, and Article VI on amendment voting methods. The results mean that department chairs are no longer eligible to serve on Faculty Senate or its committees and councils, and we can have electronic balloting for constitutional amendments in the future.
- Steve Rock, Economics and Decision Sciences, was elected Faculty Senate Chair for 2017-18. Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, Sociology and Anthropology was elected Vice Chair, and. Susan Czechowski, Art, was elected the Secretary.
- Faculty Senate approved a resolution brought forward by its Council on Campus Planning and Usage to ask President Thomas to establish a task force on campus policies to support immigrant students.
- The Senate Nominating Committee serving in 2016-17 was reelected for 2017-18: Cecil Tarrant, Management and Marketing (B&T); Brian Locke, Music (FA&C); Jennifer Plos, Kinesiology (E&HS); and Ginny Boynton, History (A&S). Senator Boynton was reelected SNC chair.
- Faculty Senate voted to allow an exception from the final exam policy for the WIU softball team. CAGAS had, for the first time in its history, denied the request for exception when it was originally presented to them.
- The Senate Nominating Committee filled 77 fall 2017 vacancies for Senate and University councils and committees.
- Senators reviewed and had no objections to the annual evaluation of President Thomas. The evaluation summary will now be sent to the Board of Trustees.
- Faculty Senate approved a resolution in support of the "Teach Out" for Illinois Higher Education to be held in Springfield on April 27.



- Faculty Senate approved creation of an ad hoc Budget Transparency Committee. The ad hoc committee would explore whether a permanent Senate committee is needed. Senators will be appointed to this committee in the fall.
- Faculty Senate approved changes to the procedures for awarding of posthumous degrees as recommended by the Registrar's office and previously approved by CAGAS and the Graduate Council. The changes would expand the current policy so that it applies to graduate students as well as to undergraduates.
- Senators voted to approve a bylaws amendment that would establish the Senate Year as beginning the first day of the fall semester and ending the day before the fall semester begins. This is intended to let senators and Senate councils know that their terms are not completed at the end of spring semester but run through the summer.

#### Future Items Under Consideration for the Fall

- General Education Review Committee (GERC) report.
- Academic Terms updated by CCPI.

Trustee Nelson commended the Faculty Senate on the overrule of CAGAS so that our students could take their finals at a later date. Pynes gave more information on this issue and how the Faculty Senate worked with Dr. Tom Cody as the Faculty Athletic Representative for WIU and NCAA.

President Thomas thanked Dr. Pynes for his leadership of the Faculty Senate.

#### **Faculty Council Executive Committee Member – Brendan Young**

Brendan Young introduced himself. He represents the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council at the WIU-QC Campus. He highlighted some of the issues that they discussed: course scheduling, efforts to centralize student services, efforts to promote the University, different needs for the students at WIU-QC, as well as ongoing communication challenges. He gave thanks to Padmaja Pillutla for her efforts this past year and thanked those that came to Faculty Council meetings to discuss issues with the faculty of WIU-QC. He extended an invitation to anyone that would like to come and speak with Faculty Council.

Christopher Pynes gave kudos to the faculty members at the QC Campus for their efforts and contributions, and for their active engagement with Faculty Senate.

#### **Student Government Association Macomb President – Grant Reed**

Reed introduced himself and highlighted that he is a third generation Leatherneck. Reed gave highlights from his written report.

The Student Government Association has concluded another successful legislative session, despite the continued underfunding of higher education and the budget stalemate in the State of Illinois. Through it all, we are committed to continually fighting for our students, and every student across the State of Illinois. Student Advocacy Day is not just one day in the spring; it is every day of the year.

In the spring semester, over the course of March and April, we held a very successful student government election, with a fantastic candidate debate, and improved voter turnout. Grant Reed was elected to serve as Student Government President, with Samir Almheimid elected to the role of Vice President. William Gradle was reelected to a second term as the student member to the Board of Trustees. Summer Tracy, Nancy Davila, Sentual Strong, Margarita Sotelo, and Vincent Reina were elected to represent the student body, in the senate, as Senators-at-Large. Patrick Quinlan was elected by the senate to serve as the new Speaker of the Senate.

Towards the end of the spring semester, the Senate voted to accept a proposed organizational structure change, which has moved the Student Government Association out of the Office of Student Activities, and directly under the Vice President of Student Services. We, as a Student Government, look forward to working closely with Dr. Williams, in the coming year.

In the final meeting of the year, the Council on Student Activity Funds (CSAF) presented their FY18 proposed appropriations of fee dollars, to student organizations. The proposal was passed unanimously.

The Student Government Association concluded the 48th legislative session on May 2nd, 2017.

**Student Government Association Quad Cities President – Michael Cortez**

Cortez gave highlights from his written report.

June 09, 2017

Dear Western Illinois University Board of Trustees,

With the incoming school year, there is much to be excited about as the challenges of today become the successes of tomorrow. For over 100 years since 1899, Western Illinois University has consistently been a resource for students both traditional and non-traditional. As the incoming President of SGA for Western Illinois University, I would like to provide some updates on what SGA has accomplished in the last year as well as a vision of what we would like to achieve for the 2017-2018 academic year.

A consistent success for SGA has been the implementation of Casino Night. For this year's Casino Night, SGA attracted at least 100 people who participated in a variety of fun activities such as Black Jack, Poker, and Bingo. For the auction, students bid on a variety of items such as a school spirit basket, food gift cards, and a smart TV! The success and participation from this event leads SGA to believe that continuing this event is absolutely paramount and should continue in the following years. Other events SGA provided centered on special weeks such as Homecoming and the week before finals (Manage Your Stress Week). Other activities such as film screenings, blood drives, and a block party also led to student engagement. Moving forward, SGA would like to explore additional opportunities to further increase the level of engagement with the student body.

As SGA moves into its next phase for the 2017-2018 school year, it is my vision to bring in a new generation of student leaders who will have multiple years to grow and develop. Starting with the orientation days throughout the summer, SGA will go to events to recruit potential new leaders as well as going into freshman classrooms to talk about why it is so important for students to be involved in a student club or organization. Western Illinois University has always shown a strong degree of support for student activities. SGA will want to make sure that this culture of support is well-founded by providing a strong base of participation and enthusiasm from all student organizations. Another goal for this administration will be to show confidence and excitement for the incoming school year regardless of the budget concerns that are currently affecting multiple Illinois based colleges and universities. SGA wants students to know that Western Illinois University IS THE University for them and we believe that we can work with the Board and Administration to maintain this strategy moving forward.

As President of SGA, I am beyond excited to start my term as a leader of the student body. We want to build a new generation of leaders and that starts with showing excitement and passion.

Sincerely,  
Michael Cortez

### **Council of Administrative Personnel Macomb President – Dustin Van Sloten**

Van Sloten gave highlights from his written report.

During the Spring 2017 semester, the Council of Administrative Personnel awarded the Spring'17 \$100 COAP Professional Development Scholarship to Associate Director of Financial Aid, Roberta Smith. A reminder for COAP members to send in their applications for the Fall 2017 COAP Professional Development Scholarship by August 31.

Jessica Butcher, Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services, was awarded the 2016-2017 COAP Employee of the Year. A long with a plaque she received gifts from BCA, the bookstore, Campus Recreation, Parking Services, and Athletics.

Updates to the COAP Executive Committee:

- Audrey Adamson will be the new COAP President for 2017-2018
- Elections are currently happening for new officer positions for 2017-2018.

COAP launched the COAP Mentor Program this spring. COAP is seeking volunteers who would be willing to serve as mentors. Additionally, perhaps an employee is in need of help with different aspects of their job where partnering with a mentor would be beneficial.

The mentor/mentee role includes a commitment of at least six months of support to administrative professionals as they become acclimated to the WIU Community and their positions on campus. This program may also be beneficial to those who have promoted to different positions within the administrative professional field.

COAP would like to thank President Thomas for taking part in the COAP Open Forums with the President. We appreciate his willingness to share the state of the university and keeping COAP members informed. We look forward to these again in 2017-2018.

### **Council of Administrative Personnel Quad Cities Representative – Audrey Adamson**

Adamson looks forward to becoming the President of COAP. It has been a busy year at the QC Campus for COAP. They are reviewing processes and procedures to serve the students as best as possible in these challenging times. She gave thanks to the Board, President and others for their contributions. She said that many employees are doing many good things.

Chair Early called for a break at 9:43 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Trustee Clawson shared a newspaper article regarding a performance of a WIU graduate in an upcoming play.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Report No. 17.6/1: Report on Contributions**

Vice President Brad Bainter talked about the Purple & Gold Day, on April 24, day of giving. This was a very successful event. Bainter recognized those employees that helped with that effort. Bainter gave an overview of the written report. Bainter recognized the work of the staff during these challenging times and highlighted some special gifts. Bainter gave remarks regarding the life and legacy of Gil Belles, including his many gifts to Western Illinois University. There will be a Celebration of Life on July 15. He also recognized Kay Kennedy for her life and gifts to Western Illinois University.

Chair Early elaborated on her work with Paul Plagenz yesterday during the Trustee-In-Residence event yesterday with Trustee Lester. Bainter invited them to visit the Foundation. President Thomas reminded the Board that he would like to invite the Trustees to visit Macomb. Trustee Nelson said he looks forward to that. Bainter thanked Trustee Nelson for his membership on the Foundation Board.

**Report No. 17.6/2: Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence**

Vice President Bierman said that the report is as submitted. He reminded that maintenance is not significant during these challenging times. President Thomas thanked his wife for cleaning the University Residence, which she has done for the past year.

**Report No. 17.6/3: Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999.99**

Vice President Bierman said that the report is as submitted. Trustee Nelson asked if WIU owned the property where the Credit Union is located. Bierman answered his question.

**Resolution No. 17.6/1: New or Changed Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities**

Vice President Bierman said that the resolution is as submitted.

Trustee Early moved to approve. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** request for the approval of new or changed capital reserves for non-indentured entities shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees annually; and,

**WHEREAS** general guidelines established by the Legislative Audit Commission were followed:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the capital reserves as presented.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESERVES

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>	<u>Funded Amount as of 4/30/2017</u>	<u>Change Requested</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u>
<u>Movable Equipment</u>				
Public Service	\$425,000	\$69,251	\$0	\$425,000

Student Programs and Services	\$400,000	\$314,188	\$0	\$400,000
Instructional Resources and Services	\$545,000	\$235,525	\$0	\$545,000
University Stores and Service Centers	\$850,000	\$32,431	\$0	\$850,000
University Publications	\$26,625	\$0	\$0	\$26,625
Sponsored Credit	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Parking Operations	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Transit	\$32,500	\$0	\$0	\$32,500

Parking Lots

Parking Operation	\$1,600,000	\$42,157	\$0	\$1,600,000
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**Resolution No. 17.6/2: FY2018 Preliminary Spending Plan**

Vice President Bierman explained that this is official action taken to allow the spending of FY18 funds. He said that more information is being waited on from the General Assembly. This is a preliminary spending plan. More information will be brought at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Cole moved to approve. Trustee Ehlert Fuller seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** Western Illinois University must prepare a preliminary spending plan prior to July 1 for State Appropriated, University Income, Auxiliary and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature and the Governor; and,

**WHEREAS** this spending plan requires Board of Trustees approval prior to submission; and,

**WHEREAS** this spending plan reflects Western’s tradition of strong, conservative fiscal management and resource allocation to support goals and priorities stated in *Higher Values in Higher Education* and Western Illinois University’s *Mission Statement*:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2018 spending plan as presented in the FY2018 spending plan document, and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

Illinois state statute requires Western Illinois University (and all other Illinois public universities) to prepare a *Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Spending Plan* prior to July 1 for State Appropriated, University Income, Auxiliary and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature, and the Governor. Furthermore, the *Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Spending Plan* must be approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees prior to institutional submission and expenditure. The Preliminary Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 is displayed in the table below.

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non- Appropriated Funds	Total
Personal Services	\$ 38,611,200	\$ 53,944,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 119,055,200
Medicare	800,000	600,000	200,000	150,000	1,750,000
Contractual Services	-	9,500,000	20,000,000	14,350,000	43,850,000
Travel	-	400,000	100,000	500,000	1,000,000
Commodities	-	1,500,000	500,000	2,100,000	4,100,000
Equipment	-	2,000,000	400,000	1,500,000	3,900,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	7,000,000	1,600,000	25,000,000	33,600,000
Telecommunication Services	-	400,000	125,000	350,000	875,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	250,000	175,000	500,000	925,000
Permanent Improvements	-	250,000	400,000	300,000	950,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	1,000,000	2,944,800
Other	-	-	14,000,000	250,000	14,250,000
<b>Total FY2018 Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$ 41,156,000</b>	<b>\$ 75,844,000</b>	<b>\$ 51,200,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 227,200,000</b>

As of May 31, 2017, the Illinois General Assembly failed to pass any spending bills or a comprehensive FY18 budget plan. In February 2017, the Illinois Governor proposed a budget that would cut all of Higher education by 15% of FY15 appropriation levels. In May 2017 the Senate passed SB6 which would have cut funding to Higher Education by 10% of FY15 appropriation levels. In FY16 and FY17 combined, WIU has only received 53% of FY15 appropriation levels.

Because of the uncertainty in our State appropriation at the time of this writing, the University's Fiscal Year 2018 preliminary spending plan for state appropriated funds is presented at a level that reflects a 20% reduction in our state appropriation. The Income Fund budget reflects the necessary salary obligations and operating increases, and in order to balance this spending plan with the projected revenue, the University would need to identify expense reductions.

Western Illinois University's *Fiscal Year 2018 All-Funds Operating Budget* will be presented to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in October and will include the appropriation approved by the General Assembly and income projections based on fall enrollment.

Table 2  
Western Illinois University  
Fiscal Year 2015 Through 2017 All-Funds Budget

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non- Appropriated Funds	Total
Fiscal Year 2015					
Personal Services	\$ 46,471,100	\$ 60,228,900	\$ 13,975,000	\$ 14,250,000	\$ 134,925,000
Medicare	800,000	800,000	200,000	150,000	1,950,000
Contractual Services	2,500,000	8,571,800	22,500,000	14,150,000	47,721,800
Travel	-	800,000	100,000	750,000	1,650,000
Commodities	383,400	2,000,000	600,000	2,200,000	5,183,400
Equipment	400,000	2,500,000	500,000	2,000,000	5,400,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	4,000,000	1,400,000	25,000,000	30,400,000
Telecommunication Services	150,000	350,000	125,000	350,000	975,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	180,000	120,000	200,000	500,000	1,000,000
Permanent Improvements	-	500,000	400,000	400,000	1,300,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	1,000,000	2,944,800
Other	-	-	14,300,000	250,000	14,550,000
Total FY2015 Operating Budget	\$ 52,629,300	\$ 79,870,700	\$ 54,500,000	\$ 61,000,000	\$ 248,000,000
Fiscal Year 2016					
Personal Services	\$ 45,556,500	\$ 59,943,500	\$ 14,200,000	\$ 13,700,000	\$ 133,400,000
Medicare	800,000	800,000	200,000	150,000	1,950,000
Contractual Services	-	10,730,200	21,000,000	15,000,000	46,730,200
Travel	-	675,000	100,000	750,000	1,525,000
Commodities	-	1,500,000	600,000	2,200,000	4,300,000
Equipment	-	2,800,000	630,000	1,700,000	5,130,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	6,500,000	1,500,000	24,000,000	32,000,000
Telecommunication Services	-	500,000	150,000	350,000	1,000,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	300,000	200,000	450,000	950,000
Permanent Improvements	-	650,000	400,000	350,000	1,400,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	1,000,000	2,944,800
Other	-	-	14,420,000	250,000	14,670,000
Total FY2016 Operating Budget	\$ 48,101,300	\$ 84,398,700	\$ 53,600,000	\$ 59,900,000	\$ 246,000,000
Fiscal Year 2017					
Personal Services	\$ 48,870,400	\$ 50,129,600	\$ 13,750,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 125,750,000
Medicare	830,000	1,000,000	200,000	150,000	2,180,000
Contractual Services	-	11,000,000	21,000,000	14,350,000	46,350,000
Travel	-	500,000	100,000	500,000	1,100,000
Commodities	-	1,625,200	600,000	2,100,000	4,325,200
Equipment	-	2,500,000	500,000	1,500,000	4,500,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	6,500,000	1,500,000	25,000,000	33,000,000
Telecommunication Services	-	500,000	125,000	350,000	975,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	300,000	200,000	500,000	1,000,000
Permanent Improvements	-	500,000	400,000	300,000	1,200,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	1,000,000	2,944,800
Other	-	-	13,750,000	250,000	14,000,000
Total FY2017 Operating Budget	\$ 51,445,200	\$ 74,554,800	\$ 52,325,000	\$ 59,000,000	\$ 237,325,000

**Resolution No. 17.6/3: Authorization to Use Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue**

Vice President Bierman said that this is identical to the resolution passed in April 2016. This provides the option if the need arises.

Trustee Cole moved to approve. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Governors created the Auxiliary Facilities System (System) by adopting the Bond Resolution on December 5, 1985; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees has several outstanding issues of System Revenue Bonds issued under the authority of the Western Illinois University Revenue Bond Law, 110 ILCS 691/36-1 et seq.; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees has pledged all revenues generated by the System be used for System purposes; and,

**WHEREAS** the University has not receive a full State Appropriation for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 as of the date of this resolution; and,

**WHEREAS** the University may soon deplete all other non-System sources of funds; and

**WHEREAS** in order to maintain operational continuity of the University it may be necessary to utilize System funds for non-System purposes:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University authorizes the University to take all necessary actions to ensure the operational continuity of Western Illinois University which includes the temporary use of System funds for non-System purposes during the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees authorizes the University to replace System funds after the necessary state appropriation has been received or as soon as financially possible in order to cure this technical default.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Report No. 17.6/4: Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes**

Interim Provost Kathy Neumann provided updates to the report to the Board. This is a required informational item.



Trustee Cole asked about Cybersecurity. Neumann says that the program will begin in the fall semester.

**Report No. 17.6/5: Report on Curricular and Administrative Changes**

Interim Provost Kathy Neumann said that this is a required annual information item.

Trustee Ehlert Fuller asked about the Bachelor of Science in Middle Level Education and the level of enrollment. Would we have expected more than that? What are we doing to improve that number? Associate Provost for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Nancy Parsons said that this was a requirement of the ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education). Parsons said it is new and we are hoping to increase those numbers. Trustee Nelson asked what “middle level” means and Parsons explained the current endorsement system for teachers. Parsons reiterated that this is a state requirement when asked for more information from Trustee Ehlert Fuller.

**Resolution No. 17.6/4: Tenure Recommendations for 2017-2018**

Interim Provost Kathy Neumann said that this is the annual recommendation list.

Trustee Lester moved to approve. Trustee Early seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** the attached tenure recommendations are in accordance with Article 20 of the 2010-2015 (extended through 2017) Collective Bargaining Agreement with UPI Local 4100 and applicable Board Regulations:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves, as presented, the tenure recommendations for 2017-2018.

<b>TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT/UNIT</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
<b><i>Arts and Sciences</i></b>			
Buchanan, Rebekah J.	English	Ph. D.	Associate
Mallur, Saisudha B.	Physics	Ph. D.	Associate
*Luciano Picano	Foreign Languages & Literatures	Ph.D.	Associate
<b><i>Business and Technology</i></b>			
Franken, Jason R.	Agriculture	Ph. D.	Associate

Zhao, Chunying	Computer Sciences	Ph. D.	Associate
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**Education & Human Services**

Keist, Carmen	Diet, Fashion Merch, & Hosp	Ph. D.	Associate
Schafer, John R.	Law Enforce & Justice Admin	Ph. D.	Associate

**Fine Arts and Communication**

Oursler, Henry C.	Art	M. F. A.	Associate
Tang, Yong	Broadcasting & Journalism	Ph. D.	Associate
*Killian, Tammy L.	Theatre & Dance	M. F. A.	Professor

**NEGATIVE TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

NAME	DEPARTMENT/UNIT	DEGREE	RANK
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**Education & Human Services**

**Schoper, Sarah E.	Educational Studies	Ph. D.	Assistant
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10 candidates recommended, of which 2\* are newly hired Department Chairpersons

\*\*1 candidate not recommended - will be issued a terminal contract for 2017-2018

**PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**Resolution No. 17.6/5: Presidential Assessment and Contract**

Trustee Savala read a statement from the Board regarding the Presidential Assessment and Contract.

Trustee Early moved to approve. Trustee Cole seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees is responsible for Presidential Assessment; and,

**WHEREAS** constituency input was sought:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the following:

As we are all aware, the last few years have been difficult, exacerbated by the ongoing budget challenges in Springfield. However, the President has done an admirable job in steering the

University through these difficulties. The University has continued to evolve with a goal minded view. We acknowledge that despite Dr. Thomas' status as one of the longest serving Presidents at a public university in Illinois, he is compensated significantly below his peers in the state. We have discussed the possibility of an increase to bring him closer in line with the average compensation for his position; however, Dr. Thomas continues to refuse, given our fiscal reality and the difficulties our employees face.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University has reached an agreement with the President. In the event that a budget is passed and increases are available for our employees, Western Illinois University will provide a salary increase to Dr. Thomas with reflects at least the average total compensation of Presidents of comparable Illinois public institutions for higher education.

The President thanked the Board and stated that he will continue to move the University forward. Trustee Ehlert Fuller said that there is widespread feeling of pride and appreciation for the President and his work.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Report No. 17.6/6: Quarterly Planning Update**

Vice President Joe Rives said that this time, he gave a calendar and provide updates on progress. He provided a few highlights from his report. Trustee Ehlert Fuller asked about the living learning communities, a student success center, and related activities for enrollment and retention. Vice President Williams and Interim Provost Neumann talked about what is happening at the University in these areas.

#### **Report No. 17.6/7: Higher Learning Commission Quality Initiative: FY 2017 Update #2**

Vice President Joe Rives said that the report is as submitted. Most Universities pick one topic, but we are going above and beyond that. Trustee Clawson asked about Rockford. Rives said that Rockford does not have a public university. He spoke about potential partnerships with a community college in Rockford. The relationship is already strong and will be stronger. VP Bainter talked about another group up there that is providing scholarship support for women coming out of their high schools for STEM programs at WIU. Trustee Ehlert Fuller said that this highlights the outreach taking place with superintendents and principals. Rives talked about the length of drives that some are taking to get to the summits, and wanted to come to the campus instead of having one at their own times. This results in more people coming to campus, which is a benefit. President Thomas said that many of these individuals have never been on our campus and this is a way to get them involved and see what we have to offer. Trustee Lester brought up dual-enrollment programs and asked about the output. Rives said that the word is out about Western. 29 community colleges have expressed interest in working with Western. President Thomas said this is why he asked VP Rives to go to the community colleges because we have agreements but we can do better and can get more yield. Trustee Nelson asked about our work with high schools and Rives talked about a pilot program in Cambridge.

#### **Report No. 17.6/8: Fiscal Year 2017 President's Executive Institute Update #2**

Vice President Joe Rives gave a PowerPoint presentation. The focus of this presentation is on outcomes. The vision, mission, and outcomes were given, as were goals for the nineteen priorities. The background, information, data, progress of work thus far and next steps for each goal were discussed. The goals are, Goal 1: Stabilize Enrollment, Goal 2: Support Community and Economic Development, Goal 3: Engage External Organizations. Trustee Nelson commented on how the pool of Illinois high school seniors has dropped so dramatically due to the current environment.

**Report No. 17.6/9: Academic Year 2017-2018 Higher Values in Higher Education Supplement Report #2**

Vice President Joe Rives said the draft in March was put out again to the campus one more time for constituency group input. The substance did not change, just some detail. Rives thanked the governance leadership for their many meetings with good conversation regarding the document being presented for action today.

**Resolution No. 17.6/6: Higher Values in Higher Education Academic Year 2017-2018 Supplement**

Chair Early thanked the constituency groups for offering their input, time and effort during the process. Trustee Ehlert Fuller commented that it is very readable, accessible, and helpful.

Trustee Cole moved to approve. Trustee Savala seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** *Higher Values in Higher Education 2012-2022* articulates the vision, mission, values, goals and priorities of Western Illinois University; and,

**WHEREAS** Western Illinois University is committed to continuous advancement in strategic planning, recognizing that many of the *Strategic Plan* priorities have been achieved or embedded into existing structures and processes, and at the same time, recognizing that external circumstances have changed since writing the current edition of the University's Strategic Plan; and,

**WHEREAS** beginning in academic year 2016-2017, annual *Strategic Plan Supplements* provide areas of focus for the University as we enrich academic excellence, provide educational opportunity, support personal growth, promote social responsibility, and demonstrate accountability; and,

**WHEREAS** creation of the new *2017 Strategic Plan Supplement* used methods of shared governance and transparency, including 16 meetings of the 43-member Social Responsibility Task Force, eight faculty and student focus groups, 12 meetings with University governance groups, two requests for university feedback in *February* and *March 2017 Strategic Plan Updates*, and discussion at the March 2017 meeting of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees; and,

**WHEREAS** the goals and priorities of the *Academic Year 2017-2018 Higher Values in Higher Education Supplement* advance those in *Higher Values in Higher Education 2012-2022* by demonstrating agility to respond to changing and volatile economic conditions; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board is legally and fiduciary responsible for Western Illinois University.

**THEREFORE:** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves implementation of the *Academic Year 2017-2018 Higher Values in Higher Education Supplement*; and be it further resolved that the

Board commends the university community for working collaboratively and efficiently in advancing strategic planning at Western Illinois University.

**Resolution No. 17.6/7: 2017-2022 IT Strategic Plan**

Interim Provost Kathy Neumann discussed the development of the original strategic plan and the update of the plan as presented today.

Trustee Lester moved to approve. Trustee Cole seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes
Trustee Steven Nelson	Yes
Trustee Yvonne Savala	Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees recognizes the strategic value of information technology as it relates to teaching, learning, scholarly research and the administrative processes of the University; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board also appreciates the integral role that technology continues to play in the lives of our students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board approved the 2013-18 Information Technology Strategic Plan at its regular meeting on October 11, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, technology continues to evolve and improve; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board understands that technology planning is critical for delivering timely and cost effective service; and,

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approves the implementation of the 2017-2022 Information Technology Strategic Plan.

*The IT Strategic Plan may be found in full at: [http://www.wiu.edu/board\\_of\\_trustees/minutes/index.php](http://www.wiu.edu/board_of_trustees/minutes/index.php)*

**Resolution No. 17.6/8: Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Cole moved to approve. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Roger Clawson	Yes
Trustee Lyneir Cole	Yes
Trustee Cathy Early	Yes
Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller	Yes
Trustee Todd Lester	Yes

Trustee Steven Nelson            Yes  
Trustee Yvonne Savala           Yes

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University must comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University may eliminate the verbatim records of December 17, 2015, January 25, 2016, and March 10, 2016;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University has reviewed the minutes of the closed session minutes of December 17, 2015; January 25, 2016; March 10, 2016; April 20, 2016; June 9, 2016; July 14, 2016; October 6, 2016; December 15, 2016; and March 30, 2017, to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to all or part of the minutes; and

**THEREFORE** be it resolved the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the elimination of the verbatim records of December 17, 2015, January 25, 2016, and March 10, 2016, and has determined that the need for confidentiality of the minutes listed above still exists. The Board will review the minutes listed above again at the September 29, 2017, Board Meeting to make a determination regarding release.

**Resolution No. 17.6/9: Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018**

Trustee Early nominated Trustee Clawson for Secretary. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. Trustee Lester nominated Trustee Nelson for Vice Chair. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. Trustee Cole nominated Trustee Early for Chair. Trustee Savala seconded the motion.

The slate passed unanimously in secret ballot.

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** Section 35-25 of Senate Bill 241 states:

*“Members of the Board shall elect annually by secret ballot from their own number a chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Board and a secretary”*; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section VII.A.1., stipulates:

*“The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected annually by secret ballot by a majority of the voting members of the Board then serving and shall hold office until their successors are elected. Trustees who are elected to serve as the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary may be elected to those positions for one successive term, after which an intervening term must occur before re-election to the same officer position”*; and,

(History of Officers of the Board Attached)

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees at its July 25, 1997, meeting, agreed to elect officers in conjunction with the fiscal year; and the Western Illinois University fiscal year is July 1-June 30:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the person elected at the June 9, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees shall serve as Officers of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Cole thanked the President, administration, faculty and staff for the wonderful job done during this crisis. He expressed his appreciation to all.

Trustee Nelson said he is proud to be a graduate of Western and a Leatherneck. We have a duty to support WIU and a duty to speak in positive terms about WIU and recruit our students. He quoted Archie Bunker and Forrest Gump.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Early said that in September the IBHE will meet in Macomb, which is the first time in over a decade.

Vice President Bainter announced the unveiling of the statue of Col. Rock Hanson after the next Board Meeting and his excitement about this. Bainter thanked the donors and creator of this special work on our campus.

President Thomas invited all of the Trustees to the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting in September.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Chair Early called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:18 a.m. All were in favor and none opposed.

The Board retreat will be held July 13-14, 2017 in the Quad Cities and the next Board meeting will be held September 28-29, 2017 on the WIU-Macomb Campus.

Cathy Early, Chair

Kerry McBride, Business Administrative Associate to the Board

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