

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting
November 16, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 1:01 p.m. in University Union Capitol Room. Chair Radosh presided.

Trustee Aguilar moved to convene to open session. Trustee Lang seconded the motion.

Roll Call

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

TO BE CONDUCTED BY AUDIO AND VIDEO CONFERENCE** AS PERMITTED BY PUBLIC ACT 101-0640 AND ILLINOIS GOVERNOR'S DISASTER PROCLAMATION ISSUED ON October 16, 2020 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 59

The following Trustees were present:

Trustee Polly Radosh (Union Capitol Room)
Trustee Doug Shaw (virtual)
Trustee Greg Aguilar (virtual)
Trustee Justin Brown (Union Capitol Room)
Trustee Erik Dolieslager (virtual)
Trustee Kisha Lang (virtual)
Trustee Carin Stutz (virtual)
Trustee Patrick Twomey (virtual)

Also present for the meeting of the Board of Trustees:

University Legal Counsel, Liz Duvall (Union Capitol Room)
Interim Vice President for Student Services, John Smith (virtual)
Interim Provost and Academic Vice President, Billy Clow (virtual)
Interim Administrator in Charge, Quad Cities Campus, Kristi Mindrup (virtual)
Business Administrative Associate to the Board, Jackie Miller (Union Capitol Room)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tere North Thanked Dr. Abraham for his service. Voiced concern about the dismissal of a female candidate for President. Requested that the Board provide explanation for their choice for President.

Shakyria Bailey expressed her belief in the need for stability and it is in the students' best interest not to have a new President at this time.

Michael Lukkarinen expressed that his peers have rated Dr. Huang at or near the bottom of the candidate pool of finalists. Requested the Board provide justification for their decision.

Danielle Hughes disappointed in the choice for Dr. Huang for President. Black students felt a sense of hope under Dr. Abraham's leadership.

Briana Cross believes that black students have built rapport with Dr. Abraham and hopes that the Board has picked the best candidate.

John Sanders thanked Dr. and Nancy Abraham for their contributions, the search committee for their work, and stated the university is in a positive place as a result of Dr. Abraham's leadership.

William Thompson encouraged the university and communities to work together to help Dr. Huang be successful.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Chair Radosh outlined the search process, saying that the Board is united in its decision. Thanked Dr. Abraham for his work in moving the university forward. Thanked Dr. Pynes, search committee, Betty Asher and Alex Matthews. The candidate chosen, Dr. Huang, is the most competent leader and the Board is excited to bring his knowledge and experience to WIU.

Trustee Shaw welcomed Dr. Huang and thanked Dr. Abraham. Shaw is excited at this new chapter of WIU and wants to surpass WIU's former glory.

Trustee Stutz thanked Dr. Abraham and said she is incredibly impressed by Dr. Huang's qualifications and believes he is the right choice for President.

Trustee Dolieslager thanked Dr. Abraham for his leadership and that the search is concluded and encouraged everyone to believe in what is a bright future for WIU.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 20.11/1 Presidential Appointment

Chair Radosh read the Resolution in its entirety. No discussion was held.

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept Resolution 20.11/1 and appoint Dr. Guiyou Huang as the 12th President of Western Illinois University. Trustee Lang seconded.

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

Motion approved.

Trustee Twomey thanked the university community for the engagement in the search process and wants to catapult the university forward.

President Huang joined the meeting and said he is humbled by the decision and is honored to join the WIU team, that his family is excited to come to WIU.

Trustee Shaw welcomed President Huang.

ADJOURN ACTION

Trustee Lang made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 1:33 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shaw.

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

Motion approved.

Trustee Polly Radosh, Chair
Nicky Friedrichsen, Administrative Assistant to the Board