

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting
March 27, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:00 A.M. in the Capitol Rooms of the University Union on the campus of Western Illinois University – Macomb. Trustee Steven L. Nelson, Chair, presided.

The following trustees were present to answer roll call:

Trustee Blake E. Antonides
Trustee William L. Epperly
Trustee Donald W. “Bill” Griffin
Trustee J. Michael Houston
Trustee Steven L. Nelson

Trustee Carolyn J. Ehlert Fuller was absent.

Trustee Nelson moved to convene the Board to Executive Session to consider personnel, legal, collective bargaining and other such issues as are covered by Section 2.c. of the Open Meetings Act with plans to reconvene in open session at approximately 9:30 A.M. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Antonides	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Following Executive Session the Board reconvened in open session at 9:39 A.M.

Chair Nelson added we are going to amend the agenda by adding Resolution No. 09.3/4 which is the resolution concerning Lease Space for Western Illinois University - Quad Cities.

Trustee Houston moved to amend agenda by adding Resolution 09.3/4 Lease Space for Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Antonides	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

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

Legal Counsel Representative Bruce Biagini
Board Treasurer and Vice President for Administrative Services Jacqueline K. Thompson
Administrative Assistant to the Board Kerry L. Yadgar
Associate Provost for Budget, Planning & Personnel Kenneth Hawkinson
Vice President for Student Services W. Garry Johnson
Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Daniel L. Hendricks
Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joseph Rives

Advisory Group Representatives present:

Student Government Association President – Robert Dulski
Faculty Senate Chair – Dennis DeVolder
Council of Administrative Personnel President – Schuyler Meixner
Civil Service Employees Council President – Ed Lavin

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 19, 2008 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the December 19, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting were approved via unanimous roll call vote.

CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Chair Nelson commented, our former chair would frequently quote a Jedi warrior, but I won’t. I would quote Thomas Paine, “These Are the Times that Try Men’s Souls,” but I won’t. I could quote FDR’s campaign song, “Happy Days Are Here Again,” but I won’t. But I found a quote from the great crooner Bing Crosby that fits our time: “You’ve got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, and don’t mess with Mister In-Between”.

In late January, I did get my birthday wish... On January 13, I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ag Show at Western Hall which is the largest show put on by students in the nation. I met many of the students who were in charge of the show. They were truly wonderful individuals and great ambassadors for WIU.

In early February of 2009, Western Illinois University scholarship program was named a Best Practice by the Center for Student Opportunity and I would like to again thank Janice Owens for her hard work.

On February 9, 2009, WIU was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its exemplary service efforts. It is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. I would like to thank our students, faculty and staff for this recognition. Keep up the good work.

On February 9, 2009, I attended Moline Rotary to hear Al’s presentation to its membership on the progress being made on both campuses for new degree programs, etc. The only thing it lacked was a PowerPoint presentation. I contacted the company that manufactures the program and the high speed PowerPoint is still in developmental stage.

On February 25, 2009, I attended the news conference announcing the \$1 million gift from the John Deere Foundation and the Moline Foundation for the Quad Cities Engineering degree program.

On March 11, 2009, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the National Council of State Board of Nursing have granted final approval to Western Illinois University to begin offering its four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree beginning the fall of 2009.

On March 12, 2009, there was a news conference at Black Hawk College announcing the 2+2 agreement with BHC and WIU-QC which will allow students enrolled in engineering, nursing, liberal arts and sciences degree programs to complete courses at both locations simultaneously.

On March 18, 2009, VP Joe Rives was a guest speaker at the Illinois Quad Cities Chamber breakfast reporting to the membership on the progress of the WIU campus in Moline.

On March 18, 2009, it was announced that of more than 50 schools that participate in the Peace Corp's unique Fellows/USA graduate program, WIU recently ranked 9th in the nation on this year's list of top colleges and universities partnering with the Peace Corps.

Contained in the State of Illinois budget is \$15 million dollars for the first building on the Riverfront Campus and funds for the Performing Arts Center.

I want to congratulate Vice President Garry Johnson for being selected as Class of 2009 Diamond Honoree for the American College Personnel Association. This award recognizes those for their outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and student affairs.

I want to congratulate Inessa Levi on being selected for the position of Provost at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia. As you know, both Bonnie Smith-Skripps and Cathy Couza are retiring and I want to personally congratulate them and thank them for their dedicated service to WIU.

Lastly, growing up I remember the song, "They Call the Wind Mariah" and, according to a recent story in the Courier, today the song might be called, "They Call the Wind Al." With that, I will turn it over.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Goldfarb commented, with that introduction, and for those of you who didn't read the article, when I did my SGA presentation, it was referred to as being "long winded," so I will try to make this presentation much less long winded.

First, the March Board meeting is always a special one for me; it was actually seven years ago when it was announced that I was going to be President at Western Illinois University. It is both hard to believe that it is seven years, and in some ways it seems a lot longer given some of the challenges and issues we have been facing. I still remain extremely excited about all the progress that is being made, and as Chair Nelson pointed out, there are a number of very positive things that have occurred thanks to this outstanding campus community.

I think all of you know yesterday was once again a challenging day for campus. This time we had multiple threats on campus. I want to thank all of the vice presidents and the entire campus community for coming together and together working our way through a very difficult day at the institution. We remain committed to trying to find whoever perpetrates these kinds of threats and prosecute fully to the full extent of the laws as well as full extent of university policy. We continue to try in the face of these kinds of issues to continue to keep the campus functioning and as it needs to function in order to support our students, faculty and staff.

As Steve has pointed out, the key areas of progress just recently on campus are the engineering degree program getting significant support from the Quad Cities community and our final approval for our nursing program. Western has been requesting frequently the nursing program since the 1970s and we are very excited that we will be able to provide both two-year and four-year nursing degree programs. We will be moving our engineering program along thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Deere Foundation and Moline Foundation.

I know we will hear a little bit from Dan about fundraising but we did make significant progress there. We expect to break last year's record year. I think we are approaching with the Deere gift pretty close to \$9 million for this year. I am very pleased that we continue to make such immense progress in terms of fundraising activities.

Dave Steelman will speak about our legislative budget issues in a few minutes. But I will mention that we have already had House and Senate hearings. WIU was praised intensely at the House hearing in terms of our commitment to access, affordability, diversity and forward progress with programs needed in the state. Dave did pass me a note at one point that said, "less praise - more money." I did try to remind him that it was Springfield, so we will take the praise right now and try to keep finding money within Springfield. I was very pleased with the kind of response that we received from both the House and the Senate Hearings. We will go back to the House again in May.

Those of you who seen the Governor's Budget Update, and we will talk about it more fully, but the Governor has indicated that in his budget he would like to support Higher Ed with the addition of \$40 million which to us would be close to \$1 million additional. He wants to move us back to the FY09 budget which would mean the dollars that were reserved in terms of this institution. He has suggested a capital bill that would include, as Chair Nelson pointed out, the first building on the Quad Cities campus as well as the Performing Arts Center here in Macomb. We remain hopeful that the legislature will find a way to fund what has been requested in the Governor's budget and possibly we will finally have a capital bill in the State. Beyond those new projects, there are also capital renewal dollars and Vice President Thompson will tell you that we are in desperate need on campus for those dollars.

This year's budget continues to be a challenge. We are still waiting on \$20 million of unpaid funds back from the State of Illinois and continue to monitor our cash flow very closely to continue to operate the institution. We are hoping the State will find a way of eventually paying those unpaid bills and making certain that the \$20 million comes back to the institution. This is the same case for all the institutions around the state and some of them actually have a much larger unpaid status.

As hard as it is to believe, we are getting into the second half of the spring semester and moving our way towards graduation, and it becomes one of the most intensive times during the course of the school year. I do appreciate all the progress we have made during this past year. I know we will continue to do so in the coming year as well.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dave Steelman thanked Chair Nelson and members of the Board. President Goldfarb added, remember, Dave, less praise – more money. Director Steelman agreed. There have been a number of changes in Springfield since I spoke to the Board last. I missed a couple of meetings. For example, we have a new Governor and a new radio talk show host. Seriously, I think the atmosphere in Springfield is far more congenial these days. We still have a terrible fiscal dilemma in the State but at least people are showing signs of cooperation. It's a Love-fest in Springfield; we now just need some money.

Speaking of money, I will talk a little bit more about the budget. As President Goldfarb pointed out, there is proposed \$40 million additional for higher education. Our only concern is that is coming from the federal economic stimulus package. We have some reservations about what the situation might be next year. But it will mean \$40 million for higher education and \$973,000 additional for Western. We are extremely grateful for that funding.

A \$25 billion capital construction plan includes both Performing Arts Center and Quad Cities campus funding, \$67 million and \$15.8 million, and funding for those building projects is going to be derived from a series of revenue strains including the income tax for state profit. I'm not going to go through all the increases in the budget. I might discuss with our Chairman later the insult they are raising the cigarette tax by \$1.00 per pack.

Certificates of Participation (COPS) – this has been an all consuming issue for us in Higher Education for the past several weeks. If you will recall last year, House Democrats introduced legislation that would limit all state contracts to ten years. When they did that, Chapman & Cutler came in and said if they limit it to ten years we don't think we are still going to be able to do COPS legally. It has been a challenge with leadership in both chambers very resistant. It is somewhat of a mystery when institutions want to do something to help themselves and there hasn't been capital funding available and for them to object to the idea of COPS is a little unsettling. To give you different arguments, some will call it off books dead and some are still fearful that it's the responsibility of the state, and none of that is true. We think we have developed language that is agreeable to all parties at this point. Just yesterday, both the speakers' legal counsel and senate president's legal counsel signed off and we think that amendment will come out next week. It will be running in conjunction with legislation for the chairman board that would include the ten-year limitation. It is pretty straight forward in terms of the change. We would still be able to do COPS but we would have to go through the Commission on Government Forecast and Accountability for some oversight and approval. If the Commission recommended against an institution doing COPS, they could still proceed but they would need a joint resolution from the General Assembly. We think we have the issue resolved, but we will know a lot more next week.

Harper College Bill – a bill to give four-year degrees to Harper College just keeps reappearing, and passed in the House yesterday by a vote of 69-47. Obviously, we are still split, but there is a lot of support in the House for this bill. We killed the bill last year in the Senate and we are hoping to do the same thing this year. Along those same lines, we are working with Senators Demuzio and Burzynski on baccalaureate completion program legislation. In addition to being useful legislation, we think we will divert some of the attention away from the Harper Bill.

The House Republicans have introduced a package of bills designed to provide help for veterans. We never want to oppose veteran's legislation, but there are a couple of bills we have concerns about. One would allow veterans to transfer their grant program eligibility to a spouse or dependent. As you already know, we are not getting paid for veteran's grants and this would increase the liability to the University for veterans and veteran's spouses and dependents. Our main concern is that vets might still be eligible for federal benefits and they would just turn around and get their state eligibility for their spouse or dependent. So we are trying to avoid the double dipping.

Credit card marketing – Treasurer's office has worked with us on legislation dealing with credit card marketing at all universities. The concern is trying to help students avoid credit card debt and eliminate some questionable practices of some of the credit card companies. Western is already well ahead of the game as we do not allow that activity currently at Western.

As a result of a couple of incidents at the University of Illinois, Representative Jakobsson has introduced some legislation dealing with allowing faculty and staff to display political buttons, bumper stickers, etc.

on university property. Apparently, University of Illinois recently issued a mandate indicating that political bumper stickers on automobiles were not allowed as well as political buttons. They went a little overboard in their interpretation of the Ethics Act so she is trying to address the legislation.

I am not going to talk too much about Student Lobby Day that is coming up on April 22, 2009, but I will let Rob talk about that. As AI indicated our last House appropriation hearing is on May 7, 2009, which will be our third hearing in the House so lots of interest in the House on university budgets.

Trustee Epperly asked when you referred to “we” a couple of times in COPS that is as in all universities working together. Director Steelman replied, yes, a Higher Education “we”.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY VICE PRESIDENTS

Academic Services

Associate Provost Hawkinson noted that Provost Thomas is at a professional conference and sends his regrets in not being able to attend the meeting this morning. He asked me to update you on just a few items.

This past week the Deans presented their consolidated annual budget report, wherein they discussed the accomplishments in their Colleges this year, their goals for next year, their plans for new programs and their budget requests. This is part of the year long planning process that was put in place at the University when Dr. Goldfarb became our President. Dr. Thomas will consider all the requests from the colleges to determine the priority of each item and then present his report to the President and University community on April 30. Throughout this process, Dr. Thomas has explained to faculty, chairs and deans the difficult economic times we are in and the need to reallocate existing dollars to new priorities, to reign in spending and to administer their units as efficiently as possible.

We are currently interviewing candidates for the position of Dean at the College of Education and Human Services and we hope to conclude this search soon. As Trustee Nelson already pointed out, Dr. Bonnie Smith-Skripps will be retiring at the end of April and her Associate Dean Dr. Nick Digrino will be filling in as the Interim Dean until the new dean arrives. I know Bonnie is in the audience today and I would like to acknowledge her for all of her years of service at Western Illinois University.

We also, as Trustee Nelson has done, want to recognize Dr. Inessa Levi, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, who recently accepted the position of Provost at Columbus State University and she too will be leaving us soon.

We will soon be interviewing candidates for the position of Director of the School of Engineering. One of our academic goals was to bring about greater diversity at Western and keeping with this goal, Dr. Thomas established the Dissertation Fellows Program, the Post Doctorate Program and the Visiting Professors Program. All programs established are to provide incentives to diverse faculty to come and teach at Western. We had two dissertation fellows awarded this year and I am delighted to announce that one of the fellows enjoyed this experience so much that he applied for a position here at Western. Because of his outstanding credentials, we were able to hire him into a tenure track position so the program works. For the coming year, we already have three applications for this fellowship program.

There are many other exciting things happening in Academic Affairs and I know Provost Thomas will be able to provide a summary of our accomplishments at the next Board meeting that follows at the end of this academic year.

Trustee Epperly commented, just last week I saw in the Chronicle that as part of the new federal budget there are going to be 25 institutions named nationwide as colleges of service. I would hope that we would be looking into this in terms of our Peace Corp program and the awards they received, as well as our community service programs and the recognition we received. I have no idea if we would have any shot at being one of these 25 institutions, but there is \$7 million budgeted for those 25 institutions. So if we could check into that.

Associate Provost Hawkinson replied that we will certainly check into that. In addition, one issue we are beginning is looking at a Carnegie classification for service to rural communities. Our Institute for Rural Affairs is beginning the process of submitting an application for us to be listed as one of the stand-out institutions in the country for service to rural communities. That is related to this somewhat but another program.

Trustee Antonides questioned the budgeted amount for the program. Trustee Epperly replied it is not part of the stimulus package, but part of the actual federal budget.

Advancement and Public Services

Vice President Dan Hendricks thanked Chair Nelson. The RockeNetwork which is our University social network now has 2,674 participants and we have two student bloggers who are blogging an average of six times a week on a number of different issues related to Western. Many of you have probably had a chance to read those. Alumni programs in the last couple of months have sponsored events in Florida, Nashville, and just recently in Arizona for a golf outing and a White Sox game. We attended a number of events in Chicago, and last weekend Black Alumni Association had their annual formal that was quite successful.

In marketing, we are continuing to work as a University community under the leadership of our national marketing director, Kristin Dunstan, to discover the Western brand that is a process that takes time and it's a process of discernment, discovery and definition. What we discovered as we talk to people and study the history of the institution and look at its achievements, the Western brand has something to do with educational opportunity and the three other values. Also time and time again, Kristin has discovered that people talk about an exceptional, unique and wonderful community. Along those lines, we will plan in the fall to also undertake another taxi top initiative in the Chicago area with over 100 signs promoting Western. This spring we continue the billboard initiative with billboards in Peoria, Bloomington and also the Quad Cities.

I am also happy to report that after two years and under the leadership of Darcie Shinberger, our Director of University Relations, we completed all of the case statements for every one of the colleges and program units for the University campaign. Those are wonderfully descriptive and present in a compelling and clear way the University case for support for our campaign.

I am also pleased to announce that the annual fund continues with its important work, especially in these times of financial difficulty. Staying in touch with alums is important because our work over there is basically, the beginning and end of it, to engage people. We have made something in excess of 30,000 calls since the beginning of the year. Recently, we called parents who responded with a pacesetting generosity and also the various departments in the College of Arts and Sciences have been called.

Janice Owens, our Director of Scholarships, wanted me to report that we have sent out notifications for a number of our elite scholarship programs including our trustee scholarships, foundation honors scholarships, foundation, presidential, centennial honors and the Goldfarb scholarships. The pool of really talented and gifted achievers has been very strong this year and we are delighted. As Chair Nelson also reported, the Scholarship Office, under Janice's leadership, was named a Best Practice by the Center

for Student Opportunity and what that indicates is the work she has done has enabled us to realize that value of student opportunity and educational quality.

Student Services

Vice President Garry Johnson reported on events in Student Services. As the President mentioned, we just returned from Spring Break and prior to that we celebrated our International Bazaar which happens every spring on campus. The Bazaar is a wonderful event where international students feature their countries for all of those at the University and in our community. We have lots of small school children that are bused in to be a part of the International Bazaar and learn about the various countries. That is always very exciting.

Spring Break is always a good time for folks to relax and get away for a little while. I'm sure some faculty and staff enjoy that as well. While some of our students went home to work to generate some extra money to help pay their cost of going to college, some ended up going to Mexico and other places which we tried to warn them in advance of that they needed to be careful and be ever vigilant.

A number of our students went on alternate Spring Breaks. We had 13 of our students who went to Kansas City and taught in an orphanage one week during Spring Break which was a great experience. My student worker in my office was one of those students and it was a wonderful educational experience for them and an experience they really enjoyed.

We had another group of 20-30 students who were part of Students Today/Leaders Forever, who went on a road trip and visited about five or six different cities and worked on service projects in those cities for a day and a great opportunity for them. We are very proud of them taking their time and giving back to various communities on behalf of Western Illinois University and the groups that they work with.

The Rec Center addition is about done. We have a couple little things still remaining, but it's coming along pretty well. The work on Multicultural Center is continuing. I would like to say it is ready to open but we have a little more time to work to get that up and running. I doubt that anyone will be moving into it prior to end of spring semester because we still have to let the building sit for a period of time to balance all the systems and the LEED certification that we are trying to get. Ted Renner from Physical Plant has done an awesome job of managing that project, as has Al Harris in terms of the budget. It's a tight rope for them in terms of making sure we get everything we are supposed to get. I want to publicly thank Ted and Al for all of their hard work and effort to make sure that project turns out the way we would like because it will be a facility that will certainly showcase our campus and we want it to be done well.

Trustee Epperly asked about projections on admission numbers. Director Eric Campbell stated that as of today we have processed 7,888 freshmen applications for admission. We are currently running 2.86% ahead of last year. Because we do not have an indicator of tuition deposit, our housing deposit is our main indicator of who will be attending Western at this point. We are currently running about 12% down in our housing deposits. Our accepted numbers are down about 2% compared to this time last year. How does this compare to other schools in the State of Illinois – at this point, it seems that the application pool is up around the state and we are seeing a number of students who are shopping and applying at multiple institutions this year. That has been the trend over the last two years. We are seeing students stay closer to the State of Illinois and in-state and that is why we are seeing a larger increase in the applicant pools. Many students are indicating that they will be attending community colleges this year. The transfer number applications are up nearly 4.26% this year. The housing numbers for transfer students are down 7%. We have been very aggressive in how we are trying to attract the attention of these students. We have done a number of events in the Chicagoland area as well at the President's residence to work with our accepted students. We have also involved the Alumni Association in writing personal letters to these

students as well. I send a personal letter to all the parents of the students telling them what Western is doing to keep the cost of financing their education affordable. Our admissions counselors continue to make phone calls to these students to encourage them to attend Western and to use the cost guarantee as one of the main factors in support of coming to this institution.

VP Johnson added, even though our numbers are down in housing in terms of new students, I want to congratulate JB, Matt and Tera and the folks in Housing and Dining for the number of returning students increasing so they have been able to retain more students than in the past.

President Goldfarb noted that numbers are down statewide in housing deposits. It seems that people are waiting a little longer to put their deposits down. VP Johnson added that it would work well for the state if more students did this and stayed in state since Illinois is the second largest exporter of students in the country--other than New Jersey. Hopefully, they will figure out that the best value in education is Illinois and take advantage of that.

Trustee Epperly asked if WIU has application fee. Director Campbell responded we do require an application fee. It is \$30 application fee for paper and \$5 discount if a prospective student applies online. Transfer students are the same rate.

Trustee Epperly added that in the Chronicle recently, and am not advocating that we hire this individual, but just be aware, where an outside auditor will check our customer service experience. I think it is always nice if you can get it done for no charge or a reasonable charge, but an outside view is sometimes valuable. VP Johnson responded, we do a lot of customer service in terms of how our operations are being perceived by the customers they serve. We do get a lot of feedback on all of our programs in terms of how people perceive those and they are always very positive. The orientation program receives rave reviews.

Director Campbell added that we seem to get very positive responses from all of our open house events and even a recent blog.

Trustee Antonides asked about student prospects being given the opportunity to talk about the programs or directly with academic departments. Director Campbell replied that students have an opportunity to go into breakout sessions and go to the academic departments.

Chair Nelson addressed Blake – I got a call from a client who brought his daughter who is thinking about going to Western in Communications. One of the breakouts the professor in communications took her into the TV studio, showed her around and even let her do some broadcasting and she was just thrilled. The comment the father made to me was this is really beyond the call, very personable and a very good impression on his daughter because the father realized that these people really care about these new prospective students. He was going to send a letter to the dean of the college about it.

VP Johnson added that one of the things we also do during Discover Western program in particular, our admissions counselors go out with groups of students to the departments and listen and observe the interactions of how it is being presented. It provides feedback to Eric, the deans and department chairs to make sure we are getting the best folks presenting to students and representing the institution in a positive way. It's always nice when we have our own faculty and staff who have their students going through the admissions process because they give us lots of feedback relevant to the process. We are always anxious to get that feedback from our own folks.

Director Campbell stated the customer service aspect of what we do is often identified as our competitive advantage even more so by people outside the University, so that is one of the things we are trying to use to our advantage in terms of our strategies and how we work with our students.

Trustee Epperly noted that he recently received his yearly letter about donating to Athletics and it was signed and written by a student and it added a different touch to it. VP Johnson stated that is something we have been doing for the last couple years is involving our student athletes more. They love it because they want to be able to tell the story of their experience as athletes.

Trustee Antonides asked, since we will not publish our numbers on tuition and fees until June - do we expect that to have any sort of effect on people who want to put down a deposit? Director Campbell replied, no, that is not going to have an impact because most of the students who are coming in know the rates are not set because the Board has not met yet. People understand there is an increase in the cost of tuition every year. VP Johnson added that most of the institutions are in the same situation we are in terms of waiting to determine what the state is going to do in state support to higher ed this year. We are cautiously optimistic, but we won't know until a budget is passed.

SGA President Dulski commented on the virtual online tour. It is a great new venue to reach out to the prospective students. He asked about housing deposits being down this year. Director Campbell replied we have seen a slow pace with the number of students applying for admission and we will continue to build as we get closer to fall. We will be over the 8,000 mark again in terms of students applying and the other schools are experiencing the same thing except for those schools which have early deadline dates. We have rolling admissions which means we accept applications all year long, but we try to capitalize on that and give students the opportunity who are still on the fence and have not made a decision of where they want to attend school.

Chair Nelson asked Director Campbell about the virtual tour. Director Campbell noted we had a virtual online college fair where we had some 500 people come to our booth. We used an opportunity to go online with Monster.com, which actually provided an opportunity for colleges and universities in the Midwest to have an online virtual college fair where people could actually be in their home and receive information about colleges and universities that they would not have to travel. We took advantage of that opportunity to get some more exposure for Western online. We had over 500 people visit our booth.

VP Johnson added that WIU faculty and staff members are doing a great job trying to do some new things that we have not done before to make sure Western's name gets out in front of students that might not necessarily have the opportunity to come to campus.

Director Campbell stated that we do not have a virtual tour on our website, but we have the university tour that is a brand new video that I worked on with University Relations and University Marketing which is also attached to the Admissions website, as well as University Housing and Dining Services. It gives a view of the entire University. It is not a virtual tour, but a campus tour. If you have a chance, please go online and go to the Admissions website to visit this campus tour.

Quad Cities, Planning and Technology

Vice President Joe Rives presented a PowerPoint report. The first slide you are going to see is Higher Values in Higher Education. Like Associate Provost Hawkinson talked about, in my division the directors just did their consolidated reports with their priorities and accomplishments for the year and those will get translated into our presentation for Dr. Goldfarb and the campus community.

In terms of University Technology, I just wanted to point out one thing. This graph is really impressive even though it looks like a lot of stuff. You might remember last year you approved more bandwidth for

Western. If you can concert on the green lines, that is the average download speed and what you'll see in the semesters past is that it was very variable. As you look on the right-hand side, that means we have achieved a very significant landmark in that our network is reliable and download speeds are consistent. With that, University Technology has been able to move into some really cool things with the campus community. We have the reliable bandwidth now so we can do fiscal planning for dark fiber you asked about. We just applied for a \$500,000 grant from the State of Illinois to connect both campuses of Western Illinois University with the Niabi Zoo in Moline, as well as the Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum in Chicago. We are working under the leadership of Dean Smith-Skripps and Dean Kreider on a mobility initiative on campus to make us more technology mobile.

We have initiated website enhancements to Macomb. You might remember last year we went through a process to update the Quad Cities page and now that process is being brought home. Congratulations to Darcie and University Relations for their national recognition in web 2.0. Again a stable network permits that kind of stuff to go on.

We are doing much more podcasting and streaming particularly in the area of College of Education and Human Services. To illustrate what is going on in the Quad Cities and Planning, I was asked to do a very brief presentation on our new partnership program that you heard referenced this morning. I am going to walk you through that program and I am going to talk about Black Hawk and WIU – Quad Cities. Basically, you can see the profile and what to note is that we have a high percentage on both of our campuses of students receiving financial aid. The antecedent we came up with is the new partnership for the program and is based on your Strategic Plan and the priorities you set forth. There were also antecedents in that the State has a new statewide strategic plan for higher education, the Illinois Public Agenda. You can see their priorities are similar to the ones you had approved for Western years prior.

The demographics of Rock Island County are pretty amazing. This is the percent of students and residents in Rock Island County. We have a higher percentage of residents who have an associates' degree, but a remarkably lower percentage of students who have a baccalaureate degree. Jobs in the past have needed a baccalaureate degree, but the bottom line is that we are significantly below and we need people to get the bachelors and higher.

This is the percent of recipients in MSAs that have baccalaureate degrees. You see the Quad Cities is significantly lower than in Cedar Rapids, Bloomington-Normal and Iowa City.

The impact of less educated populous in Rock Island County is one example of evidence. We know we have very strong partnerships with Black Hawk Community College as well as all of our community college partners. This is the model that Western in the Quad Cities has operated. Basically saying Black Hawk does freshmen and sophomore courses and Western does 300/400 level classes. We were allowing students to be dually enrolled. The WARD report you might remember is Western's degree audit system. Every semester a student would get a degree audit saying that you have taken these classes and here is where you need to go so you are ready to transfer to Western.

It has been a very successful program. The strong partnerships again focusing specifically on Black Hawk but definitely apply to all and you can see the advantages we have in the Quad Cities campus. We do share advisement and co-curricular opportunities. Starting this fall, Black Hawk and the Quad Cities campus are exchanging space at no cost to one another. We are full during the night, and they are full during the morning. We are able to exchange space during off peak periods to the benefit of everybody. We definitely have a shared commitment to students' success and are currently writing an \$80,000 grant that is enabling us to have a staff member who is dedicated to recruitment at the high schools, Black Hawk and champion them over to Western.

With those strong partnerships, we asked ourselves can we do more to advance on the Strategic Plan initiatives and address the demographics of Rock Island County. You will see that just a handful of colleges have gotten into a concept called dual enrollment which can help students graduate at a rate up to 20% higher.

In the new model we are proposing exclusive 100/200 freshmen/sophomore classes at Black Hawk and 300/400 exclusive on the Quad Cities campus. Students in the freshmen and sophomore year each semester who apply to this program will take four classes at Black Hawk and one at Western so their feet are on the ground, on-site and Western students from the very beginning. The literature says again-- higher retention and persistence.

Here are the courses Black Hawk allows. Traditionally they have had the first right of refusal for Western to offer freshmen and sophomore courses. The funding source for these courses is to the existing faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences and will be teaching these courses within their load. Secondly, I took an administrative position and reallocated to support adjunct so there is no additional cost to the University to pilot test this program for the State of Illinois.

To be eligible in the program, the Illinois State Student Assistance Commission said they had to be new students coming into the community college and be college ready. Again, the community college is enrolling the student and making the admissions' decision. As part of the community college application, Black Hawk has agreed to collect the data on English through the other category you see which is the college ready curriculum for State of Illinois. Black Hawk also does require the ACT for their recordkeeping so we are not putting an extra burden on the students.

The program is eligible to students in one of the three majors on the Quad Cities campus. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission required that we keep this a fulltime program to get students in and out of the door. You will see they must have plans to commit 30 hours/a fulltime load. They have to keep a 2.0 GPA but there may be higher grade point requirements for those three majors and there are financial considerations to the program. They will be assessed even though they are taking four classes at Black Hawk and one at Western our tuition which is higher than Black Hawk. It is only assessment and only for students on financial aid. They will be assessed Western tuition and the financial aid that they receive will be banked and cannot be used by the student until the junior year when they come back to the Quad Cities campus. Students who are not on financial aid and students receiving loans won't have the advantage. This is the true financial aid that would be banked. The advantage of the program to the student is they lock in their cost guarantee as freshmen in this program as opposed to when they transfer over to Western.

Because it's a pilot program, the State said that the variance dollars can only be used at Western Illinois University – Quad Cities, but we have a unique and exciting opportunity for the Macomb campus. To give you a magnitude for this program, the first bar is the actual tuition and fees and the second bar is the assessed. The difference the student will be banking is there for you to see.

At the junior and senior year if you work out the mathematics, you would see that there's about a 40% cost savings by students participating in this program. If you thought of it over a four-year program, the cost of Black Hawk and the cost of Western and the total cost plus the adjusted financial aid, you will see that is a 25% savings to the student.

Students not on financial aid are going to need to carefully consider. Andy Borst is here from the Quad Cities and he will be working with his advisors to carefully advise students not on financial aid to decide if this program is right or not right for them. You will see it will cost students a little more as freshmen and sophomores to participate in the program. Again because they are locking in the cost guarantee, they

would pay lower at the junior/senior year. It will cost the student about \$600 more per year and we will do truth in advertising.

The difference between the cost guarantee when the student comes in this program versus when they would have come to Western, you would see we would lose \$903/student. Please remember that students are coming in as freshmen and sophomores so they would be revenue that we would not have otherwise captured, if the student persists, about \$1,500 per student in the program.

In summary, there are many benefits to this program there before you. I won't read them. Institutionally, I feel there are many benefits to the program including advancement of your Strategic Plan, as well as increasing the student's probability for graduating, and student success is the key component.

Earlier I said there is a great opportunity for Macomb. The State is letting us expand this pilot program to include Carl Sandburg, again to the Quad Cities campus with the three selected majors, as well as to the Macomb campus with all majors. We will be working with Carl Sandburg and getting people in Macomb and Quad Cities together and Black Hawk to develop an assessment evaluation plan of the program.

This is a sampling of the people who worked on the program. Andy Borst, Kristi Mindrup and Gary Rowe are all here from the Quad Cities. To them, I especially say thank you for all of your diligent work. This was a quick overview of the program and I hope you are excited by it. It is first of its kind in the State of Illinois and we are very excited.

Chair Nelson commented, I met the first engineering student that is registered for the Quad Cities campus. At the press conference, he said that he lives at home and he already has his associates' degree and will be able to complete his engineering degree at a total cost of \$25,000, as a result of the benefit of living at home and paying tuition to Black Hawk and to Western.

Trustee Antonides asked if VP Rives was in charge of marketing the program, too. VP Rives replied sort of, kind of, but, no, we have marketing experts.

Trustee Epperly inquired about the percentage of Quad Cities students from Scott County. VP Rives responded 25% of our Quad Cities students are from Scott County. I have actually contacted the State of Iowa in Des Moines, the Iowa Student Assistance Commission, to see if they would be willing to let us do a relationship with eastern Iowa. The Chancellor of Eastern Iowa did express interest. We are just waiting to hear from Des Moines to see if such opportunity is probable.

Administrative Services

Vice President Jackie Thompson commented, I just would like to bring closure to yesterday. Again, thanks to the Macomb community, State Police, County Police, and even the three bomb sniffing dogs that came in yesterday to Stipes and Horrabin Hall. It really is a compliment to a lot of agencies at how they respond very quickly when we ask them to. I also want to give a special thanks to our own police officers who maybe had just gotten home and then came right back to campus and stayed on campus all day and were present in those buildings.

Believe it or not, there is actual work going on in Memorial Hall. I don't know if we ever thought we would be able to say that, but they are working. Michael Hott, our campus architect for this project, took some pictures that really showed what deferred maintenance is like in our buildings. The rusted pipes were pretty remarkable to see, and I think Student Government is going to use those at their upcoming trip to Springfield.

On deferred maintenance, we discovered yesterday that one of the columns on our Sherman Hall dome broke off in the recent windstorm. We are trying to repair that. It is not structural but we are repairing all of the columns up there and holding them in to make sure we do not have any other damage. We had to remove all the acroteria which are the sculpted decorative pieces like gargoyles on a building. We had to remove all those because they have now deteriorated. They have lasted over 100 years and we are looking for ways to repair those and eventually reinstate those on the building. It was kind of interesting to watch them being removed from the building yesterday.

We had a tabletop active shooter exercise earlier this spring and will be having a full scale active shooter exercise on May 27, 2009.

I think I mentioned in December that we basically had a failed search to replace Cathy Couza. I am chairing that committee but we will be bringing in three candidates the second and third week of April.

On a lighter note, if you look around campus you can see some of the fruits of your labor from “We Care” last fall. There are all kinds of purple and gold flowers coming up at the Alumni House, around Lake Ruth, behind the Union which is really very pretty.

Finally, I am so happy to report that my geese have returned to Lake Ruth.

Chair Nelson asked Cathy Couza to stand up and be recognized for her retirement of April 30, 2009.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joe Rives spoke regarding the strategic plan update. Basically many of the accomplishments you heard starting with Steve’s comments and trickling all the way through the VP comments are directly related to the Strategic Plan, and you have the materials before you so happy to answer any questions. The item itself concentrated on accreditation, and we will be working with you this summer so you can see a first draft.

ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

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

The constituency groups feel that in these hard economic times, the investment activities that the university is engaging in are worthwhile. Though many higher education institutions are suffering financially, Western should be proud to know that we are taking the right steps to secure our investments for the future. We are also proud to know that Western Illinois University alumni and affiliates are still supporting the University strongly through campaign gifts.

We support the Board decision to move forward and revise the residency status as outlined in the *Regulations*. Now that the Board has eliminated unnecessary language that restricts persons from attending Western Illinois University as an in-state resident, and it will hopefully attract people to our school who are found in atypical situations. We are glad to see that the Board has recognized that potential students do not put themselves in situations that restrict them from obtaining in-state residency and the benefits of it as a student at Western. The intent of this revision is very much supported by the governing groups.

The proposed revisions of the Intellectual Property Policy are in harmony of good intent. The governance groups have looked at the revisions made and support it. We would encourage the Board of Trustees and

the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee to continually look at the policy as the creative activities of faculty are being recognized and rewarded.

Faculty Senate Chair – Dennis DeVolder

Chair Dennis DeVolder thanked Chair Nelson.

Guests:

Dean Phyllis Self and other representatives of the Malpass Library were present on March 10 to respond to questions about the 30% cut in departmental materials allocations.

Business:

The Council on Provost and Presidential Performance revised the survey instrument to remove conjunctive sentences and to reduce the rating scale from seven points to five. This was an effort to make the instrument more understandable and simpler to use. At the time of the Council's last report the administration of the instrument was near complete, and the number of responses received (approximately 1/3 of those eligible) was higher than it had been at the same time last year.

The Faculty Senate considered an amendment to its constitution to establish a permanent Senate seat for a library faculty member. Arguments for the amendment revolved primarily around the library, its large budget, its vital role in providing support to all departments on campus, and the uniqueness of library faculty. Arguments against the amendment cited confusion over representation of the library faculty vs. representation of the library as an academic support unit, questioned the wisdom of guaranteeing a permanent seat for one relatively small group of faculty, and reiterated the existing path for library faculty to the Senate via the College of Arts and Sciences. Ultimately the amendment failed.

The Faculty Senate modified its procedure on resolutions of recognition for deceased faculty members. Since beginning this practice, the Senate brings forward a resolution recognizing the contributions of faculty members who pass away during their regular employment at the University. The modification allows senators or interested faculty to bring resolutions to the Faculty Senate for others, such as retired faculty. The first resolution under this modification, for Dr. Robert P. Sutton, was considered on March 10, 2009.

It became apparent that the recommended timeline for implementation of the Foreign Language/Global Issues (FLGI) requirement would not be met. The recommendations in the final report of the FLGI committee included a start date of Fall 2009; President Goldfarb recently approved the Senate's request for a one year extension. The Senate's Council on International Education has primary responsibility for the oversight of the Global Issues portion of this requirement. They are in the process of reviewing and approving Global Issues status for courses at this time, but there will not be enough courses in place by Fall '09. Each department/degree program must also specify one or more options by which its majors will meet the FLGI requirement. Again, this process is underway, but it will not be complete in time to make the '09-'10 catalog.

The Faculty Senate recommended approval of a change to the First Year Experience requirement. The change corrects the number of semester hours corresponding to one and two semesters of full-time enrollment, and includes students who leave and later re-enter WIU as freshmen.

Due in part to the two initiatives this year by library faculty to change the circumstances of their participation in Faculty Senate, there is a heightened awareness of the election process. As a result, several issues have come to light. On Tuesday Faculty Senate will have the second reading and vote on a bylaws amendment to explicitly restrict an individual to running for only one open seat during an election cycle. This will prevent one faculty member from simultaneously seeking college-specific and at-large

seats. Also under discussion are possible changes in Senate practice regarding the amount and level of detail of information released by the Senate office during the time that petitions for candidacy are being accepted, and once the election results are known.

Student Government Association President – Robert Dulski

President Dulski thanked Chair Nelson.

Taste of Macomb

- Sunday, April 19
- 12:00 – 4:00 @ Chandler Park in the Square
- Student Government / Chamber of Commerce
- Student Organizations & Local Businesses

SGA/STU Survey

- Student Government Association / Student Tenant Union... “STUvey”
- Student/Tenant – Landlord survey
- Intent is to promote awareness of potential “slumlords” and to assist students in making \$3,500 investments in where they will be living
- Results of survey are available in the Student Tenant Union office for students to view at their convenience
- 360 respondents within two days

Inter-Hall Council

- Award recipients, representing WIU astoundingly!!! Assistant VP Biernbaum commented we are very fortunate to have a great student governance group in the residence halls and Garry can support this as well. We have been very fortunate in attending the state, regional and national conferences. We did have the National Student of the Year last year, Joe Balogh who spoke at this past May’s commencement. We have two Programs of the Year awards in the Great Lakes region for some of the late night programming we did. Tera Monroe is the advisor here on campus for that group as well as the regional advisor to the Great Lakes. We do have very active leadership in regards to our residence halls and are very proud of it. The National Association of Colleges and University Residence Halls is one the largest solely student run organizations in the nation. We have currently two members on the national board which were just recently elected this weekend. This is a nice feather in our cap and a tribute to all the staff at the residence halls who work hard to develop long after 4:30 P.M. when people are going home. VP Johnson added, for those of you interested in historical trivia, JB was the President of NACURH when I was the President back in ’43 I think. JB responded I had more hair than Garry and then I came to work for him and that sort of went away.
- New President – Ms. Alex Morgano
- Elections to be held for other positions coming up

SGA Constitution

- Re-writing a document written by Chris Thomas (former student trustee)
- Changing (potentially) GPA requirement for Student Member of the Board of Trustee, SGA President, and Vice President to 3.0 (previously 2.75)
- Senator’s new (potentially) GPA requirement from 2.25 to 2.5
- Other changes to be made in accordance with the ever changing student body

SGA Elections

- Student Member on the Board of Trustees, SGA President, Vice President, and Senator at Large Voting from 4/6 – 4/9

Lobby Days

- Group of students from SGA traveling down to Springfield on Wednesday, April 22
- Pictures from Memorial Hall (Thank you Jackie Thompson!)

Student Fees

- Proposal to be made at the June 5th Board of Trustees meeting
- Expected high/low numbers in % increase for student fees:
 - o High –19.94% (\$72.62 per credit hour)
 - o Low – 17.87% (\$71.37 per credit hour)
- Student Fees Committee is in the process of putting together a report to be discussed at this coming Tuesday's SGA meeting
- Committee recommendation is to have status update reports given to SGA on how the money is being used – Is it in accordance with the proposal?
- Trustee Antonides stated there has been talk about a green fee and that the proposal has not gone to the Board yet. He asked if there is time to make changes if someone wanted to do that. Associate VP Al Harris responded the students came to see me and talked about this possibility. I strongly encouraged. There is not a problem doing this but just indicated based on the timing that they would need to lay out a proposal, what it is for, who is going to submit it and how it is overseen. I gave them deadlines to put proposal together and working through Sustainability Committee on campus. They have not even talked about it at the Committee level yet as far as how they would want this to work. It would make more sense likely to come next year to put in this place because with what we are doing now and what we are dealing with this would add on additional fee. The gentlemen I talked to were fine with that and they were going to put a proposal together and bring back to us so we can consider for next year. When it comes to the Board, it has to be something laid out very specifically what it is going to be used for and how are we going to apply it and that was the main issue. At this point in time, I saw information from our last legislative meeting with state legislators talking about mandating for a green fee that is called some sort of university utility liability fee as an unfunded mandate fee onto the students. Legislators are looking at it also and we are trying to get ahead and plan for it. Trustee Epperly responded I had seen that by chance and ran into Robert at a meeting in Chicago. To me, I would like to commend the senator at large for SGA for that directive that brought that up. Candidly behind the scenes, I have been advocating student trustees the last several years for such a fee. I think a number of other universities in Illinois that have such a fee and it has to be student driven. Associate VP Harris added in our situation it is a little bit different because of the way we do fees here with the guarantee program. It really only applies to new students. You don't necessarily have to go through a referendum. Those are some of the issues we need to talk about.

President Dulski commented I was just notified by Dean Kreider that there is going to be SGA President Quartet and will be on the Courier website soon. Another thing, at the last Board meeting, I had a wake up call from VP Thompson and I did not get one this meeting, so I am expecting one in June. I want to recognize student Trustee Blake Antonides. He is 3 for 3 in his schools that he applied to, University of Chicago, Oxford and the London School of Economics. That's a great position to be in, so congratulations, Blake!

Chair Nelson asked about the student survey and how the students will obtain access to the information so they can make a determination as to where they might want to rent. President Dulski replied students filled out the survey through an email with an encrypted code when submitting the survey and your name or personal information is not released. After about four weeks, we are going to print them off and we are lining up the code with how we are going to give out the gift certificates for Taste of Macomb. The purpose of the code is to remain confidential on your response. When we print them out, we are going to file them. We have the main apartment complexes: Aspen Courts, Turnberry, Campus Manor but we also have the smaller landlords. The filing system has not been implemented yet but it will be available in the Student Tenant Union office in the Student Organization Center down here in the Union. If we can put it on the website, we are going to explore that option too.

VP Johnson added all the information is electronic in format. We want to congratulate Robin and the folks in the Student Tenant Union who worked to make that happen and also to Dr. Tere North who helped in assisting them by putting it online and making it easier for students to respond.

Chair Nelson asked if transfer students who have enough hours to live off campus be allowed access to that information. President Dulski responded the thought was there; it would be great to make that information aware to them and send it out somehow. It is definitely an issue for Student Tenant Union to address. Chair Nelson commented if they are going to live off campus and transfer to Western it would be nice if they could have the same information that the current students have. VP Johnson added I am sure Dr. Tere North could help you in assisting with that information.

Civil Service Employees Council – Ed Lavin, President

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to report on the current activities of the Civil Service Employee's Council to the Board of Trustees.

We have three new employees of the month as follow:

Jeanine Pollmeier is the employee of the month for January; she works in university admissions/records department. **Mark Shepard** is the employee of the month for February; he works as a building service supervisor at the physical plant. **Jo Davis** is the employee of the month for March; she is the office manager for the office of global education. Each has received a \$100 award donated by Carol Watts of Watts Copy Systems of Macomb.

The winter luncheon was a huge success, we had over 160 people in attendance and raised over \$1,800 for the Civil Service Scholarships. We are planning our spring luncheon tentatively for May 7, 2009.

The golf committee is working hard on this year's outing; we are hoping that this event continues to grow, making this our main fundraiser.

On January 26 we held the last of our fourth blood drive this year; 47 units were donated. This gave us a total 206 units for the year. We are very proud that we reached our goal of 200 units.

The Council awarded 4-\$1,000 scholarships for the spring semester, and 5-\$100 book awards for employees.

On April 2, 2009 President Goldfarb will be speaking to civil service employees, at the Spring Presidents Open Forum. The council is pleased that President Goldfarb has taken time out of his busy schedule to address civil service employees.

The council is pleased with all the hard work that Pam Bowman and her staff are doing to get the Pay for Exceptional Performance up and running with class schedules and addressing the minor problems that have come up.

April 20, 2009 is the last day we will be taking scholarship applications for this year. Please contact the Human Resource office for an application.

On a more somber note, the Civil Service Council lost a good friend, Bowen "Skip Watts" the husband of Carol Watts. Skip and Carol have been funding our employee of the month/year awards since 2001. Skip will be greatly missed. The council will be awarding one of our scholarships in Skip's name: The Bowen "Skip" Watts Memorial Scholarship. We will have Carol or her son come in December to make the presentation.

If you see the pictures against the wall, I am one of the committee members for the Adams Street overlay project and those were some of the pictures the consultants had left with us. If anyone would like to look at them, I could answer some questions. For the Board of Trustees, I will be sending you a CD of the PowerPoint presentation. It really looks neat in 3-D; you will enjoy it. If anybody else would like a presentation done to an organization, I am giving it to the Student Government Association on Tuesday and would be more than happy to come and make a presentation.

Council of Administrative Personnel President – Schuyler Meixner

President Meixner thanked Chair Nelson. I do again thank the Board for COAP to be a representative constituent group and I don't have anything additional other than what is printed in my report unless there are questions.

The Council of Administrative Personnel has recently distributed information to the membership regarding the COAP Professional Development Grant. This opportunity was developed to provide assistance for conference participation or professional development by COAP members. An award will be made in the summer to be used by the recipient in the next fiscal year.

This initiative is a natural fit with the University's new plan for Pay for Exceptional Performance (PFEP) which was endorsed by the COAP Executive Board. In light of the current economic stresses, the Professional Development Grant can be directly utilized to assist campus administrators in achieving their professional goals as outlined in their PFEP plan.

The COAP Executive Committee continues to work on additional fundraising for the Professional Development Grant. We are reaching out to COAP members and the University Vice Presidents for universal of support this initiative.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the annual vacancies on the COAP Executive Board. We are seeking member nominations for 2-year terms in the following positions: Secretary/Treasurer, Division Representative – President's Office, Division Representative – Student Services, Division Representative – Advancement and Public Services, and Unit Representative - University Technology. Elections will be held at the end of April.

COAP secretary Lisa Melz continues work on the website for the organization which will be unveiled in the near future. In addition, COAP President Schuyler Meixner is currently collaborating on formal compilation of items for an electronic Handbook for Administrative Personnel in conjunction with the NCA Criterion I report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In absence of Trustee Carolyn Ehlert Fuller, Trustee Epperly presented the five reports for the Finance Committee. He noted, I was here Wednesday and went to Tillman Hall to the coal seminar and ran into the professor selling purple and gold popcorn. So if you are not aware of it, I purchased it for each of the Board members. This popcorn is now stocked in downtown Chicago in the Buy Illinois products area. Trustee Houston asked if purple and gold popcorn tasted any different than regular. Trustee Epperly replied, no, but it will make you smarter. Chair Nelson asked if it came in microwaveable bags yet. Trustee Epperly stated, no, not yet.

Purchases of \$100,000-\$500,000 Receiving Presidential Approval

Vice President Jackie Thompson spoke regarding the four purchases. The first one you see is just another component of our safety and security process on campus so that we can upgrade our annunciation system in the residence halls and eventually in other campus buildings. This is just another component of what we are trying to do here on campus.

Trustee Antonides asked about the annunciation systems being blue lights, etc. VP Thompson explained that it will allow us to do is make public announcements in residence halls. VP Johnson added actually what Housing and Dining's contribution is to provide a centralized location in public safety where they in fact could initiate announcements in residence halls rather than having to go to each residence hall to do it.

Director Matt Bierman added that right now we do have speaker capabilities for recorded messages and this allows us to do customized messages from a microphone at the Office of Public Safety for all buildings equipped with the speaker function which include University Union, East Village and we are wiring Campus Recreation now. They will have the capability of flipping a switch and just talking to Thompson Hall or Bayliss-Henninger or wherever they need to target with various messages.

Chair Nelson asked about the culvert and basin project at the Riverview campus site. VP Rives stated on the right-hand side of the Quad Cities Riverfront campus building one where the drainage ditch is to work with the City to allow storm water to come down in a sustainable way and place a concrete top over the storm water passage, so the construction trucks can come right up to the facility and do the renovation to the campus. It would be more expedient to have them up there. Source of funds is the HUD grant we received several years ago to do the asbestos abatement and the technology planning with this variance we can make a commitment to sustainability and efficiencies.

Budget and Financial Data for Period Ended December 31, 2008

Vice President Thompson stated Julie and I have been trying to figure out a way for you to have a little more current report for you since we are almost three months behind. Director DeWees commented that as of the third quarter we have \$60.2 million of actual income as of this morning. We are right on target with our actual income. Our expenditures were \$79.3 million this morning and we still have about \$41 million left of funds that are unspent as of this morning. The State owes us a little over \$20 million so we are still in really good shape. The Business Office has been looking at our cash flow to make sure we will be okay until the end of the fiscal year and hopefully we will get new money then. It is a little misleading also because a lot of our faculty are on 12 pay so we have some large payrolls right now but then in June the payrolls will be smaller and we will still have money unspent at the end of June. It is not like we are going to spend all of our money at the end of June so we will still have expenditures in July and August, but our cash flow is fine.

President Goldfarb noted that our key concern in cash flow is meeting our payrolls. VP Thompson stated that our payrolls are what we are waiting primarily to be reimbursed and we have been keeping Steve apprised. Chair Nelson commented, I would like the other trustees, too, especially when we are down \$20 million. If you get a check just send me an email and that gives me an idea when we start getting money again. VP Thompson commented that we just received a small check. Chair Nelson added he is more concerned about the big ones. VP Thompson noted that the U of I is owed over \$200 million. We are doing okay and I don't think any worse off than any other university. I think Ron's persistence earlier in the year has probably helped us have our number just a little bit lower.

President Goldfarb complimented Ron. I have seen the emails that he consistently and continuously sends out. He is pretty dogged in terms of trying to convince the state to come to the table and do what they are supposed to be doing.

Director Ron Ward stated I did a little survey a little less than two weeks ago with five other universities including ourselves. The State owes those six universities about \$440 million at this point. We are at about \$21 million which is mainly payroll. U of I is at \$230 million, with Southern at \$89 million. ISU is owed \$35 million, and Eastern is \$20 million.

Trustee Houston asked Director Ward what happens if we hit June 30 and they stole all this money. Director Ward replied my accounting department and I are continually working with those numbers and we put together the cash flow analysis here. Starting today, we are at about \$43 million. If we keep going with the normal payroll and accounts payable expenditures, we will work our balances down to about \$12 million. I am not assuming we are getting our \$20 million from the state in that. Beyond that, I am not assuming we are getting our new budget from them because they historically get into these arguments. Just like right now, the Republicans are coming up with their budget and haggling so it's not telling when you start spending the new budget. I am not going to assume that we have got that coming in July, August and September. Trustee Houston asked do you assume we get the \$20 million at some point if we go past. Director Ward replied we better get the \$20 million. Trustee Houston replied that is not what I asked you – do we anticipate based on past practices of the state that if they are not generating the money out of this fiscal year, they will take money out of next fiscal year? Director Ward responded I don't know. President Goldfarb replied, it is the way they paid bills in the past. I do think it is part of what is going on in the planning if I would have to guess. I think there's a new territory for all of us because it is so far beyond what has occurred. In terms of past practice, they have carried over bills and then paid them. Director Ward added they have never been this far outstanding with the universities as they are this year. Last year in December, we were at about \$14-\$15 million held back. Our Christmas break we were on the verge of about \$25 million outstanding because we had the December 31 payroll. During the break, they reimbursed two large \$6-7 million payroll and brought us back down to the \$12-\$14 million. Now we are back up to the \$21 million. In this year, it is new to the universities since they have never been this far in the hole.

President Goldfarb added that is why I sent the letter out to campus trying to explain the further this goes along the only thing we can do the farther out you go is payroll. So you have to begin to recognize we will have to pull back on any kinds of hiring, travel expenses or equipment purchases. The thing that worries me most is any kind of building crises or deferred maintenance issue.

Trustee Houston commented, when you take a look at the fund sweeps and the things the state has done if you pay the money out, they may decide not to pay it which is no different than doing a fund sweep. Taking money from a specific fund that may be legally marked for purpose may just take it because it is there and may take the approach if universities have monies themselves they could take that money too. If we are paying out of income fund, why should they reimburse us? President Goldfarb replied, to be honest in some sense that has been the public policy up until now in terms of allowing tuition increases and is now just getting worse. They have been in one sense saying increase your tuition and sometimes getting yelled at for doing that but not providing any state support. The reality is if they get at that point without having talked to us then there is nothing else to do once we hit September and October except paying payroll and what do we do about all of our other expenses. That is the real problem. I said it when I testified; all of these approaches are just privatizing us. When they start fund sweeping like that, then we will have to go back to the students and have even higher tuition and fees in order to take care of any other expenses. I think they recognize now we have a little bit of balance but it is going to be catastrophic if they don't come back to the table. My hope is they recognize they are going to have to come back to the table and build that into the overall budget scheme. I am also hoping that Ron is wrong this year in the sense that maybe there is more of a desire to build a budget and get it taken care of so we don't go as late as we have in the past. I think the State is ready to see a more serious action budget earlier on. Director Ward commented he was amazed how they can start out a new budget year and not have the budget legally set and the money in place for it.

VP Thompson stated one thing we did learn was we would not be getting any payment in the month of February and not for awhile because of short term borrowing absorbing everything. Director Ward replied that the big source of funds is the income tax coming in. Two or three years ago, I started talking to the Cash Management Department in the Comptroller's office and up until then they never really had a cash manager. I think what is going on is he has now become educated as how to universities spend their funds. AI has come up with very effective spending reallocation programs and Garry is doing a great job with AFS and we are carrying ourselves and the state sources are dwindling. You go back 10 years and the tuition, room and board is what has carried us. They will sit down there and earmark funds that they don't really have and learn how we budget our finances and then try to manipulate it and use it against us. There really needs to be something at the high level of universities to go down there and put these legislators feet to the fire. They are doing things I can't believe are not illegal in the way they are operating this State. I don't know how they expect us to come up with our working capital and other financial funds that we need to operate here. It's atrocious what they do down there. The communication between me and the Cash Manager down there in the recent weeks has really dwindled. They won't talk to any of us about it. It's a little scary because they are not communicating besides what they owe universities right now.

President Goldfarb thanked Director Ron Ward for his perseverance.

Report on Investment Activities

Director Ron Ward commented I will try to be positive. When you look at our quarter to date investment performance, we are okay with comparability with the other quarters. It is just at a much lower level of rates. Our benchmark is at .3% and is the lowest I have seen the last 10 years. .9% was the low one back in FY04. Our actual rate of 1.8% is a lot better than the lowest one in the last 10 years of .7% so we are doing okay but just at a much lower level. The benchmark for fiscal year dates is at .9% and lowest one is .91% so we are right at the bottom. Rate of return is 2.14% and the lowest is 1.2% so we are still above that. \$551,000 is the earnings to date so far – to keep on that same path we are looking at \$1.2 million this year and we had \$2.6 million last year so it is a lot less. When you look at investment totals in December you look coming down from \$69 million to \$48 million which is essentially liquidation of funds for projects such as Multicultural Center and Student Recreation Center. \$48 million is a more normal level probably compares to FY05 before we got into all the bond issuances and built up the funds and now we are liquidating. December is the lowest quarter for the year.

Report on Income Producing Grants and Contracts for the Second Quarter

Associate Provost Hawkinson commented Beth Seaton is not here today. VP Thompson added if there any questions on this report I thought Ken and I would try to answer. Chair Nelson asked if grants are just not available or being reduced. VP Thompson replied, yes, to both your questions. Last year we received notification of a 2% cut in grants. There's a hope that with the stimulus package there may be more with Homeland Security but it is just not happening quite yet. Trustee Nelson asked about the three grants received in December of 2008 all from Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board noting those are substantial. VP Thompson replied those are staying somewhat healthy because that funding is from fines and tickets so they continue to give those out so money is available. There are also some federal closure dollars that come through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board or the Illinois Attorney General and will come over here for programming and training.

Report on Contributions

Vice President Dan Hendricks commented, and like Jackie I will just give you an update. After receiving the \$1 million gift from the John Deere Foundation and the Moline Foundation, our total to date is \$8,909,717 and that represents about 120% of our annual goal this year. As you recall, our goal was \$7,500,000. As Dr. Goldfarb indicated, we have already set another record and exceeded from last year

of \$8.7 million. I anticipate because we have about \$700,000 of unreported income in this, we received a very generous bequest to the College of Fine Arts from Ann and Rex Collins on his death and that will generate a gift to the jazz program for \$3,315,000. We also have not yet booked the Ufkes Estate. I think I reported to you last time we decided the Ufkes Estate is \$381,000 and we are going to use that to fully fund the Board of Trustees scholarship program. We had actually got that program up and we have been distributing money from an endowed account but it was not sustainable beyond the sixth year. I talked to Dr. Goldfarb and decided to fully fund the program with the Ufkes Estate because it was not anticipated and it was unrestricted to the University. It was probably the one unfunded scholarship program at the elite level that did not have a sustainable funding plan for it. When we are fully up and running on that one, we will probably be supporting as many as 32 different scholarships. This is a very encouraging number that could go higher and I think Al is pushing me to go to \$10 million and it's possible because we are still raising quite a bit of money with the annual fund. What makes it exceptional is the fact again this year in a deepening financial crisis in which are many families are stressed in their commitment to tuition and other living expenses that because of their love and loyalty to the University, they appear to be continuing to see the need. In fact, they may actually see in some deeper sense the need to support the University so this is very encouraging.

I would like to take as a personal point of privilege to note that, and it has already been done, one of the reasons why we have been so successful in the last four years is because we have had outstanding academic leadership. I have mentioned to Al on numerous occasions that I have heard of two or three other places and I have never seen the commitment to fundraising from the deans at Western as we have here. Two college deans that are leaving us have provided exceptional leadership in leading not only their administrative staffs but also working as a partner with the Foundation and that's Dr. Bonnie Smith-Skripps and Dr. Inessa Levi. They have just done an outstanding job and I would like to give them a hand on behalf of the Foundation. I also love Paul Kreider – he is here this morning.

On page 63, at this stage we are actually at 75% of our contacts for the year and going quite well. You have the other reports – I just wanted to take one brief moment to mention the other situation. As you recall, later this year we are going to have to distribute from some endowed accounts that are under water. Under water by definition, and it's a legal definition, is that both combined supplemental spending account which is the accumulated earnings and are growth from an endowed account and the endowed side which is an endowed side and supplemental side. An under water account is when the combined total of the supplemental account and endowed account is below the historic market value of the gift. According to state law, it is called a UMIFA. The Foundation cannot distribute from accounts that are under water. We are not obliged to distribute from those accounts if they are below water. At this time, we have kept Dr. Goldfarb informed about this situation, but as Ron and Jackie indicated, we cannot yet know how many of those accounts that we must distribute to support scholarships for students until later this spring. We do have a contingency plan. We will identify which of those accounts are under water and determine whether or not it is absolutely inevitable that it be distributed for the sake of the student. Third, we will then confer with the appropriate dean of that particular college and will have an option to use unrestricted money from the endowed accounts to either cover that or else find other solutions to cover those accounts. We don't anticipate they will be numerous, but they could be significant. As you know, in the last three weeks we have had a run up and surge in the stock market that is unprecedented since 1938. If the market did hit a bottom and we are now beginning to clime back up, in two or three months we may be in a much better position. I just want you to know we have taken steps to first identify what to do to pay these accounts out and also to cover them where necessary. This is where we will use unrestricted money and it's also the reason why in consultation with President Goldfarb we decided to cancel the Major Donor Banquet this year. We are going to use any money that is absolutely not used for other purposes to try to cover these scholarship accounts.

Trustee Epperly asked if the money would be sitting there in an account that is under water from a private donor. VP Hendricks replied, yes. Trustee Epperly asked if it would be possible for the private donor to waive that if they are still living. VP Hendricks responded, yes, and that one is most immediate and we don't like doing that but when Western went through this situation in 2001 we actually approached some donors. I'll give you an illustration because they are very comfortable being mentioned - the Wehrly's who established a couple scholarships in the last three or four years. Most of the scholarships are severely under water are endowed accounts that were created within the last four or five years because they have not had the time to accumulate a surplus. In the case of the Wehrly's, they have both committed to cover the scholarship account for this year since those accounts are under water. We have communicated to persons that we cannot do it legally because state law is designed to protect the integrity of these nest eggs. You don't want to be consuming the seed corn of your financial resource. It makes sense but it just makes it difficult in these times. Trustee Epperly commented, you could still go back in their case if they didn't want to contribute to pay the extra scholarship additional funds that they waive the under water requirement. President Goldfarb responded, no, it's a state law. Trustee Epperly asked if the money would sit there indefinitely. VP Hendricks replied, no, what the state law attempts to do and adopted by 30-35 other states around the country. The problem is when someone gives you a gift and they say I want this gift endowed and if you then proceed to distribute more than its earnings and growth on an annual basis, you gradually devour that account and eventually you have no endowment left. This particular law which was adopted by the state some years ago says in any one given year you cannot violate the market historical value of the endowed account. If somebody gives you \$100,000 and this has happened two years ago and that account today is worth \$88,000 and it has earned \$2,000 or \$3,000 you cannot distribute that account because the state is basically working to insure that these accounts are not violated. It is not a big problem for us yet because we have not had massive numbers of accounts created in recent years. It is a problem that we have to oppress. In the case of our deans, they have unrestricted money and if they have to distribute a \$2,000 scholarship this year and they don't really have the money in an existing endowed account with a surplus spending account, they can transfer into that account \$2,000 of unrestricted money and then pay from it but they can't use the existing resource. The purpose is in a year or two when the market recovers then the account can move back up to the level at or above the historic value. Trustee Epperly noted as much as the market has gone down, it is going to be years before it recovers. President Goldfarb stated we are not holding on. It is our endowment which is being invested among the wide range of entities and the reality is our endowment probably went down about 18% and it could take a while for some of those endowed accounts. VP Hendricks explained the average for our peer institutions was a decline of 27%, so we are a little bit better. There are two reasons for that - we invested a little bit in hedge funds and we invested in high-quality domestic and international stocks. I talked to the investors yesterday and we are probably closer to 15% now.

Trustee Antonides asked about historical value - is it the initial principal or an average? VP Hendricks explained the historical value of the gift is the amount of the gift when it was first made. When the donor gives it over to you, the historical market value of that gift is the amount of money they gave you on that date. Trustee Antonides asked, so someone who contributes to the endowment does not have the authority to waive the restriction of the historical value. Chair Nelson responded, no - it's the law.

President Goldfarb stated in 2001 when the market declined so radically after September 11, we had the same kind of problems in terms of under water accounts which turned around pretty quickly. Your question is the right one, Bill, in terms of time. Trustee Epperly commented dovetailing on Ron's comments the intent of the law is probably decent but on the other hand if the donor is comfortable with the fact of how the market works - this is sad.

VP Hendricks commented this is something we seemingly pray for and once in a while it happens. Every foundation associated with a University hopes constantly that annually you receive a few substantial gifts that are unrestricted like this Ufkes gift. What that means is you have the discretion and generally what

we do is – I endow that or we keep it in a ready account and use it for that kind of contingency and that is exactly what we are doing. Occasionally, you will receive a substantial unrestricted gift and you bank that because you have to cover these things or else it has unfortunate consequences for the institution. We are fine for awhile but we are going to watch it very closely and of course we are going to be extremely prudent.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Griffin noted one report for the Academic & Student Services Committee.

Annual Report on Financial Aid Programs

VP Johnson stated you have the report so if we would basically answer any questions. I would allow Bill Bushaw to make any comments he would like to make. Director Bushaw stated, with that in mind I'll just say that this is the Annual Report that we submit to the IBHE, and it is divided into four primary aid sections: federal, state, institutional, outside and other cumulative totals.

Chair Nelson asked about page 74 – is the \$926,000 received from state for Veteran's benefits? Director Bushaw answered, yes, and down below are the waivers. Chair Nelson then asked about unreimbursed on page 75 being about \$1.5 million of what state owes us. Director Bushaw replied, yes.

VP Johnson added you notice it is much higher and is, therefore, part of the problem relative to veterans' grants. As Dave Steelman was talking about earlier, if the intent is to increase that, and while that may be very noble, it simply makes the unfunded part of these grants that much more significant.

Director Bushaw commented, by state law we are required to pick up unfunded amounts of those particular state programs such as veterans grants.

PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Chair Nelson stated, Trustee Epperly and I will be the committee this year for the Presidential Assessment Evaluation and we are asking all the groups to make their comments and assessments on or about May 1, 2009. Administrative Assistant to the Board Kerry Yadgar commented that she will send an email to all of our governance leaders with the deadline information for comments.

Bill and I plan on meeting with all the Vice Presidents and the President some time in late April and we will decide whether or not there is a need to communicate with individuals outside the university. Then we will have the Presidential Assessment to bring to the Board at the June meeting and Al will do his own self assessment and provide to the Committee for our review.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 09.3/1: Release of December 19, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University has reviewed the minutes of the executive session to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to all or part of the minutes:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves for public disclosure at this time the following executive session minutes:

December 19, 2008

Trustee Griffin moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 09.3/1: Release of December 19, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Epperly seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Antonides	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 09.3/2: Revision to Board Regulations, IV.C., Residency Status – Second Reading

Vice President Thompson commented I don't know if you want me to go into the details. I know at the last Board meeting we discussed this and we modernized it a little bit. Bruce spent quite a bit of time helping us and so did Angela and Al DeRoos. We also tried to make it operate like we operate today. Administrative Assistant to the Board Kerry Yadgar noted that campus input was solicited and we received no comments on this issue.

Trustee Houston moved to pass Resolution 09.3/2 Revision to Board Regulations, IV.C, Residency Status – Second Reading. Trustee Antonides seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Antonides	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees has previously reviewed a first reading of a revision to the *Bylaws and Regulations*, Section IV.C., Residency Status; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees approved the amendment during its meeting of December 19, 2008; and,

WHEREAS the proposed changes were electronically available to the campus community with a deadline date of March 13, 2009, for receiving written comments prior to final Board action:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board approves the second and final reading of revisions as presented below.

IV. Students (continued)
C. Residency Status

1. Definitions

For purposes of this regulation, the following definitions pertain:

- a. An "adult student" is a student who is eighteen or more years of age.
- b. A "minor student" is a student who is less than eighteen years of age.
- c. An "emancipated minor student" is a completely self-supporting student who is less than eighteen years of age. Marriage or active military service shall be regarded as effecting the emancipation of minors ~~whether male or female~~ for the purposes of this regulation.
- d. "Residence" means legal domicile. Voter registration, filing of tax returns, proper license and registration for driving or ownership of a vehicle, and other such transactions may verify intent of residence in a state. Neither length of university attendance nor continued presence in the university community during vacation periods shall be construed to be proof of Illinois residence. Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, no parent or legal or natural guardian will be considered a resident unless the parent or guardian maintains a bona fide and permanent residence in Illinois, except when temporarily absent from Illinois, with no intention of changing his or her legal residence to some other state or country.

2. Residency Determination

The University shall determine the residency status of each student enrolled in the University for the purpose of determining whether the student is assessed in-state or out-of-state tuition. Each applicant for admission shall submit at the time of application evidence for determination of residency *in accordance with this regulation*. The office responsible for admissions shall make a determination of residency status.

- V. If a non-resident is classified by error as a resident, a change in tuition charges shall be applicable beginning with the term following reclassification. If the erroneous resident classification is caused by false information submitted by the student, a change in tuition charges shall be applicable for each term in which tuition charges were based on such false information. In addition, the student who has submitted false information may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
- b. If a resident is classified by error as a non-resident, a change in tuition charges shall be applicable during the term in which the reclassification occurs, provided that the student has ~~filed a written request for review~~ *proven residency* in accordance with this regulation.

3. Residency Requirements

a. Adult Students

To be considered a resident, an adult student must ~~have been~~ *be* a bona fide resident of Illinois ~~for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the beginning of any term for which the individual registers at the University and must continue to maintain a bona fide residence in Illinois as defined in IV.C.1.d.~~ In the case of adult students who reside with their parent (s) ~~(or one of them if only one parent is living or the parents are separated or divorced),~~ the student will be considered a resident if *one of* the parents ~~have~~ *has* established and ~~are~~ *is* maintaining a bona fide residence in Illinois.

IV. Students (continued)

C. Residency Status (continued)

To be considered a resident for the first year of attendance, an adult student not residing in Illinois must be a bona fide resident of one of the approved counties outside

of Illinois. The Board of Trustees will approve the appropriate counties which will be listed in the cost section of the official Western Illinois University catalog.

b. Minor Students

The residence of a minor student shall be considered to be the same as *that of his/her parents or that of either parent if the parents are separated or divorced or that of his/her legally appointed or natural guardian such as a grandparent, adult brother or adult sister, adult uncle or adult aunt by whom the minor has been supported.* ~~and change with the following:~~

- ~~1. That of the minor's parents if they are living together, or the living parent if one is deceased; or~~
- ~~2. If the parents are separated or divorced, that of the parent to whom custody of the minor has been awarded by court decree or order, or, in the absence of a court decree or order, that of the father unless the minor has continuously resided with the mother for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the minor's registration at the university, in which latter case the minor's residence shall be considered to be that of the mother; or~~
- ~~1. If the minor has been legally adopted, that of the adoptive parents, and, in the event the adoptive parents become divorced or separated, that of the adoptive parent whose residence would govern under the foregoing rules if the parent had been a natural parent; or~~
- ~~4. That of the legally appointed guardian of the person; or~~
- ~~5. That of a "natural" guardian such as a grandparent, adult brother or adult sister, adult uncle or aunt, or other adult with whom the minor has resided and by whom the minor has been supported for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the minor's registration at the University for any term if the minor's parents are deceased or have abandoned the minor and if no legal guardian of the minor has been appointed and qualified.~~

c. Emancipated Minors

If emancipated minors actually reside in Illinois, such minors shall be considered residents even though their parents or guardians may not reside in Illinois. ~~Emancipated minors who are completely self supporting shall be considered residents if they have maintained a dwelling place within Illinois uninterruptedly for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the beginning of any term for which they register at the university. Emancipated minors who reside with their parents and whose parents (or one of them if one parent is living or the parents are separated or divorced) have established and are maintaining a bona fide Illinois residence shall be regarded as residents.~~

d. Minor Children of Parents Transferred outside ~~the United States~~ *of the State of Illinois*

The minor children of persons who have resided in Illinois ~~for at least twelve consecutive months~~ immediately prior to a transfer by their employers to some location outside of the ~~United States~~ *State of Illinois* shall be considered residents. This rule shall apply, however, only when the minor children of such parents enroll in the University within five years of the time their parents are transferred by their employer to a location outside the ~~United States~~ *State of Illinois*.

IV. Students

D. Residency Status (continued)

3. Residency Requirements (continued)

e. Married Students

A non-resident student, whether minor or adult, who is married to a person who meets and complies with all of the applicable requirements of these regulations to establish residence status, shall be classified as a resident.

f. Armed Forces Personnel

Non-residents of Illinois who are on active duty with one of the services of the Armed Forces of the United States who are stationed in Illinois and who submit evidence of such service and station, as well as the spouses and dependent children of such persons, shall be considered residents as long as such persons remain stationed in Illinois and the spouses and/or dependent children of such persons also reside in Illinois. If such persons are transferred to a post outside the continental United States but such persons remain registered at the university, residency status shall continue until such time as these persons are stationed within a state other than Illinois within the continental United States.

g. Staff Members of the University, Allied Agencies, and Faculty of State-Supported Institutions in Illinois

Staff members of the University and of allied agencies, and faculties of state-supported institutions of higher education in Illinois, holding appointment of at least one-quarter time, and their spouses and dependent children, shall be treated as residents.

h. Teachers in Public and Private Illinois Schools

Teachers in the public and private elementary and secondary schools of Illinois shall, if subject to payment of tuition, be assessed at the resident rate during any term in which they hold an appointment of at least one-quarter time, including the summer session immediately following the term in which the appointment was effective.

IV. Students

E. Residency Status

3. Residency Requirements

4. Residency Status Appeal Procedure

Students who take exception to their residency status classification shall pay the tuition assessed ~~but may file a claim in writing to the university office responsible for reconsideration of residency status.~~ **but may appeal to the University Registrar by proving Illinois residency in accordance with these regulations.** The ~~written claim appeal~~ must be filed within ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** calendar days from the date of the tuition bill or the student loses all rights to a change of residency status for the term in question. If the student is dissatisfied with the ruling in response to the ~~written claim appeal~~ made within said period, the student may file a written appeal within ~~ten (10)~~ **thirty (30)** calendar days of receipt of the decision to the ~~responsible university office.~~ **Administrative Hearing Committee, Such written appeals shall be forwarded to the appropriate university vice president, who which** shall consider all evidence submitted in connection with the case and render a decision which shall be final.

5. Special Situations

Upon recommendation of The President the Board may, in special situations, grant residency status to categories of persons otherwise classified as non-residents under this regulation.

Resolution No. 09.3/3: Revision to Board Regulations, II.A.17, Intellectual Property Policy – First Reading

Trustee Houston moved to approve first reading of Resolution 09.3/3 Revision to Board Regulations, II.A.17., Intellectual Property Policy. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Antonides	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS the Western Illinois University Intellectual Property Policy is the document which recognizes and rewards the creative activities of faculty while also recognizing the interest of the University in the potential to generate revenue through the commercialization (Technology Transfer) of the intellectual property and was approved by the Board of Trustees on March 5, 2004; and,

WHEREAS the University since the original Policy was approved has made internal realignment of the assignment of duties which now necessitates changes in the Intellectual Property Policy as was previously written and approved to bring the Regulation in line with what the University is actually doing; and,

WHEREAS there have been no changes to the Intellectual Property Policy in terms of formulas, or copyright ownership rights; and,

WHEREAS these proposed revisions to the Intellectual Property Policy have been reviewed and approved by the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee and University Legal Council prior to being presented to the Board of Trustees for review:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves First Reading of the revision to the *Regulations* Section II.A.17. – Intellectual Property Policy.

Administrative Assistant Kerry Yadgar stated, as usual we will again solicit campus feedback and bring this back to the Board at the June meeting.

Resolution No. 09.3/4: Lease Space for Western Illinois University – Quad Cities

The source of funds for the property lease that we are requesting is the \$1 million John Deere and Moline Foundation gift to Western Illinois University. This was truly a team effort and Gary Rowe, our \$1 million man, is here and it was his idea to go to the Moline Foundation and working with Deere together to make this a reality. Congratulations go to Gary!

This is the property we are suggesting to you, based on a review of eight properties that were evaluated according to the domains of quality, price, affordability and image. On the left you are going to see a purple X as we walk through the facility that is the “you are here” symbol. This is the Caxton Block Building that we are proposing with 8,892 gross square feet to rent. If you are at the Radisson and

looking out the windows to the east, you are at the Caxton Building. If you are at Stoney Creek, you are looking to the west and looking at the Caxton Building. This is a marquis building in downtown Moline. As you walk in, this is a finely finished area and Shive Hattery is on the second floor. Should you approve this morning, Western Illinois University would be on the first floor.

It's actually stunning how similar it looks to the Quad Cities current campus, so there's a nice consistency of message. Nice flooring spaces that can be furnished; we think about four classrooms, a couple labs, and faculty offices. Some of the workspace is finely finished – ready to go and some are going to require permanent improvement.

In the lease as you read, we agreed to \$25/square foot tenant improvement with the work to be done by the lessor, the architectural engineering component to be designed by Western, expenditures to be approved by Western.

As you can see, these are finely furnished interior spaces. The real estate company actually had a deal with the bank to leave furniture so the property would display nicer. The property has sat vacant for a period of time and Gary Rowe is currently working with the bank to get them to actually donate the furniture in the property to Western Illinois University – Quad Cities. It's high-quality furniture that will cost us nothing and we think we are on to a lead there.

The cubicles you see there are a critical component to the engineering program and the ability for faculty and staff to work one-on-one in such an environment. We could not have fallen into better spaces, under better conditions, for the programmatic needs. We have agreed, too, that Western Illinois University will have 100 parking spaces, 20 spaces will be right up against the building shared with Shive Hattery which makes our faculty and staff happy. The remaining 80 spaces are adjacent to the property. It's a 30 second walk if you are very slow from your car door to our front door. I think guests, students, faculty and staff will be happy with parking.

Our neighbors are going to be the new Kone facility and Stoney Creek Inn to one area and the Radisson to the other - quick walkthrough again – we evaluated based on those factors you read about. Personally, I want to thank our Chair Steve Nelson, who has walked through all the properties. We did work with a commercial realtor, probably the best in the Quad Cities, to make sure Western was getting the right price at the right value.

VP Johnson asked, I assume the intent is to rent the property until such time as our Riverfront property is completed. VP Rives answered, absolutely. This is temporary space until building one is open. It's the same square footage ironically that the engineering program needs whether it is in Riverfront or the Caxton Block Building. The donors, the Moline Foundation and John Deere Foundation, specifically said they wanted the first portion of their donation to be used for space so we can get the program up and going in 2009, but as soon as we can transfer it, then to student scholarship.

Chair Nelson commented, hopefully, we can make the space available for tour when you are in Moline at our June meeting. VP Rives stated we thought we would invite you after dinner to put on your hard hats. Chair Nelson added, and maybe we could have our potluck there. VP Rives replied, oh my!

Trustee Houston moved to adopt Resolution 09.3/4 Lease Space for Western Illinois University – Quad Cities. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Antonides	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes

Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University’s proposal for a new School of Engineering approved by the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University and the Illinois Board of Higher Education publicly committed the University to begin delivering engineering courses during fall 2009 in a new facility; and,

WHEREAS The current Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Campus located on 60th Street in Moline, Illinois, is at maximal capacity and cannot support the laboratory and research needs for the engineering program; and,

WHEREAS Western Illinois University-Quad Cities received a \$1.0 million dollar donation from the John Deere Foundation and Moline Foundation to support space and equipment needs for the new School of Engineering, other academic programs, and administrative needs on the Quad Cities Campus; and,

WHEREAS The University completed a comprehensive review of existing available property in Moline, Illinois, the host community of Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, using evaluation criteria focusing on donor specifications and programmatic needs, quality, value, and price; and,

WHEREAS The Caxton Block Building, located at 1701 River Drive in Moline, best met the University’s selection criteria; and,

WHEREAS The Caxton Block Building is proximal to the newly developing Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus (3300 River Drive), and is part of the City of Moline’s Mississippi River Urban Technology Corridor; and,

WHEREAS The location of the Caxton Block Building supports donor desires and *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018 Strategic Plan* goals related to community partnerships; economic development; technology infrastructure; and safe, accessible, and aesthetically pleasing facilities:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the University to enter into a lease agreement with Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial Company for the Caxton Block Building for the period of up to five years, with the ability to exit the lease at the end of years three or four, the ability to renew the lease at the end of year five, and total annual lease costs (utilities, taxes, lease, etc.). not to exceed \$200,000 annually.

Western Illinois University’s proposal for a new School of Engineering approved by the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University (June 2008) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (October 2007) publicly committed the University to begin delivering engineering courses during fall 2009. These approvals also required use of a new leased facility to be used as temporary space until state funding is received and building one on the newly developing Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus is opened. The current Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Campus located on 60th Street in Moline, Illinois, is at maximal capacity and cannot support the laboratory and research needs for the engineering program.

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With the concurrence of the President Goldfarb, and following donor stipulations, the Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology led an institutional team that evaluated property options in Moline, Illinois, (the host community of Western Illinois University-Quad Cities) according the following criteria, in addition to the price, estimated utilities expenditures, and additional costs to be paid by the University and the Lessor.

1. Appropriate zoning and space of up to 15,000 gross square feet in a single, self-contained facility supporting engineering classrooms, laboratories, storage, conference rooms, offices and faculty research space.
2. Convenient proximity to the newly developing Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus and Interstate 74.
3. Immediate occupancy within 60-90 days of lease signature.
4. Limited renovations needed to comply with the programmatic needs of the Engineering Program.
5. Ample, lighted and secure parking for up to 100 students, faculty, staff and guests.
6. Site and building signage capability.
7. Aesthetic curb appeal.
8. Modern services and applicable code compliance for a higher education occupancy including, but not limited to: *American Disabilities Act* requirements, appropriate number of public restroom facilities, minimum 9'0" ceiling heights, and technology-ready via fiber connection.

All of the properties reviewed were in the 7,000-12,000 gross square feet range, contained tenant improvement allowances between \$10-\$25 per square foot, and annual lease prices ranging between \$150,000-\$250,000. This includes one proposal for new construction. The Caxton lease of \$18.52 per square foot equates to an annual cost of \$165,143, and includes a tenant improvement allowance of \$25.00/square foot, all taxes and utilities (except electric) paid, and 100 on-site or proximal spaces. The lease also includes the abilities to exit the lease at the end of years three or four, or renew the lease at the end of year five.

After careful evaluation criteria focusing on programmatic needs, quality, value, and price and on-site inspections, it was determined that the Caxton Block Building best meets the University's needs and donors intentions.

Furthermore, with the Caxton Block Building located in the Mississippi River Urban Technology Corridor, the temporary location of the new Engineering program meets several of the University's *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018 Strategic Plan* goals, including: supporting economic development of our host communities; providing safe, aesthetic and aesthetically pleasing facilities; and, delivering a strong user-centered information technology infrastructure.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Nelson stated it is my intent to invite the Vice Presidents to participate in the Board Retreat which is currently scheduled for July 10, 2009 at Horn Field. Additionally, the President is going to ask the Vice Presidents to address the strengths and weaknesses of the Board of Trustees for our review.

Chair Nelson added Trustee Epperly also wanted to talk about publication costs. Trustee Epperly noted, we receive the Chronicle Letter and it was discussed a year ago to decide to do it. Now in looking at it, I think we pay a fee for that summary which is \$750/year. From what I can see, there is nothing on the summary that we don't get either in the hard copy of the Chronicle or in their online edition. I assume that everybody gets the hard copy and I don't know if everybody signed up online. I feel we do not need to spend \$750 for the summary copy when we are theoretically getting the same thing. All trustees agreed not to renew the \$750 subscription to the Chronicle Letter.

Trustee Antonides commented that there was a proposal starting with Robert Dulski about commencement and it worked its way up their ladder. I don't know what the process was but it was then denied at the last step. It was to have all the cadets in the ROTC program be recognized at the regular commencement instead of just saying their name they would be introduced as second lieutenant. I guess the reason it was denied (and this is hearsay) because it was too difficult to do.

President Goldfarb replied it was the Commencement Committee who considered that-- I do not sit on. I think if we are going to do this, we should probably ask Provost Thomas who runs that committee to discuss it at a Board meeting when he is here and the give us a chance to respond to you. The Commencement Committee reports to him.

Trustee Antonides added I don't see a problem with it. As far as I know, it works like you have a card with your name on it and they read it off. I don't see what the problem would be with having second lieutenant for them.

President Goldfarb answered, I wasn't privy to the conversation so I think if you want to do it I think you would want to ask the committee to give us a report and explain it. I doubt it was just as simple as you saying we can't do it or it was too hard to do. I am certain there were other reasons. But, again, I am not privy to that and I think if we are going to discuss it then we should allow the opportunity to present their reasoning. Ken, I don't know who reports to that committee.

Associate Provost Hawkinson stated he chairs that Commencement Committee and this was discussed thoroughly at several meetings. The consensus of the committee is the ROTC graduates are recognized in their own ceremony at commissioning so there is a whole event specialized for them. In addition, the concerns of the committee is that if we recognize one group of graduates it begins to tailspin into recognizing people going into Peace Corps, for example, and this person will go to this country and become a Peace Corp volunteer or this person will go into AmeriCorps, and it just goes on to where we are getting far beyond just the one group. Those were the concerns. Provost Thomas did say that he will reconsider this if more information comes in but at least for this year the feeling was that we would not. There would be the danger of having to recognize every group of graduates.

President Dulski added, Student Government passed a resolution and passed it up to the Provost's Office. It was passed 24-0 I believe in support of this. We understand the Commencement Committee's concerns. We don't need to read off Robert Dulski, Student Government President or member of this honor society. We don't think it would trickle down to that effect. We just want to honor the men and women that have served in our country through Western Illinois University and were commissioned as

second lieutenants in the United States Army. Attending Marquette's commencement ceremony, they do the same thing and this came to fruition because the fact of attending their ceremony and seeing the warm welcome that they hold and the whole auditorium applauded for them so that is why it came up to fruition. We understand your concerns; it's just the students feel differently.

Associate Provost Hawkinson responded, I understand yours, too. I am a graduate of the ROTC program here at Western Illinois University. I have personal experience with this myself and I'm very proud to have graduated from this program. The commissioning ceremony was that special moment for me when I was commissioned a second lieutenant. We can continue to look at this, but I explained where the concerns were with the committee. The representatives on the committee represent all areas of the university and this is just where they stood in this particular request.

President Goldfarb stated I didn't know you chaired the committee, so I didn't mean to put you on the spot. Can you invite SGA to make presentations to this committee? Associate Provost Hawkinson replied, yes, and we did have a meeting with President Dulski, Provost Thomas and I. We talked it over. We can invite SGA to come to the Commencement Committee for next year.

Trustee Epperly responded I don't like next year. I guess I am very supportive of it from the standpoint that the students voted 24-0 and they support it. They are willing to say this is the only group we want to recognize. I think it is an honor to students to the ROTC members and to me anybody that is willing to serve their country. I see nothing wrong with it. The ROTC commissioning really is what I call immediate family and a few others but it's a small group from that standpoint. I understand personal pride. I am very supportive of what the students are asking.

President Dulski commented, not to downplay what you said, Blake, but the legislation was read as to say newly commission second lieutenant United States Army and then their name not second lieutenant. Those are lengthy words and we understood also the concerns brought up with the reader with all the names they have to read. It was a concern they brought up, but with the new concern of recognizing too many groups.

Trustee Epperly added I would hope you could revisit that before May, is what I am saying. Associate Provost Hawkinson replied we can. There was a time on this campus, shortly before my time here, and Student Government may not have been as supportive of the military. Students actually they took over the ROTC building and tried to throw them out. There is always the danger of the leadership of SGA where they are voting to recognize them one time and maybe a few years later the leadership may have a different perspective on it. So that is another concern, but we will certainly revisit it.

President Dulski explained legislation was passed in October and we understood it if the committee talked about it – it would not be implemented for winter ceremony. But if possible spring ceremony and we would still want it to be revisited.

Chair Nelson stated, I think they are indicating they would be willing to revisit it which is my interpretation.

President Dulski stated, I have a debt to owe ROTC. I was a state scholarship recipient for my first two years here. They sent me off to Airborne school and I did on contract because I was not guaranteed to go to law school. I feel like I owe the ROTC battalion something and the cadets here support this as well.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be **June 5, 2009**, at the Moline campus.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and duly processed to adjourn the meeting of the Board **at 12:26 P.M.**

Steven L. Nelson, Chair

Kerry L. Yadgar, Administrative Assistant to the Board

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