WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting
June 6, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:00 A.M. in Conference Room 102 – A, B, & C, on the campus of Western Illinois University – Moline. Trustee William L. Epperly, Chair, presided.

The following trustees were present to answer roll call:
Trustee Carolyn J. Ehlert
Trustee William L. Epperly
Trustee Donald W. "Bill" Griffin
Trustee J. Michael Houston
Trustee Jessie L. Kallman
Trustee Steven L. Nelson

Trustee Epperly 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 9:00 A.M. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried. The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:00 A.M.

Following Executive Session the Board reconvened in open session at 9:00 A.M.

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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
Provost & Academic Vice President Jack Thomas
Vice President for Student Services W. Garry Johnson
Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Daniel L. Hendricks

Advisory Group Representatives present:
Student Government Association President – Robert Dulski
Student Government Association President – Quad Cities – Lindsey Garrison
Faculty Senate Chair – Steven Rock
Faculty Council Chair – Quad Cities - Suzanne Bailey
Council of Administrative Personnel President – Amy Spelman
Council of Administrative Personnel Representative – Quad Cities – Ruth Bloom
Civil Service Employees Council President – Ed Lavin
Civil Service Employees Council Representative – Quad Cities – Lois Retherford

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2008 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting were approved via unanimous roll call vote.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chair Epperly opened the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Trustee Robert Cook who passed away.

Chair Epperly stated there is a video in front of you, an historical perspective of WIU, on which John Hallwas has done his best to make Gordy Taylor look good. Obviously, John did a very good job. There is no excuse now if you do not know all of Western's history. Secondly, I have asked Kerry to include a copy of the video in the packets for orientation to new board members.

Chair Epperly congratulated Bruce Biagini for being named parade marshal of Heritage Days.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Goldfarb commented that the President's Office sent condolences and sympathies to Bob Cook's family and we greatly miss Bob's presence on the Board and within our office as well in terms of his visits and interactions.

We did have this spring semester a shooting threat on our campus that allowed us in some ways to see how we operate under those kinds of extreme circumstances. I am very thankful for the way the offices on campus came together and assisted in a very difficult time, especially since we were so close to the shooting at the Northern Illinois University with that threat. Particularly, I want to thank the vice presidents who met with me very quickly and helped make some very quick decisions. We immediately learned how quickly people communicate issues because text messages were being sent to parents within 10 minutes after they heard about the threat on campus.

We were also able to work with our emergency notification system. Dana Biernbaum did an outstanding job working with us as well and I appreciate all of her work. Also, I appreciate all of the governance group heads, as well as the governance groups themselves, who we contacted during that time period. I also particularly appreciate the support received from all the police departments and law enforcement agencies in the City of Macomb. Jackie and I have written letters to all of them thanking them for their strong presence on campus. We did receive a significant amount of media attention and I want to thank Darcie for her work to control and set up multiple press conferences. I do think we received very positive press during that time period and very positive feedback from parents and alumni. We are going to continue to work on all of our emergency plans and policies. Dana is working with a committee on campus right now reworking our entire emergency response plan. We are scheduling table top exercises

to deal with emergency circumstances, including tornado and active shooter. We purchased a DVD that deals with active shooters that we are going to also make available online so that the entire campus community can see that as well. We continue to review all of our facilities and other issues as we try to make our campus as safe as possible for our students, faculty and staff.

There are a number of significant items on the Agenda today, including two very significant curricular items: our four-year nursing program and engineering program. I am very appreciative of the work that has been done in academic affairs and with the dean's offices to move those programs along. I think they have a great significance for Western Illinois University and I am also very excited to see that we actually have a revision of our Strategic Plan to review today. It's hard to believe the Plan is that old and it's time to do the revision. I want to thank Joe Rives and all the work he has done with the committee that has actually done the first revision that I think has captured the attention of our campus and has actually captured the attention of people statewide and beyond the state as well.

If you come to campus, you will see continued work on a number of our construction projects. Again, even in fairly difficult budgetary times, we continue to work on the Multicultural Center and the addition to the Student Recreation Center. We are back working on Memorial Hall. There have been stops and starts in terms of state funding but that project is continuing. Dean Kreider was pleased to tell me that we are continuing to work on the Performing Arts Center planning. There had been a stop in the some of the planning funding for a short period of time and the funding has been again released, so that planning continues as well.

I am sure Jackie would be happy to talk to you about chillers that we are purchasing this summer. We have to do that internally out of internal budget funds, but we have to replace those three chillers in those three buildings to make those facilities useable for our students, faculty and staff.

Here in the Quad Cities, I am very excited by the work that we continue to do on fundraising as well as the work we are doing in terms of hiring new personnel and looking at new programmatic initiatives. Some of the new initiatives we have in terms of scheduling and other areas and I know Dr. Rives would be happy to describe some of the things we are doing here in the Quad Cities.

Just a short time ago we held our commencement weekend events. That weekend seems to get longer and longer but stays more and more exciting. Our events on the Macomb campus started Friday night and continued all day Saturday and then we came here to the Quad Cities on Sunday for the graduation here. It is very clearly an exciting event for the community and for the students here as well.

In terms of my own travel, I have been doing a number of alumni events. I continue to attend a number of alumni events as well as new meetings with potential donors as we continue to make great progress on our comprehensive campaign. I was also pleased to be able to actually teach for the theatre department this spring. I made it through the semester which was my most significant accomplishment in terms of teaching theatre history for the department.

I am looking forward to the end of this meeting as tomorrow morning I leave on my annual New York City trip, and we have about 55 people traveling with us. We are going to see seven shows in eight days. It will be a great time to get to the city and see what is going on in terms of theatre activity there.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Goldfarb commented that this is the first time in two years that we have actually been out of session by June. Normally, I have been bringing Dave's June report. Welcome to Dave.

Dave Steelman thanked the Board. The General Assembly passed the budget and we are getting an increase and they passed the capital bill and we are going to get all of that. (Laughter came from audience.) Dave Steelman stated he just wanted to see what that felt like. Okay – now back to reality.

The budget has at least tentatively passed and increases spending by about $2.1 billion. There are some people that think it is fairly far out of balance and that the Governor will have to take action one way or another. Universities are slated for a 2.8% increase in funding which for Western amounts to about $1.6 million, but I do have to urge caution. Whether we actually get the increase or not will depend on the Governor's action. He could line item veto, total veto, or we could see action like we almost saw this fiscal year and there could be a rescission. There is a huge amount of uncertainty with this budget and the increase for Western. I would remind you that at the Governor's proposed budget level we were flat. So there is much to look forward to. The budget relies on about $1 billion in natural revenue growth. Once again, a number of questions about whether the state will actually see that much in natural revenue growth in the coming year.

The capital plan passed in the Senate but never got called in the House. It calls for gaming and the lottery lease initiatives to fund the capital projects program. Total plan price tag is now close to $34 billion – up from $31 billion recently, and I believe it started out at $27 billion at the beginning of spring session. They are adding a lot of goodies to try and get additional members to support the bill. A number of questions came up from members about the capital plan. There is somewhere in the area of a $1 billion in unspecified projects included, so some legislators are claiming that is essentially a massive gubernatorial pork project and are hesitant to support.

In terms of substantive bills, we had a year of putting out a lot of different fires. The Harper College bill was back again this year. It was a very difficult effort to kill that bill during this year's session. It has been around for three years now and while we manage to kill it every year, it's gaining support in both chambers. The College of DuPage Board of Trustees has endorsed the idea of baccalaureate degrees and this is going to make it harder when this bill comes back up again.

I think it is important for us to try and pursue some sort of resolution with the Illinois Board of Higher Education rather than having the legislature dictate what higher education policy is going to be for us.

Contracting – Senate Bill 2736 – another extremely difficult bill for us this year. The genesis of the bill was several different union groups came up with the legislation dealing with contracting out for non-instructional services. The bill was portrayed as allowing institutions to contract out, when in fact, in reality the bill would have essentially tied our hands in order to have contracting out available to us. We had a number of meetings with union groups and the Senate sponsors. And, our main argument was essentially that they were trying to fix a problem that does not exist. We certainly feel like at Western, President Goldfarb and the institution has gone out of their way to try and ensure that jobs are maintained, no layoffs, so we were concerned with this legislation because we did not really see a need for it. It is dead for now but we'll probably see it again.

COPS – we have what could be a significant problem with Senate Bill 2887. The bill was designed to limit state leases and contracts, including lease renewals. Chapman & Cutler, a bond firm, indicated that the language in the bill could effectively prevent universities from using certificates of participation, which I think you are all familiar with, or COPS, for financing. When we presented our case and sought

amendatory language, we were told that the speaker and some additional members had a concern that the universities maybe should not be using COPS, that it was effectively state financing and may require a 3/5 majority vote in both chambers before it could be utilized. It's a huge concern. We have used the COPS already; other institutions use them on a regular basis and we would like to use them again. It is very frustrating when the General Assembly does not give us any capital funding for several years and then introduces legislation that takes away an alternative form of financing for us. We are still working on a solution on this one. At some point, we might discuss some form of legislative approval process for all the COPS projects and that was suggested at one point by the Speakers' budget point person.

We had another fire with textbooks. House Bill 4625 would have required that the university pay for 50% of the textbook costs of anyone participating in the Veteran's or National Guard grant programs with no reimbursement. Essentially, it would have been the same as the unfunded veteran's grants. This would have been unfunded veteran's grants participant textbooks. I think it was about $200,000 just for Western.

House Bill 4890 was the data security or computer wiping bill. This was very frustrating for us. This is the bill that would have allowed the university to do their own wiping of computer hard drives rather than adding the expense and sending them to a company in the Quad Cities for wiping and then sending them to Central Management Services (CMS). The bill moved easily through the House. In fact, the General Assembly in the House liked it so much they added themselves so they would not have to do it. When the bill got to the Senate, the sponsorship was grabbed by a different senator who had sponsored the original Data Security Act and he said he preferred to have control of legislation. We had several meetings with that Senator and Department of Central Management Services. We had an amendment that would have allowed us to not only do the wiping but to sell our own equipment. Neither CMS nor the Senator was receptive and the bill was never called for vote. We were within one vote of passage but it did not happen. And, we are still working with CMS on that one. We think there is one other route for the future we might still be able to take. One of the things that frustrated me the most was CMS had indicated that even if the bill passed, they would not accept the computers. Their rationale was that if they accepted them from us, they would still be subject to audit findings if there was still data on the computers, and that is a tough one to get around.

House Bill 4903 was the Textbook Transparency Act. Jessie is familiar with that one. This bill did not make it out. It stuck in rules and it may come back in the fall. We have talked about that a little bit; it has certain requirements of publishers in terms of what editions are current and whether or not to include bundled supplements that might be costly to the students.

Senate Bill 1908 provides for a MAP grant increase. I believe it is about $400 for undergrads, subject to appropriation.

Senate Bill 2691 actually sponsored by local Senator Sullivan is Campus Security Act and essentially requires a response plan in terms of security, most of which we are already doing, coordinating with local law enforcement agencies, etc. This just formalizes the process.

Finally, House Resolution 853 urges the Governor's Travel Control Board to negotiate with Amtrak for special travel rates for part-time student employees who travel on the train. We are certainly encouraging that.

Chair Epperly asked about COPS extension a couple years ago, where you could extend the period of time. Director Steelman replied no that was different – I think what you are thinking of is the Energy Savings Contracts that went from 10 to 20 years. There is still uncertainty. Chapman & Cutler are the people that raised this issue, so we are still in a lot of gray area on the COPS issue.

Chair Epperly added to the board members – I think each of you received some information about attending the Illinois Board of Higher Education public agenda meeting for college and careers. I invite every board member to one of their sessions around the state, and on this Tuesday it is going to be at Black Hawk College. I actually attended the meeting in Chicago two months ago and it was a very informative session.

President Goldfarb added I want to remind the Board that I am the public university president representative to the taskforce on the public agenda, so I sit with that group, but I am going to be gone next week. I would be happy to have people show up. I think there are events both up here in the Quad Cities and in Quincy. I believe either Provost Thomas or Joe Rives will cover me.

Chair Epperly stated that at the meeting he attended it was mentioned by Judy Erwin that the take at that time was that the governor was going to be very proactive in trying to find funding for nursing programs and for special education programs.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR QUAD CITIES, PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY

Chair Epperly commended Joe Rives for his involvement in many community activities in the Quad Cities area and the representation for the Quad Cities. I think that Trinity Hospital has been talking to you in regards to possibly being involved with their hospital. You are on the Board of Directors at the iWireless Center. You are on the public radio/public channel here in the Quad Cities and other things also. I just think your involvement is outstanding and the way you are representing Western in all these things. You bring a good face to the University.

Executive Assistant to the President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joe Rives stated that is very kind and it really links to my statement that you are only as good as the people around you. I have a great staff here. You have my report before you, and on behalf of the Quad Cities we all thank you very much for again meeting here and welcome to all of you.

My administrative team is in the audience today and I would like to have them stand and I will introduce so we can attach some names and faces.

Gary Rowe is our fundraiser and he and I have been here together for five months. We are $200,000 strong, which is a $200,000 increase from last year in terms of where we were. Gary is crossing both sides of the river, so I appreciate the nice comments about the things I am doing in the City of Moline but you can times Gary by four because one of his most significant gifts in my opinion was $25,000 from Scott County to build a distance education classroom, which shows we are crossing the river.

Speaking of the Iowa connection, next to Gary, is Andy Borst who is our new Director of Academic and Student Services here on the Quad Cities campus. This is his fifth day and he comes to us through a national search from the University of Iowa, where he held similar functions and has a good housing background.

Kristi Mindrup is the Director of Instructional and Administrative Services on the Quad Cities campus. Many people in Macomb know Kristi as she is kind of the liaison between the two campuses.

I don't see Chris Brown but she has been your hostess for the dinner last night and does much of the background work that goes on in terms of setting up our grand events.

In the planning part of my report, I have laid out for you the accreditation structure. I will not specifically go through that. I will say that accreditation does eight things as a meaningful self-study. It helps you look at your mission, planning, instruction, research and creative activities, and service and once you have satisfied those five, if you are a strong institution as Western is, you have the opportunity to pick three other areas that you would like to study and advance even further. The President and his cabinet has selected for Western distance education as one, growing and strengthening both of our campuses as a second area, and measuring and demonstrating our values and practices as a third area.

What does academic excellence, for example, mean or where do you see evidence of the four core values of Western Illinois University demonstrated. Some institutions, for example, as we do, have the core values in our main building, so people know right away we are Western and this is what we are about. We can only do those latter three special emphases with permission from NCA. We are requesting permission. Western has a strong tradition of getting full accreditation, so there should be no problem. I have been in the core for 20 years and if an institution does not have a strong history of getting accreditation, they do not give you the latitude to study three areas you want to advance, because when they give you that permission, they are saying that we trust you will meet those five criterion. Therefore, you can go on and study.

Last part of my report is on technology, and there is a whole technology plan update coming up on the agenda, so I have nothing to say on technology at this point of the meeting.

Again, thank you for your kind remarks, Bill.

Trustee Houston commented that unless Joe gets a bigger name plate we cannot give him any more titles. I recently attended an ISU alumni association event in Springfield and was talking to Carl Kasten who has just retired as a longtime member at the Board at ISU and had been the chairman for the last several years. Somehow we mentioned Al's name and the first thing that he said was that Al took Joe Rives, so I think you were very highly thought of there. I believe I heard a tinge of bitterness about that in his voice when he made that comment. I know he was not happy.

Trustee Kallman added when I went to the trustee conference in Boston, I met some people from ISU and the first thing they asked me was if I knew Joe Rives. He was one of our greatest assets; I can't believe you have him now. I added he is great!

Dr. Rives stated this is embarrassing – can we change topics? President Goldfarb commented you should have said no – who is Joe Rives?

GENERAL COMMENTS BY VICE PRESIDENTS

Academic Services

Provost Thomas thanked Chair Epperly. I am delighted to be here. I have survived the first semester at Western, coming in the middle of a snowstorm and I'm happy that we finally have summer. It has been a wonderful experience and quite a challenging experience as I moved here and made the transition to Western.

I want to thank all of you for your participation in the commencement exercises that we had. I thought that it was very successful and thanks to all of you for your participation. Also we have been working on the contract implementation that is an ongoing process. We have completed summer rotation plans. We have completed department workload equivalents and most of the department criteria. We are currently working on the professional achievement awards (PAA) activities documents.

We have a number of new hires for the fall of 2008. There are 29 openings for tenure track faculty. Currently, we have 4 interim department chairs and those are in the Departments of Women's Studies, History, Geography and English and Journalism, for which we will be conducting national searches this fall.

We also have a new Director of the Center for Innovation and Teaching and Research (CITR) that has just been hired and a new Associate Dean of the University of Libraries.

As you are all aware, Barb Baily will be retiring. We just hired in the Provost's Office Dr. Ken Hawkinson, who will serve as the Associate Provost for Budget, Planning and Personnel. We are currently finalizing the Assistant VP of Academic Affairs and also the Associate Provost for Graduate and Undergraduate Studies.

Later in the meeting, I will be presenting to you two new degree programs: the BS in Engineering and the BSN which is in Nursing. There was a focus visit with the Higher Learning Commission in April for the EDD in educational leadership. The visit teams report was very positive concerning the implementation of the program. Academic Affairs is also very heavily involved in the preparation for the 2010-2011 NCA re-accreditation process.

We will be holding our dean's retreat on July 7 and 8. We will be discussing goals and action plans for the upcoming year.

The IBHE approved the MA in museum studies on Tuesday. We already have students who are waiting to apply to the program which would begin this fall in the Quad Cities in cooperation with the Figge Museum.

The deans have been working on what we call our signature programs. We have been carving a niche in Academic Affairs for the institution. You are all receiving a list of programs that we consider our signature programs so individuals can give some brag points about the institution and about the academic programs and what Western is all about. This is not to diminish or take away from the other academic programs, because we consider all our programs very important, and we cannot move forward without all of our programs.

I would like to bring your attention to what is stated under the College of Business and Technology on that listing. The program there is supply chain management and is one of three programs in the state, and it has grown to 76 majors and pre-majors and 44 minors since the program approval in 2005. Also under that same college is construction management. WIU is one of two universities in the state offering a BS in construction management.

Under the College of Education and Human Services, there is law enforcement and justice administration. It is the largest program of this kind beyond the borders of Texas and Florida and is the fourth largest in the entire nation. Emergency management is the first undergraduate degree program in emergency management developed in the state in response to 9/11 and other natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

Under the College of Arts and Sciences, we have the forensic chemistry which is one of three programs in the Midwest. It is one of only nine in the nation among public universities. Also in that same college, we have meteorology which is the only program offered in the WIU service region. It is one of three degree programs in the state.

Under the College of Fine Arts and Communication, we have the BA in broadcasting. It is the only existing sports training program in the state and also we have the BFA musical theory which is the only BFA in musical theory in Illinois at a public institution. We just wanted to highlight in Academic Affairs those unique programs that we have that are unique to the state and to the region and also how we rank nationally. This will help us when we get out and tell the Western Illinois University story, particularly about our academic programs. It will help us in terms of our rankings and how we present this to the public.

Chair Epperly stated I find that interesting because just yesterday I stopped at Lowe's on our way to our dinner and I ran into a high school classmate of mine and his son just graduated from high school. The graduate said he was going to Black Hawk and then probably to Western for broadcasting. He said they have an excellent department there. I said, good – alright! This backs it up - the streets are saying the same thing.

Advancement and Public Services

Vice President Dan Hendricks gave an update on Advancement and Public Services. The Alumni event season continued this past quarter with a significant event in Chicago at the Art Institute where there were over 315 in attendance. On April 25, we celebrated the Town and Gown event in Macomb at which Dr. Goldfarb and Mayor Wisslead had a chance to present the state of the city and the university.

This summer in the next month or two, we have golf outings at Seven Bridges in Chicago, Quad Cities and Springfield. We want to extend our special thanks to Jackie and David Thompson for hosting a social at their home in the Ozarks prior to another event on June 14. We are collaborating with marketing, admissions and a number of other programs around the university with our exhibition tent again this year at the John Deere Classic here in the Quad Cities. Last year, we handed out fans and were quite a hit. People were using them to fan and adorn themselves. Finally, the summer for alumni programs will end with Chicago events including the Wrigley rooftop with the Cards vs. the Cubs.

I am also happy to announce that the RockeNetwork grew to over 2,400 participants, principally individuals in their 20's which is precisely what we hoped for. With 80 micro-communities formed in such areas as career, affinity gatherings and well over 100 blogs that have been completed in the last four to five months. As a matter of fact, our student blogger, Taryn, completed over 86 blogs on subjects of interest to alumni. We were very happy with that.

On the marketing front, in Chicago we have a new digital technology billboard at I-294 and some of you may have seen that. In the Quad Cities, we have some newly wrapped city buses on the Iowa side. These feature our national rankings. We also have a new digital slide show that begins each movie that is being played at the Cinema 53 in Davenport. It highlights the in-state tuition rates for Iowa students.

In Macomb, we have a new undergraduate view book in process. We also have 11 of our campaign booklets that are in process and should be completed by the next time the Board meets.

The President's National Advisory Group met in Chicago on April 4 and continued some strategic planning issues. I am very happy to announce that we appointed Tim Halinan as our new Director of the Annual Fund and Rocky Talk call center to replace Ulysses Tucker who took a position in London.

We hosted a major donor banquet about a month ago with over 370 people in attendance. The night's theme was an "Evening in Rio".
Foundation assets now total over $30 million and investment portfolio year-to-date grew at an annual rate of 2.2%, which is quite respectable when you think how widely and wildly the stock market has been swinging.

Gifts and pledges to date total over $8.26 million or 127% of our yearly goal. We now have raised over $20,535,499 in campaign gifts and pledges.

Chair Epperly commented the Chicago Art Institute event was a great event and one of the best attended events and very well received by the alumni.

Chair Epperly asked Vice President Hendricks if WIU considered putting advertisements on our envelopes. To me, it is unimaginable how many people see the outside of an envelope, going through hands, sitting on desks and so forth. To me, we are missing the boat if we don't have a little advertising there with a marketing message or the four core values. Vice President Hendricks responded we will take that up.

Student Services

Vice President Garry Johnson stated a number of things have been going on since we last met. On campus as we speak, our first series of summer orientation registration programs are underway with Tracy Scott from Student Services and Candy McLaughlin from the Advising Center. Both of their staffs work very hard during the summer to get all of the students registered for classes for fall, but also to go through the orientation process to prepare them to become college students in the fall, so that is an exciting time on campus and lots of folks involved in this great program.

The Rams, as you probably know by now, chose to go to Wisconsin. It was not for lack of effort and lack of enthusiasm on our part. I personally want to thank John Biernbaum, Assistant Vice President for Student Services, and Matt Bierman, Director of Residential Facilities. They did a great job along with Kim Pierce of MAEDCO. It really is a community-university partnership program. This is probably shocking, but football teams are a little quirky and they made their decisions not necessarily based on quality of facilities and what there is to offer but other things that football teams make decisions on and it wasn't money. So be it, we gave it a good try and we worked very hard and my congratulations to J.B., Matt and Kim Pierce for their effort and tenacity.

Al already mentioned the Student Recreation Center project which is pretty much on target. Probably mid-September we hope that we will be in and up and running in that facility. The Multicultural Center is a little behind because of weather issues and we hope maybe in February if all goes well. We originally had hoped it would be ready for second semester but the building has to sit vacant for thirty (30) days to balance all the systems since it is a green building. There cannot be pesky people in there messing with dials. We are cautiously optimistic that maybe by mid-February and will continue to move that forward.

Our athletic teams are all done for the season. They have done very well. Our men's golf under Coach Mel Blasi made the trip to the third NCAA Regional Golf Tournament and our kids did very well.

Trustee Nelson noted he ran into a couple of them at the airport. I was wearing a purple jacket and these two young men came up to me and said are you with Western? I said, yeah, I'm a graduate and one of the trustees. They were two of the nicest young men you would ever want to meet – true gentlemen. Vice President Johnson added of course they have done very well and Coach Blasi has done a great job.

Our softball team won the conference tournament and ended up going to first round of NCAA Softball World Series play at Northwestern. They actually won for the first time in our history a game at that level. Chair Epperly came over and joined us for a couple games and it was nice to have him there to support the kids. They really appreciated his presence.

I am not for sure if we are finished with track yet or not. The regional NCAA track is still going on and nine of our track athletes are involved as individuals.

Our athletics program won 2nd in the Commissioners Cup which is overall excellence for athletics in Summit League Conference. The men came in 2nd and women 3rd so we are very proud of them in terms of their efforts. One of the areas that we talk about all the time and Dr. Van Alstine talks about continually is academics in athletics. Eighty of our student athletes had 4.0 or better – well it can't get any better than 4.0. I suppose they could if we had pluses and minuses. But we won't get into that. One hundred sixty-five (165) of them made university honors, and 57% of our student athletes had 3.0 or better. Football had its best GPA ever – a 2.75 overall for the football team for 100 athletes is not bad. I played golf Monday in the Leatherneck Classic with two of our former football players who said if their team had a collective 2.75 when they played, they would have been very pleased. I won't tell you who they were; they were both former teachers, however.

We have filled a number of positions. We are in the process of filling our Associate Director of Financial Aid position in which long term Associate Director Colby Sellers retired. We filled the Assistant Director for Career Services. University Housing and Dining has had a number of positions and that is typical for housing because it's an entry level professional sort of business in some ways for some of our younger folks. Campus Rec has hired some folks as well. In athletics, we have hired men's basketball coach Jim Molinari, who we think will bring some really good things to our program and we are excited about that.

Later in the agenda we will talk about health insurance which could increase for student health insurance. We are recommending a 6% increase which is very reasonable. I want to congratulate Director Mary Margaret Harris who will talk later and Robin Wilt who coordinates that program for their hard work and effort in terms of making sure that we are able to keep those recommended increases as low as we possibly can.

In a couple weeks, we will host for the second time the Student Services College Student Personnel (CSP) Institute which is a program where we bring alumni and former staff back to campus and do some day-long development with training. This year's keynote speaker is Joe Pica who is the CEO of Educational Benchmarking Inc. Joe worked for us in Housing and Dining about a100 years ago and is intimately involved with a lot of the benchmarking projects that are going on around the country. He started at Indiana when he was working on his doctorate program. We have lots of fun things going on this summer and life is good!

Trustee Houston asked Vice President Johnson about the Rams and if we were sending someone up to see exactly what kind of facility they have for future reference to know what you are competing against. Vice President Johnson replied what we are competing against is a coach that does not want to do anything that the former coach did so that part we can't do much about. That may have been the issue of most significance. We pretty much know the facilities they have because it is also under a Sodexo contract so we are working with them to help make sure food service component is doing what they need to do. Another reason is they have two artificial turf fields which they felt was very important. One of their big drawbacks is they want to host a scrimmage for another team which they are going to have a very hard time doing. We left the doors open in terms of if it should not work out, we would be happy to talk to them again. Some people would be more than happy to talk to them again, and others maybe not so happy, but we will see how that all shakes out. Concordia University is north of Milwaukee and we will be watching very carefully and keeping track of that.

Chair Epperly commented that he was at a street fair in Chicago on Sheffield and Belmont. I stopped by just to see what was happening and as I was walking down the street noticed that there probably were not two people out of thousands that didn't have a beer in their hand. And I look over and here is a Western

Illinois University baseball t-shirt and the guy is eating an ice cream cone. I went over to him and said hey all these things I hear about you young guys and it's always about beer, and here he is with an ice cream cone. We were laughing about it, so tell Coach Hyman he must be doing good because the guy was following training.

President Goldfarb spoke about another award in terms of athletics that Tim Van Alstine had sent to me. Tim received the following letter:

> Dear Mr. Van Alstine:
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> We wish to thank you for your department's participation in recent survey conducted by the laboratory for diversity in sport at Texas A&M University and supported by the NCAA. The survey was used to assess the 2007-2008 diversity in athletics award winners from Division I in various categories. It is with great pleasure that we would like to recognize and congratulate the athletics department as one of those recognized for diversity in athletics award in the category of African-American graduation male student athletes.

So we are very pleased to receive that recognition from an independent survey that was done through the NCAA.

Administrative Services

Vice President Jackie Thompson started with chillers since it is everyone's favorite topic, and especially if you are in Currens, Stipes or Horrabin Halls. We do have the portable chillers on campus. I think Currens and Horrabin are now operating and Stipes will be on Wednesday. It is tough. We have to order not only portable chillers but also permanent chillers. We had to order transformers for both Horrabin and Stipes Halls. This is not an easy process. We have to use the same piping for the portable and the permanent which means we are going to have to bring those portables off when we start to actually hook up the permanent chillers. There's lots of activity around those buildings and there are all kinds of chillers sitting around. To even get the chiller into Horrabin, we are going to have to take it apart - put it in the building and put it back together because the building was built on top of the chiller. At Stipes Hall, we are going to have to excavate a hole in the ground to get the new chiller in. This is not just the problem in these buildings - this is gong to be across campus where they put the chiller in and built the building on top of the chiller. Certainly, the best news was that we had a very cool May and that helped out considerably. You will see throughout the board report where we purchased transformers and chillers. Of course, the rainy weather right now is not helping in terms of the repairs.

As I talk about rainy weather, I will talk about Lake Ruth. We emptied it with a pump. It rains and fills back up. We are trying to use some huge backhoes to take this very muddy silt out of the lake and we have a place on the farm where we are placing the silt. We really did a yeoman's job I felt of trying to save all the wildlife we possibly could. We had buckets out there to relocate the fish, turtles and anything else that was able to live in that muck to a local pond. The person's pond that we put it in is now going to let us go back into that pond and restock our Lake Ruth. I know everyone was concerned about the family of geese. We had a mother/father goose nesting with four goslings at Lake Ruth. It really attracted lots of attention to campus and to Lake Ruth. We worked very close with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources because we really wanted to make sure we preserved our wildlife. They said don't do anything and don't try to catch them. They will go up to five miles if they feel their habitat is being disrupted and they did that. We don't know where they ended up but there are several geese at a nearby golf course. We are wondering if they landed there. We have had a lot of interest in the Lake Ruth project and I think it is going as well as it can with it just constantly filling up due to the rain. I don't know how many times we have had to empty it and probably had to do it again this morning. We are slowly getting the silt out of it and then we are going to try to prevent it from silting again as bad as it did this last time. Hopefully by fall, it will look a lot better than it did earlier this year.

Earlier this week a strong storm resulted in some storm damage on campus. The only two buildings damaged were Thompson Hall, where a window on the 18th floor broke out, and an agronomy building, where part of a roof was torn off. We have a $25,000 deductible on our insurance and we think we will exceed that $25,000 and we are working on that. There were lots and lots of tree damage--a huge tree at the President's residence plus a lot of limbs and other smaller trees. We are still assessing all the damage and cleaning up on that.

Just to say a couple more words about emergency planning, when I saw the emergency management program on the significant academic programs list I wanted you to know that we are doing a lot of work with that department as we develop our campus emergency plan. In fact, we have hired two of their students for the summer and those students are going to go into our campus buildings to study how you put in an emergency plan within a building. We hope at the conclusion of the summer we have a lot of that work done. It has really been nice to have these young men in our office over the summer, and we may be adding a third when school starts in the spring. We are doing a lot of work with the academic program so it is nice that we are able to do that.

Trustee Nelson commented that when Carolyn and I met with you one of the concerns you had was all the training that is going to take place by the faculty and administration with National Incident Management Systems (NIMS). Could you talk just a little about that for the other trustees?

Yes, there is a law that requires we go through several levels of training. In May after was school out, the vice presidents, president and director of athletics completed two of the NIMS courses. We have passed and our certificates are printed out. We have at least four other pieces of coursework we have to go through and some of those are two and three day classes. We are going to have to take a significant number of folks from our campus to go through this training. It's required by law so we are going to be doing it. Dana Biernbaum, my Assistant Vice President, was able to conduct the first two and we are talking about bringing someone in from Illinois Emergency Management Association (IEMA) to assist with some of the other ones, but it is a concern because these are just more and more unfunded mandates. It is going to take physical plant folks, purchasing folks and lots of folks on student services side that will have to go through this training.

Trustee Houston asked since it is a national thing has anybody set up computer programs where you can buy the program and people can do on their own. In the banking business, we have the same type of requirement and what we do is run a series throughout the course of the year. I have to complete so many programs broken up into quarters and I can take the courses on the computer myself at my leisure.

Vice President Thompson replied some are and some are not available to do on the computer. Two of the next coursework programs that we need to do are online and we have provided that to everybody, but there are two of them that are not and they really do require that you sit in a classroom. One is two days and one is three days, so we will do it.

Chair Epperly commented that I told Jackie I was interested in having a one-page summary as to what is happening from an aesthetic standpoint--landscaping, trees, etc. We were discussing that as the storm rolled through. I did not want it to be labor intensive but just on how many trees we have, how many trees have we lost, and how many we replaced. I never get an exact answer and I think we should be able to do those things. Also from a trustee standpoint, I think there is an awful lot of things happening that we don't realize are happening - not only we as the board but we as the general public. I think it is good to be able to have something like that out there in the streets. We were discussing that in the future to be presented as part of a minimal report in our September board meeting.

Vice President Thompson stated this is a very busy time for our grounds folk right now especially since we have had two flat line winds go through campus. We have lost some pretty significant trees on campus this year which is unfortunate. Vice President Thompson added a special thanks to Chair Epperly – he attended the We Care events and put a lot of mulch on at Western Hall prior to graduation. Our campus looked great at graduation.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Executive Assistant to the President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joe Rives stated this is a really exciting item. Presented to you today is the suggested update to your Strategic Plan. It was written by the campus for the campus. As you read the Resolution and looked at what we were suggesting and as was informed to you in Strategic Plan Updates what the committee is suggesting is that the Plan take just a slightly different organizational form than the last plan. You will notice the plan is organized around the core values. For example, it will say academic excellence then the suggested actions behind that to help achieve the core value. Educational opportunities - the action stated to help achieve that. Again, when Northwestern Central Association comes to campus in February 2011, the primary question they will ask in the self-study and on the site visit is: Do you have a strategic plan; do you use it and does the campus embody it? The action you are taking today is very significant if you should choose to endorse the Plan, because it becomes our road map for the self-study basically. Again, we can say here is what was written, here is what we did and here is what we modified. You saw committee membership – it was very inclusive with over 30 members of the campus community. Many thanks go to the vice presidents for extending their staffs and many thanks to the governance groups behind me for working long and hard on the Plan. The Plan we are asking you to approve was endorsed unanimously by all campus governance groups on both campuses.

Trustee Epperly commented I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all of the committee for the good work that was done. I especially appreciate the layout. It is easy to follow and set up in tabular form that makes it quite easy to pull out the bullet points. It looks good and it seems as though from where we sit, it seemed less painful than the last go around but maybe that is always the case where we created something from scratch last time. Now we are making changes. Dr. Rives added it was an enjoyable task and because you had such a great Plan, and we just tried to take things and ask ourselves what is the next step so it is not a plan that discards what we have already done.

Trustee Houston commented I think when we originally hired Al one of the things we wanted was to have a strategic plan put together that involved the entire campus and community. More importantly, Joe was hired and I think really has done an excellent job in terms of following the Plan. I think as we take a look back at where we have been and what we have done, and I believe we have moved this campus to an entirely different level under Al's leadership. A lot of it is the fact that we had a plan, a road map that we began to follow and to begin to look on a longer term type basis and determine where we going but more importantly put our money where we wanted to go as opposed to developing budgets on a year-to-year basis with the idea of just taking a look at just the next twelve months. Again, I think that as we go back what is now six years starting the seventh year, the decision to hire Al and his leadership and vision in putting together this Plan has really paid off at the University.

Chair Epperly inquired about the dashboard update. Is there a timeline for that? Dr. Rives responded, yes. There is a timeline for that and I think the next question is going to be budget estimates. I imagine someone is going to say how much is the plan going to take to implement? We will do like we have done with technology and master plans. If you approve this Plan, I will go back and get the budget estimates for you. This summer Institutional Research and Planning through Rhonda Kline and me will be working to get the dashboard data together if you like the indicators that we had sent you. We asked ourselves and we asked the Strategic Planning Committee, what are the key indicators? We had many measures if you

remember from the first Strategic Plan. We asked ourselves how can we simplify it and what are the key measures you need to know at a glance. We will get that data for you this summer and we will also be working with our Center for Application of Information Technology to create a website by which you can query the data and readily available.

The working goal is that by your next meeting we will have something to display to you. If you have any feedback or had additional indicators that you had wanted, please let me know in the next couple weeks so we can say we have the indicators set. The only indicators that are new from the last dashboard are we have put in four measures of financial strength which you read about and those are required to be reported to the North Central Association for accreditation purposes. Since we already have the data, what the committee was thinking was let's use it.

Chair Epperly added the two indicators I would like to see us consider, and I'm not saying they should be on there, but one is sustainability. I think sustainability is going to become a huge issue more and more in the future. More businesses are heading that direction. There is going to be a lot of money and lot of educational opportunities. I think more and more students in the future are going to be looking into environmentally friendly issues. Dr. Rives commented we are highlighting something with the American Council of Renewable Energy on sustainability metrics so there are actually things out there. It's just the field of sustainability per se has not arrived at agreements. We might start something with draft and see how it goes over time. Chair Epperly replied, good – food for thought.

Resolution No. 08.6/1: Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018

Trustee Griffin moved to pass Resolution 08.6/1 Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS *Higher Values in Higher Education*, Western Illinois University's Strategic Plan, and ten-year vision was written by the campus community in academic year 2002-03; and,

WHEREAS five years after initial implementation, Western Illinois University has maintained a strong history of achieving Strategic Plan goals and priorities; and,

WHEREAS by following its charge, the resultant *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* advances strategic planning by creating institutional strategies to advance the core values of Western Illinois University through enriching academic excellence, providing educational opportunities, supporting personal growth, and promoting social responsibility;

WHEREAS development of *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* followed similar inclusive planning processes used in creating *Higher Values in Higher Education, The Institutional*

Strategic Plan for Technology at Western Illinois University, and the *Western Illinois University Campus Master Plans*; and,

WHEREAS the campus community formed *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* through biweekly meetings of the Higher Values in Higher Education Review/Update Team during academic year 2007-2008, consultation with campus governance groups, presentation at 23 campus focus groups, materials in quarterly Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Reports, and feedback in monthly *Strategic Plan Updates*; and,

WHEREAS *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* will be used to guide institutional self-study for accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission – North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, with a site visit to occur in academic year 2010-2011; and,

WHEREAS *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* was endorsed by all Macomb and Quad Cities campus governance groups; and,

WHEREAS *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018* includes accountability reporting mechanisms with all campus governance groups and the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, and a plan to next review/update the ten-year vision for the University in academic year 2013-2014:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves implementation of *Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018*, and be it further resolved that the Board commends the campus community for working collaboratively to advance the vision, mission, values and goals of Western Illinois University.

INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Dr. Rives commented last year you had approved the Strategic Plan for Technology with a caveat that we come back to you annually and let you know how we are doing on the Plan and our challenges. As you read in the Plan, about 3/5 of the actions have been completed or are in progress. It's truly been a team effort across the university from University Technology to Administrative Information Management Systems to Electronic Student Services and beyond. To everybody on campus, I say thank you. In terms of the web to address your question Chairperson Epperly, we are currently piloting a new look for the website on the Quad Cities campus. We will have that ready for rollout and we will show you at your next board meeting and will give you a site to look at before. Our primary goals with that new website are to enhance aesthetic appeal and functionality as well as tell the Quad Cities storey a little more. Should we the campus community, you and the administration like the look and feel, we have the opportunity to adapt something on those lines to the Macomb campus. Within increase functionality with the web comes the need for increased infrastructure. As you read the Strategic Plan Update for Technology, you saw an increase call for band width. We have increased campus band width from 75 megabits to 200 megabits. If you are to draw a line through the middle of Illinois looking west at the public universities, we now have the highest rate of band width on both campuses at 200 and that is significant because we were in the lower echelon before. We will have more capacity also by getting that dark fiber pathway we have talked about before lit between Macomb and the Quad Cities. We now have the complete map and we are working with Quest to understand what that means and what the next steps are so that will greatly enhance our functionality.

Students today, as I am sure Dr. Johnson could tell you, use more and more of computer gaming and they require more space. One of the things we are working on this summer is increasing the storage capacity of students, faculty and staff. They have a lot of capacity to host a lot of things. As we move forward in

the new generation of the web and we want people using it as a tool to accomplish their jobs, we have to have the infrastructure behind it so we have been doing a lot of behind the scenes work. There is a lot of other technology information in the report itself. I figure it would be better if I just responded to any questions that you might have or recommendations.

Chair Epperly commented on the website. Unknowingly, Darcie answered one of my questions during a conversation at breakfast. In the redevelopment of the website, that is going to become much more interactive with a virtual tour of the campus. I would have to think perspective students use those websites an awful lot to base some of their decisions on from an admission standpoint and new student standpoint. I would hope that we could get a much more interactive website.

Dr. Rives commented that has been our number one goal. Cindi Celske has been the project leader from the Center for Application Information Technology and has had over 300 people in focus groups ranging from perspective high school students here in the Quad Cities to Black Hawk students to Scott students to business and industry folks, as well as our own students, faculty and staff. The key questions she has asked every group is: what do you want; what do you look for; and, how would you use it. So that has been our guiding principle as more interactivity.

President Goldfarb commented I had a former student e-mail me. She was living in Los Angeles and she was at a party with someone she teaches with. She asked the person where her daughter was considering going to school and the person said Western Illinois University. This former student of mine who is very engaged started screaming she could not believe it and said I know the President at Western. The student chose basically doing a web search looking for the kinds of programmatic interests and needs. While the student is out in California, she decided Western Illinois University was her first choice based on that kind of web access. I think more and more we have to recognize that is the way students really make their choices. Trustee Kallman added not just a virtual tour of the university but virtual tours of the residence halls.

ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

Consent Agenda: Civil Service Employees Council, Council of Administrative Personnel, Faculty Senate, and Student Government Association: None was presented.

Student Government Association President – Robert Dulski

I am a Western alumnus. I am in the law enforcement department right now for their graduate program. My hometown is Niles, Illinois and I have a strong passion for the students. I have had a great experience at Western so I want other students too as well. Anything I can do to contribute to student's involvement or opportunities on campus, I am there for it.

My neighbor/good friend, and I was also his confirmation sponsor and they are like a second family, their son is actually coming to Western on the same track I did. I was admitted to Western on academic probation and after a semester I was in the Honors College, so hopefully he can be on the same track too. I take a lot of pride in the opportunities Western has given me.

In terms of a brief recap of this last year in SGA, Taste of Macomb was a big success and my Vice President David Campos is going to organize this event next year. We want to publicize to outside towns for them to come in and take part in this event.

SGA discussed the plus/minus system and Dr. Rock who came to an SGA meeting and I put him on the spot one time, so I am sorry. He was not expected to speak but I was Speaker of the Senate last year for Student Government Association and I called him up and he answered questions for about 45 minutes.

So thank you. We discussed student fees as well in terms of next year sticking to the processes that are on the books - making sure everything is fluid as possible - and making sure everyone gets an equal voice in the best interest of the students. We also did a lot of lobbying at the state capitol and many students participated.

We discussed during the last two meetings of the year, and something I take a personal pride in, is a research project with the Chair of Law Enforcement regarding the use of air soft guns and how they affect different communities. Air soft guns actually are pretty prevalent on campus and off campus. There are air soft gun wars that occur and these guns are made to look like toy guns but they spray paint them to make them look like real guns. In the night time, they have wars running around, and this was even on campus when I was an RA. They still shoot people in the dorms with just a little plastic BB or you can put metal BBs in them too. They hurt. At night time, believe it or not, college students do drink alcohol and if they decide to engage in these air soft gun wars, they are hiding and the police officer tells them to freeze and put it down and they point one of these things at an officer, they are going to have lead in the body from a bullet from the officer. I don't want to be reactive on this, but I want to take a proactive stance and let people know. I would hate for the University or the City of Macomb to defend the police department on this stance. I would rather have a proactive manner. It is just personal for me too. I will be honest – I lived in a house with four guys and I was the only one who did not have one of these guns. It's not only hand guns but they are like assault rifles that you put silencers on. It's ridiculous, but just playing with toys can lead to death, so I am not a big fan of that. We took one stance. After my research and bringing it to the table at least, we took preventative measures and the people still decided to act irresponsible but you can't help all the students.

Student Government is going to work with the Student Tenant Union on awareness of students' rights as tenants. We are going to have a survey to rate the landlords so students don't get suckered into slumlords. This will raise awareness for students who make poor decisions about where they are gong to live. We hope these evaluations are actually going to be a benchmark so we can put this out to other universities so they can adopt this as well. We also hope it improves the quality of living around the northwest side of town also and around campus. I have never had a slumlord but I have one more year left. Giving opportunities to get people involved is where we are raising that sort of like #5 in Dr. Rives' Strategic Plan about promoting social responsibility. We've also need to remind students that they are residents here in Macomb and not just students so they have to respect this town.

We have a lot of support from the Mayor of Macomb at the last CUPP meeting of the year. He asked the Western Courier to publish an article about a student who does not even go to Western who defecated in the back of a cop car. The Western Courier could have taken a stance that students are bad, but they and the mayor reminded us that it is less than 1% who mess it up for the entire student body with negative publicity. He basically said we are good people and some people just mess it up for us. We need to remind these people who are messing it up for us that they should respect Macomb as they would respect their home. Are you going to kick holes in your walls of your own house; are you going to throw beer cans in your house in Highland Park or Vernon Hills? I doubt it, so why are you going to do this to your neighborhood around here? It is always an uphill battle but we have support from the town.

We are giving away 5,000 notebooks received through Amy Kallenbach who is in charge of SGA Student Services. We will have an SGA table in the union every week. Rob Casey was our previous governmental relations person and he did a great job with his presence on city council, so we want to continue that.

Student Government Association President – Quad Cities – Lindsey Garrison

President Lindsey Garrison thanked the Board for inviting her to the meeting. I would like to put on the record that Joe Rives has been a huge asset for us and a great student ally of the Quad Cities campus so thank you very much! I now have this teeny little office but at least we did not get stuck in a closet.

A few of the things that have happened over the year, we did have a couple of blood drives. We had a 9/11 observance and participated in Habitat for Humanity and a couple of soup kitchens. We did some dinner and movies with sustainability being the focus. Two of those movies were "Bullshit!" and "Radioactive Reservations". We had a couple of campus cleanups and the big thing at the end of the year was the Tunnel of Oppression which unfortunately was not the best of weather so our turnout was not as good as could have been. Those successes we would like to continue and there are also a few new things we would like to do. This being a non-traditional campus, we have a lot of suggestions but we would like to have some kind of facilities at other events for kids so some of our students can come. A lot of us are married with children and jobs and it is hard for us to get involved in some of the activities but we want to hopefully increase the number there.

Many of you met Margo Whitesides last night who is the Vice President. She and I were senators this year and will be the only two returning SGA members. We have a whole new group and have a full quorum right now. I have three senators on the fence right now and we will see if we can get them voted in. I am pretty excited that it is going to be a whole new group and start off fresh with activities.

Our #1 thing this year is we would like to get collaboration with other organizations because there is some overlapping of things and organizations are doing duplicate activities. Again, with Joe Rives' help, we are going to have more community involvement and also be able to travel to Macomb for some different events so others can see our faces.

Chair Epperly thanked President Dulski and President Garrison for all they are doing for the students and wished them well.

Civil Service Employees Council President – Ed Lavin

President Lavin briefed the Board. As the new President, I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to be able to report on the current activities of the Council to the Board of Trustees.

The Council held their annual elections at their May meeting and installed four officers: Edward Lavin, President; Richard Hamilton, Vice President; Jamie Shuda, Treasurer; and Carla Farniok, Secretary. We had two outgoing members: Sam Marlow and James Weaver who both dedicated a lot of time and energy and we will miss them greatly. We have three new members: Amber Dodds, Dan Rathjen and Kim Sedgwick who are full of energy. We had our first meeting yesterday and they were volunteering to do everything, so I am very pleased that we have excitement on the Council.

We have three new employees of the month:

April – Donna Pestle who is a secretary IV in the Agriculture Department.
May – Michael Hott who works in Planning and Design for Physical Plant.
June – Bill Sibley who works in the University Libraries and takes care of the nursery so if you go through the library, Bill is the one who takes care of all the plants.

Each one of these people will receive $100 stipend plus a reserved parking spot for one month.

We will be awarding nine scholarships this year for $1,000 each. This fall semester we raised them from $750. One of the scholarships is being donated by President Goldfarb and we certainly do appreciate it.

We will be giving fifteen book awards worth $100 each to employees who go back to school during the fall, summer and spring semesters.

We have several items planned such as a golf outing for June 28 in Macomb which we hope will be a big fundraiser for our scholarships. I have plenty of openings and plenty of tee sponsors and holes available if anybody is interested.

I would like to thank President Goldfarb for the opportunity once again to have the open forum with him each semester.

We are in the process of planning the baseball trip to a minor league game for the Civil Service Employees and anybody at the University. We will be getting back to you. We are planning a blood drive and we are looking at doing this every sixty days at the Western campus for something to be promoting the Council's activities.

In closing, I would like to thank Vice President Thompson and Pam Bowman both for their ongoing support and guidance that they have given us throughout the years.

Civil Service Employees Council Representative – Quad Cities – Lois Retherford

Lois Retherford commented on behalf of the Quad Cities Civil Service Employees, I would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Rives and the entire administrative team for their leadership and support for the changes and directions here at the Quad Cities campus. Their encouragement and cooperation and coordination with the Macomb campus on a variety of new procedures and processes and activities is very much appreciated and encouraged.

Faculty Senate Chair – Steve Rock

Chair Steve Rock stated Faculty Senate seemed to reach conclusion on a lot of activities in the last month or so and you have in your written reports summaries of what we have been doing.

Faculty Council Chair – Quad Cities - Suzanne Bailey

Chair Suzanne Bailey commented it seems like we have a little bit of "Joe Rives Lovefest" here today. I will add Faculty Council's praises to that as well. We have had a very good and wonderful start to our collaboration with Dr. Rives and we are very excited just like a lot of people are about the direction things are going here and some of the changes that are occurring.

We have been very happy to work with Dr. Rives on a number of collaborative efforts. We have faculty members who are very much a part of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Planning Committee for the riverfront campus. We have participated with his staff on search committees for a variety of different positions. It's just felt like things have kind of started moving in a direction that feels very positive to Faculty Council.

One of the things we have done this year is to continue the mentoring program that we have started a couple years back and will be particularly important this coming fall as we have nine new faculty members coming. We want to be sure that they are assigned mentors and get a feel for the Quad Cities culture and procedures to keep them being happy faculty members and get them on the road to being successful in promotion and tenure ways as well. One of the things we have been proud of as Faculty Council being such a small faculty and such close quarters with one another, we have always maintained a very collaborative field to our relationships with each other. We have had some projects going on this year that were completed and very much collaboration between different departments. We had an event with RPTA and Marketing and there is a variety of research projects that faculty are engaged in from different disciplines with each other. We certainly want to see that continue even as we continue to grow.

It has been a very successful year. I am a little surprised to tell you that I will be around for the next one because I really last year intended to be one year and out but that did not quite work out that way. I am looking forward to the upcoming year.

Chair Epperly commented I appreciate you being on the Faculty Council. It is always good when you are happy with those happenings. We appreciate those comments.

Council of Administrative Personnel President – Amy Spelman

President Spelman thanked the Board. I don't love you Joe. Just teasing of course as we have got to spend a lot of quality time together the last couple months and we do love Joe, too. Actually, the report is in your materials and I realize it is just Ruth and I between you and your break.

The second paragraph in my report though I congratulated Jennifer Grimm on an award and did not tell you what it was. She was the COAP Member of the Year. This is my last meeting as President and Schuyler Meixner will take over as President on July 1 and I will stay on as past president.

Chair Epperly apologized to Suzanne, the reason I tried to bypass you is I grew up with Ruth's husband two doors apart, but there was about a mile between those two doors. We owned farms south of the Quad Cities. I saw him last night for the first time in many a moon. I got so excited about that I was trying to bypass you for Ruth.

Council of Administrative Personnel Representative - Quad Cities – Ruth Bloom

Ruth Bloom echoed some of the sentiments about what has been happening at the Quad Cities campus and Joe's leadership in encouraging us to get out to Macomb to spread the word about the Quad Cities campus and to the community here in the Quad Cities to spread the word about the great things happening.

COAP is both on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. It's my last meeting as the Quad Cities COAP representative but I am hoping that at some point you may see me again and look forward to turning over the reigns to whoever the new representative will be. The elections will be happening later this month.

Chair Epperly thanked Representative Bloom. He commented Joe Rives will be giving autographs out in the hallway I guess.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Epperly stated we have some people here from the Moline community. The mayor is here in regards to in support of the engineering program. They have to leave at noon for some other meetings so we will go directly to the Academics before the Finance. I have asked Trustee Griffin to start with the Bachelor of Science in Engineering and then go from there under his categories.

Trustee Griffin commented we are going to re-order the agenda under Academic & Student Services Committee and start with Resolution 08.6/6.

Resolution No. 08.6/6: Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Provost Thomas stated the Bachelor of Science in Engineering was developed as a response to an identified need here in the Quad Cities. The program will be administered through the Department of Engineering and Technology which is housed in the College of Business and Technology, and is a broad base engineering program designed to prepare students in engineering fundamentals and will also prepare students for careers in consulting offices, manufacturing businesses, industrial companies and government agencies. You can find this in the booklet on page 161.

Funding for the new engineering program will come from three sources. We will be requesting new funds from the State of Illinois as well as allocations from tuition and donations both cash and in-kind from partners. I also have Dean Erekson here with me from the College of Business and Technology.

Dean Erekson commented this is a very exciting time for WIU in the Quad Cities. As you know the proposed program is a plus two program, the last two years of an accredited engineering program that would be delivered here at the Quad Cities campus and building on the already existing two-year pre-engineering program from the Macomb campus. Our partners in Physics, Math and Chemistry are very excited about the program because they believe it will allow them to attract very bright capable students for those first two years. I know the business community in the greater Quad Cities region is very excited about an engineering program coming because companies just cannot find enough engineers. Engineering programs are growing around the country and the world. There is a great demand for engineers with a projected 11% growth in the next ten years and demand for engineers in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. Other universities for example, Harvard, have finally decided to take our lead and grow their engineering program and are projecting a 43% increase. Yale is doing something similar to 17% growth because United States is losing its innovative edge and just not graduating as many engineers as we have in the past. Areas like Milwaukee, and there was a piece in the Milwaukee Sentinel recently about the M7 which is Milwaukee and their seven counties for economic development growing and planning in that area. Engineering is a key to that and they are saying that Milwaukee cannot compete with innovation economy without people who can innovate, and all of the other technical fields with specifically engineering. What we proposed really is being driven by a report of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), *Educating the Engineer of 2020*. We tried to do everything we can in line with this national report that recommends ways that engineers should be educated and prepare in work. Just great enthusiasm and support, we have a great steering committee here in the Quad Cities with representatives from engineering firms; KONE and ALCOA, and our partners; Black Hawk and Scott. It's just a very exciting time!

President Goldfarb added our key concerns always in terms of a new program is funding. If Dave Steelman can be proven to be wrong this year and if we get that 2.8% operational increase actually, we would be able to fund this program. I think its estimated funding is about $1 million. We actually would be able to fund this program and much of our nursing program. Otherwise, we will continue to make reallocations internally and also make requests particularly in this program to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, since we believe this is a statewide need. We will also as indicated work with local community in terms of donors. Our hope is that the state will either keep the current recommendation funding in place or allow us to make a request in the coming year. The program would not go into effect until a year from this fall, so it gives us the year to do the lobbying we would need to do in case the current funding does not stay in place in terms of the higher education increase. As Dean Erekson points out, I think there is a clear awareness in the state for the need of such a program. It is clear support in the Quad Cities community and I appreciate the Quad Cities community members who are here today. I think it is a very clear indication the fact that they have shown up at a board meeting for support of this program. It could be a key program in terms of our new campus here in the Quad Cities. The other issue is the space. Dean Erekson and I talked about this as well. Our hope was that we would be in our first building in the Quad Cities campus. We do know that it will take us at least two to three years to meet full space availability. Dr. Rives has been working with the local community to see if we can find temporary space working with organizations in the community to begin housing the program until we can move into the first building on the new campus. Again, we want to make the case to the state as this is another example why we need to move into that new facility and why we have that new facility. There is clear demand here in the Quad Cities and the state needs to come to the table and help us with that demand.

Trustee Houston commented as we talk in terms of our pre-engineering program in Macomb, I understand this is basically designed more for junior college graduates in this area – what are we doing to promote that pre-engineering program on the Macomb campus to try to add to the students there.

Dean Erekson noted that my recollection is we had 60 new admits last fall for the pre-engineering program. My guess is since we have that many admits, if they had the opportunity to stay at Western, we very likely would have a higher yield of those students. Dean Levi added our hope is that we will have much larger percentage of our pre-engineering students actually completing their degree in engineering because of the hopefully existing program. We are working on focus in recruitment into pre-engineering program, and if and when the engineering program at Western gets approved, our joint recruitment efforts will be so much more successful. Dean Erekson commented it's clear that we will do joint recruiting in addition to recruiting at community colleges for transfer. It is to position and promote Western with engineering and nursing in terms of program mix. Dean Erekson stated five public universities have accredited engineering programs: Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Chicago, Northern Illinois, Edwardsville and Carbondale. Illinois graduates about 2,000 engineers per year. Compared to Michigan for example, Michigan has about maybe 75% of our population economic outlook with ten public universities that have accredited engineering programs which graduate over 3,000 engineers per year. This will be part of the talking point at the Board of Higher Education and the legislature. We really need to invest in innovative engineering. Private universities in Illinois are Bradley, Northwestern Illinois, Olivet and Nazarene that have accredited engineering programs.

President Goldfarb added that Edwardsville, Illinois is a comparative institution in terms of being in same like category of U.S. News and World Report. I think in terms of admission, we are very similar in terms of institution. Dean Erekson included they serve that larger St. Louis metro area like we would serve the Quad Cities metro area that covers both states.

Dr. Thomas responded to Trustee Houston's question regarding recruitment. In addition to that, we are working with the recruiters on our campus and will be meeting with departments not just with these two colleges but across the board to work on specifics. Looking at the specific kinds of programs which also adds to what we were talking about earlier with the signature programs. For all of our programs to help us with recruitment, we want to do a better job in bringing more students and particularly designating them for these particular new programs.

Trustee Griffin recognized Mayor of Moline for his comments in support of the program. Moline Mayor Don Welvaert commented most everything has been said, and, yes, Moline is certainly in support of the program. I would like to thank everyone for the consideration given for the engineering program at the Quad Cities campus. It is desperately needed in our community and I don't speak just for Moline but for the Quad Cities area as well. As was mentioned, KONE, ALCOA and John Deere and many engineering firms and I don't have to preach to this Board of Trustees that we are in a global economy right now and we need the people out there that can research, develop and design the new widgets of the future whatever they may be. If we don't put this educational process into place, we are going to fall behind drastically in the world economy. I commend everyone on the Board for their interest in this and I seek your support and ask for your approval of the engineering degree here.

President Goldfarb stated the Mayor is also a loyal Western alumnus and is that not a requirement to be elected in Moline. Trustee Griffin added this is not a precondition for your vote but the Mayor is a Western alumnus.

Daniel Solchenberger commented I think a lot of the things that have been said are great. I appreciate the Board moving forward this initiative. I am with Shive Hattery and lead our civil group and we also have mechanical electrical structural engineering. We do have a need in this area for our technical staff who

wants the opportunity to continue their education. There is no place locally here so this is a great initiative and I would ask your support. I appreciate everything that Western Illinois has done for the Quad Cities area.

President Goldfarb added I want to thank Dean Erekson for the work he has done quickly on this program and Tom Bridge who just retired and worked on this intensely.

Trustee Ehlert moved to pass Resolution 08.6/6 Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS Goal 4 of *The Illinois Commitment* states that "Illinois will increase the number and diversity of residents completing training and education programs;" and,

WHEREAS the University Strategic Plan, "Higher Values in Higher Education: A Plan for Western Illinois University," calls for excellence in undergraduate programs through expanded degree programs; and,

WHEREAS a major goal of Western Illinois University is to establish new programs in the Quad Cities that will serve the needs of the host communities in the region and beyond the region by serving as a vital economic, educational, cultural, and social resource; and,

WHEREAS there is a demonstrated need for an engineering bachelor's degree in the Quad Cities region, as indicated by labor agency statistics and the results from a 2007 needs analysis conducted by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree program as presented.

The purpose of the Bachelor of Science in Engineering is to address the need for broadly educated engineers who have a strong grounding in multidisciplinary engineering fundamentals. This integrated course of study will prepare graduates to provide cross-discipline design solutions for the wide range of demands encountered by today's practicing engineers in consulting offices, manufacturing businesses, industrial companies, and government agencies.

The degree program requires students to complete 133 s.h., including a 22 s.h. core (Engineering Graphics/CAD, Manufacturing Processes, Engineering Economics, Project Management, and an internship, and senior design project); a 27 s.h. option in either Manufacturing/Mechanical Engineering or Electrical/Computer Engineering; and 54 s.h. of support courses in Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science, Economics, and Management.

The program was developed to meet the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) standards and will be delivered at the Quad Cities Riverfront campus. The Engineering program will be a +2 degree completion program (the junior and senior years) articulated with pre-engineering transfer programs at the WIU Macomb campus and community colleges in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri.

According to U.S., Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri labor agencies, there is a strong labor market demand for engineering graduates in western Illinois and eastern Iowa with an 11 percent increase in employment demand between 2004 and 2014. In addition, a needs analysis was conducted by the WIU Institute for Rural Affairs as a basis for developing and acquiring approval to offer the WIU engineering program in the Quad Cities (*Demand for Engineering Graduates in Western Illinois, Southeast Iowa and Northeast Missouri: Assessments and Forecasts,* August 6, 2007). The results of the analysis support the implementation of a general engineering bachelor's degree program, with an annual demand for WIU-trained general engineers to be between 32 and 35 new hires in 2007 and 2008, between 33 and 36 in 2009, and 35 and 38 in 2010. The WIU Engineering program was developed within the framework presented by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in recent national reports, *The Engineer of 2020* (2004) and *Educating the Engineer of 2020* (2005). The reforms in engineering education recommended in these NAE reports provide an impetus for developing a new engineering program from the ground up.

The Engineering program will be linked to businesses in the Quad Cities and surrounding area through required internships/cooperative education experiences, and through required capstone projects that link with local companies and the Intellectual Property Institute. An advisory board was appointed by President Goldfarb to advise and assist the engineering program leaders in the program proposal development. This board includes representatives from large and small companies and agencies in the WIU service area, and a few experts in engineering education.

The degree program will be administered within the College of Business. It is anticipated that 30 students will enroll in the degree program during its first year of operation. By the fifth year of operation, the program will grow to 120 program majors with 40 degrees awarded annually.

Resolution No. 08.6/7: New Degree Program – Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Basic

Provost Thomas stated last year the Board of Trustees approved the RN to the BSN completion program. At this time, we are asking approval of the four-year BSN program. I have Inessa Levi who is Dean of College of Arts and Sciences where this program will be housed and also have the Director of the program Dr. Lea Monahan, who has worked diligently in terms of working with the curriculum and making sure that this program is in line with the Illinois Board of Nursing guidelines.

Dean Levi commented this program builds on the program that you recently approved completion program from RN to BSN and our pre-nursing program. Our pre-nursing program currently is housed in the biology department and we have about 60 pre-nursing students per year. This fall we are anticipating 70 pre-nursing students. Those students usually complete their pre-nursing curriculum with us and then transfer some place else. Even when this standard nursing program gets approved, we will be able to accommodate those students here at Western Illinois University. This program responds to both state and national needs for nurses. For example, in a recent release from IBHE it was mentioned that the state experiences annual shortage both nursing on a level of over 2,700 nurses where as the state we are graduating at least 20% pure nurses than actually needed. There is a tremendous need in nurses and this need will not subside around the country. Many nursing professionals now between ages 45-60 are going to retire some soon and that will necessitate a production of more nursing professionals. With great advantages of our nurses with baccalaureate degrees are able to greater degree of maturity and learn faster

and operate within modern technology and able to increase education and proceed with masters and doctoral degrees.

Trustee Houston added I am Chairman of the Board of St. John's Hospital in Springfield, and between St. John's and Memorial, you have over 7,000 employees. We have a nursing school and graduated 50 this year and hired 35 of the 50. We are trying to fill 55 openings and have not been able to fill our nursing openings for a number of years. What we end up doing is hiring companies that will bring nurses in, which is an extremely expensive process in terms of our labor cost. Nurses in certain areas typical starting salaries are running $60,000-$65,000 at St. John's with skills. There is a demand but there are also very good salaries that are getting paid as you look at this. Certainly again you are meeting a need with the program.

President Goldfarb thanked Dean Levi and Director Monahan for their hard work. I think people are not aware how difficult it is to put curricular programs together this quickly.

Trustee Griffin moved to pass Resolution 08.6/7 New Degree Program – Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Basic. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS Goal 4 of *The Illinois Commitment* states that "Illinois will increase the number and diversity of residents completing training and education programs;" and,

WHEREAS the University Strategic Plan, "Higher Values in Higher Education: A Plan for Western Illinois University," calls for excellence in undergraduate programs through expanded degree programs; and,

WHEREAS the Illinois Board of Higher Education's policies and priorities for health related programs seek to increase opportunities for practicing health professionals to upgrade their skills and knowledge and to pursue advanced levels of education within their chosen professions:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, basic degree program, as presented.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, basic degree program, is designed for individuals who want to become Registered Nurses and obtain a bachelor's degree. The BSN program will allow students to begin their educational career at WIU as a freshman in the Pre-BSN major, complete two years of general education and nursing support courses, and then apply for admission to the Nursing major. Upon graduation, these students will be eligible to write and successfully complete the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses.

In 2007, the WIU Board of Trustees and Illinois Board of Higher Education authorized WIU to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN-BSN Completion degree program. The RN-BSN Completion program provides a bridge for associate degree and diploma nurses who wish to develop the skills required to prepare them for a higher level of nursing practice and advancement in their nursing careers. Upon the approval of the proposed BSN basic program, WIU will have the ability to offer two alternative routes for completing a bachelor's degree in Nursing: one for students who already hold an RN license and one for those students who have not yet obtained an RN license.

Like the RN-BSN Completion program, the objectives of the BSN basic degree program are to prepare the student:

- As a provider of care, to use critical thinking and decision making processes to provide ethical, evidenced-based, culturally competent, reflective care that incorporates the bio-psycho-social aspects of the total health experience for individuals, families and aggregates.

- As a leader of care, to facilitate leadership through collaboration, inquiry, and advocacy to design, redesign, and coordinate safe, cost effective quality care for individuals, families and aggregates.
- As a member of the profession, to enact professional behaviors that communicate respect for their own and others values, role development, commitment to lifelong learning, promotion of social justice, and preparation for graduate education.

The BSN basic degree program will also prepare the student:

- To qualify to write and successfully complete the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses.

A minimum of 125 s.h. is required to complete the BSN, including the University General Education, Nursing support courses, clinical experiences, and support coursework offered by other departments in life span development, human anatomy and physiology, and microbiology. This past spring, the WIU faculty and Academic Vice President approved program changes to the existing RN-BSN Completion program. Given these changes, the new BSN basic program and the existing RN-BSN Completion program will have the same degree completion requirements.

Like the RN-BSN Completion program, the BSN basic program will prepare students for careers and leadership roles as generalist nurses prepared to function in health care agencies as well as prepare graduates for further study in nursing. The BSN basic program will also provide students with the credentials and knowledge to write and pass the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses.

The degree program will be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is anticipated that 30 students will enroll in the BSN basic program (in addition to the 30 anticipated enrollees in the RN-BSN Completion program) during its first year of operation. By the fifth year of operation, the combined basic and completion program will grow to approximately 135 program majors with 60 degrees awarded annually.

Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes

Provost Thomas stated we have four new degree programs approved by IBHE and a bachelors in anthropology pending IBHE approval. We anticipate that this item will be on the fall IBHE agenda. We

also approved three new minors, the function of morphology and evolutionary anatomy, scuba diving and survey research methods.

Trustee Griffin asked about the numbers in CIP Code if they were IBHE numbers for particular disciplines. Provost Thomas replied yes.

Resolution No. 08.6/5: Tenure Recommendations
Provost Thomas stated this list contains the names of the individuals evaluated for tenure by the department personnel committee, the department chairs, the college personnel committees, also the deans and the university personnel committees if required. I have reviewed this document and also consulted with President Goldfarb and we have approved this as it stands.

In terms of negative recommendations, we have one that was due to not completing of the terminal degree and the other person did not meet the department criteria for tenure as determined by the evaluation process.

Trustee Houston moved to pass Resolution 08.6/5 Tenure Recommendations. Trustee Ehlert seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS the attached tenure recommendations are in accordance with Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with UPI Local 4100 and applicable Board Regulations:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves as presented the tenure recommendations for 2008-2009.

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT/UNIT	DEGREE
1. Behling, Susan D.	Professor	Accountancy	Ed.D.
2. Dehkordi-Vakil, Farideh	Associate Professor	Information Systems & Decision Sciences	Ph.D.
3. Dimitrov, Rumen D.	Associate Professor	Mathematics	Ph.D.
4. Halverson, Dean L.	Associate Professor	Educational Leadership	Ph.D.
5. Hemingway, John L.	Associate Professor	Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration	Ph.D.
6. Hogg, Mary	Associate Professor	Communication	Ph.D.
7. Holz, D. Keith	Associate Professor	Art	Ph.D.
8. Hoon, William G.	Associate Professor	Broadcasting	Ph.D.
9. House, Jess E.	Professor	Educational Leadership	Ph.D.
10. Huang, Jenq K.	Professor	Chemistry	Ph.D.
11. Johnson, Jamie L.	Associate Professor	Health Sciences	Ph.D.
12. Kanauss, Lorri	Associate Professor	Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising & Hospitality	M.S.Ed.
13. Kelley, Mark	Professor	Health Sciences	Ph.D.

14. Kurasz, Richard M.	Associate Professor	Music	D.M.A.
15. Lauer, Maceio Ilon	Associate Professor	Communication	Ph.D.
16. Lee, Hongbok	Associate Professor	Marketing & Finance	Ph.D.
17. Liu, Hong	Associate Professor	Engineering Technology	Ph.D.
18. McArthur, Laura H.	Associate Professor	Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising & Hospitality	Ph.D.
19. Miczo, Nathan	Associate Professor	Communication	Ph.D.
20. Moore, Susan M.	Associate Professor	Health Sciences	H.S.D.
21. O'Ryan, Leslie W.	Associate Professor	Counselor Education	Ed.D.
22. Polubinsky, Renee L.	Associate Professor	Kinesiology	Ed.D.
23. Rahman, Shazia	Associate Professor	English & Journalism	Ph.D.
24. Romig, James	Associate Professor	Music	Ph.D.
25. Thomas, Jack	Professor	English & Journalism	Ph.D.
26. Waldrop, Timothy D.	Associate Professor	Art	M.F.A.
27. Wallace, Lora E.	Associate Professor	Sociology & Anthropology	Ph.D.
28. Wright, David C.	Associate Professor	Theatre & Dance	M.F.A.
29. Yi, Xiang	Associate Professor	Management	Ph.D.

NEGATIVE TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Jimenez-Williams, Ivan H.	Assistant Professor	Foreign Languages & Literatures	Ph.D.
2. Weiss, Charles T.	Assistant Professor	Engineering Technology	M.A.

Resolution No. 08.6/8: Student Health Insurance Fee Increase

Vice President Johnson stated he will answer the question ahead of time - why do we wait to bring the health insurance fee request to this meeting instead of when we do the other fees? The answer is that in health insurance we try to wait until we have the best possible latest information relative to what we believe we need in order to maintain and continue our health insurance program. There are two components of this and one is requesting 6.6% increase in the overall fee itself which we believe is very reasonable and based on what our needs are. We do not ask for more than what we need. We are also requesting that we move the deductible from $150 to $200 and we believe that also will allow us to keep it at 6.6% rather than higher.

We have Director Mary Margaret Harris of Beu Health Center and HCH President/CEO Jamie Stevenson here with us today. Robin Wilt of Student Insurance was unable to make the meeting due to a family situation.

Director Harris commented actually I know this is not too pleasant but I think bringing a 6.6% increase is more pleasant than at the end of three years we came with a 14% request which was a little bit more painful of a jump. At that time, we made the decision that it would be better to ask for incremental increases in this program to keep it vital than waiting and asking for a big jump at the end of that time. We are coming to the end of the fourth year of self insurance and I would say it has been another successful year. We have been able to meet the needs of the students, meet the claims demands and we have been able to set aside additional monies to help our reserve grow. We are almost at $1.5 million in the reserve. We are just lacking a few thousand dollars in the reserve to reach that goal. At this time, what we are looking at is a very modest increase in order to keep pace with anticipated claims demand with the program.

Vice President Johnson commented HCH has done a great job over the course of the years helping grow our program and make sure it continues in the direction that we want it to go relative to providing high quality healthcare for our students at a very affordable rate.

President Stevenson (HCH) added it continues to run very smoothly both from an administrative perspective and from a loss perspective. You are consistently around a 3.8% exposure on an annual basis which is wonderful and is not what we are seeing in the majority of our other cases that we are dealing with. It is not uncommon to be looking at a 12% to 15% to 20% increase. Globally speaking, what you provide and the price that you provided is very effective and efficient – much lower than what we see across the nation.

Vice President Johnson commented I want to congratulate Mary Margaret and Robin Wilt. Robin is the day-to-day administrator of the program and does a fabulous job. She does a wonderful job of that and I wish she were here to hear this but I have told her that before. Mary Margaret and the staff who work in that area work very hard to make sure that our students are well taken care of. HCH does a good job at looking at the claims and making sure they get paid in a timely fashion. Our turnaround time is very good. We are also constantly looking at ways to eliminate increases and find ways to save money as a part of the program as well. One of the most recent things we are looking at is re-working our x-ray program. Currently, we use an older x-ray system whereby we develop films and have all kinds of chemicals. We are looking at going to a digital system that would allow us to get rid of all the chemicals, get rid of all the film and make it easier for us to have x-rays read on behalf of our students. In the digital format, we can send those anywhere to be read. They don't have to be read locally. They can go to whoever has a contract with us or we have backups to be able to read in a timely fashion. It also makes it easier for students if they need x-rays, they don't have to carry along film in a manila envelope. We simply had them a CD and they would be able to take their doctor as a result of follow up. Again, those are cost avoidance kind of issues – ways to keep our costs under control. We are looking to do something with that this coming year if everything works out the way we hoped. Again, they are working very hard to look at those ways to avoid cost increases as well and be green.

Trustee Ehlert added it is certainly a pleasure to hear the positive report on the four year old program. It does not seem that long ago we struggled with the decisions whether or not to do or to create the self-insurance program. Obviously, it was a good choice. Trustee Ehlert asked how close we are to our goal for the reserve fund. Director Harris replied right now we are at $1,496,000. The goal set by the Board was $3,000,000 and I expect this to be able to grow. The interest rates are poor so it is not growing as rapidly as we would like. However, we expect to be able to put $100,000-$150,000 per year in the reserve as we progress.

Trustee Houston asked if all claims have been paid out for those three years. President Stevenson replied correct. Trustee Houston then asked for a summary in terms of what those final figures look like after they were done just to get a feel of what happened on it year-to-year type basis.

Director Harris responded I do believe we could be incurring tail on some of the year's claims. Trustee Houston added I made the assumption that 2005 and 2006 would be gone but you may have something in 2007.

President Stevenson replied correct and stated for 2008 there is an incurred but unreported liability to the plan roughly two months of claims which is in the flow always. Trustee Nelson added you are talking about less than $3.00 for the increase.

Trustee Houston commented on an annual basis is really the way to do it because the students that are insured at that time should be covering the costs for that and not letting it go for a couple of years.

Vice President Johnson responded we made the initial decision to hold for a couple of years because we wanted to stabilize the program and make sure we knew what we were dealing with and move it forward in terms of the much smaller increases.

Trustee Houston asked if there had been comparison between other universities that are not doing self-insurance. Vice President Johnson responded we can get that.

Director Harris replied I did not come with a benchmark report but I can certainly get that for you. Vice President Johnson stated Mary Margaret will get the report to you.

Trustee Nelson asked when the program started was there any type of projection as to how long it was going to take. Vice President Johnson added the first year was part of the stabilizing fee and we put in almost $1 millions dollars. Obviously, as the program has grown, that has dropped and out of that amount, we have purchased electronic medical systems.

Trustee Nelson stated just based on economics of the world, state or global – do you see where students go into this program because of issues with health insurance of their parents? Director Harris replied you are correct because the deductibles on parents' insurance programs are generally very high. If they have insurance with their parents, our program also works with their program to pick up eligible expenses. It may seem, on one hand, when trying to look at expenses and coming to university like just one more expense, but I tell the parents that one thing you want to be sure is that your insurance provides coverage where your student is because that is not always the case. Unmet medical bills are nationwide one of the leading causes of students having to leave higher education so that is the main reason we want to avoid that. It is a $250,000 lifetime policy designed for the four years they are here so it's not considered major medical when you compare it to other plans. The increase does not change the plan benefits.

Trustee Houston moved to pass Resolution 08.6/8 Student Health Insurance Fee Increase. Trustee Ehlert seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	No
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS national health care costs have increased 6.9% in 2007; and

WHEREAS Western Illinois University has reviewed its Student Health Insurance options for Western Illinois University students; and,

WHEREAS the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees wished to establish and fund a Student Health Insurance Reserve; and,

WHEREAS Western Illinois University proposes that its Student Health Insurance rates increase from $278.16 to $294.85 per half year or $589.70 per full year which represents a 6% increase; and,

WHEREAS Western Illinois University proposes to increase its deductible from $150 to $200; and,

WHEREAS Western Illinois University will implement the Student Health Insurance rate beginning August 1, 2008; and,

WHEREAS special provisions have been made for students attending outside the designated terms of August 1 to January 31 and February 1 to July 31;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Western Illinois University Student Health Insurance Program rate for Fiscal Year 2009 as proposed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Ehlert noted we have seven information items and will follow those with three items requiring vote.

Purchases of $100,000-$500,000 Receiving Presidential Approval
Vice President Thompson commented the vast majority of these items are associated with chillers and transformers that go with the chillers such as rental and installation. You actually approved at the March meeting the purchase of the permanent chillers.

Trustee Nelson asked if coal had gone up in price this year. Vice President Thompson replied the nice thing about coal even if it increased a little in price it is not very much. We can burn about 16,000 tons of coal per year. The good thing about coal is it is so economical to burn compared to natural gas.

Budget and Financial Data for Period Ended March 31, 2008
Budget Director DeWees stated that at the beginning of the fiscal year I predicted income to be about $57 million for tuition and other revenue. In April, I thought it would be about $500,000 more than that. Summer school started this week and I think it is going to be about $800,000 more so we will be about $57.8 million at the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures will probably be a little bit less than we had originally requested. We requested $60 million and our utilities have come in less, so we will have a little bit more at the end of the fiscal year to carry forward for next year. Bond revenue's income is up because of single room occupancy rates.

Trustee Houston asked about bond revenue and if the excess of $13 million is what we are required to carry, or are we carrying additional dollars. Vice President Johnson replied we are carrying additional and includes dollars we are using for elevator upgrades and making sure we have sufficient funds for the future.

Trustee Houston commented the only thing I would ask is that maybe we should be expending more money in terms of upgrades because it seems like a fairly significant amount of money. We would be better off putting that money into facilities as opposed to earning interest. From a marketing point of view, it is one of the ways we attract students. Vice President Johnson commented we could not agree more. It is exactly why we incur so we will be able to do all the elevator upgrades and all things important to our infrastructure. Trustee Houston added I would just like to see more of it spent.

Report on Investment Activities
Vice President Thompson stated as you probably know the lower interest rates have a direct impact on what we earn in interest at the institution. Director of Business Services Ron Ward commented on his summary report. Our quarter to date numbers probably reflect what is going on with the soft economy which has caused the Federal Reserve Board to lower interest rates 3.5% since last September and 1% since our last board meeting. Our benchmark is tied to the ninety-one day treasury bill and when the Federal Reserve Board lowers or raises the federal funds rate, it directly impacts the benchmark rate. In the quarter to date numbers, this has dropped significantly from the 5.12% to the 2.2%. Our rate of return number has come down from the 5.23% to the 3.4% so we are holding up pretty good but it has really dropped quickly. You can see our quarter to date last year was $1.1 million versus now $725,000. Our

fiscal year to date numbers reflect how we manage our cash and seek our higher yields. The benchmark rates came down from 4.98% fiscal year to date with the nine months our benchmark is now 3.4%. We have managed to maintain the 4.2% rate even in light of that.

In investment types you can see some of the things we are trying to do to combat. We have been able to go out and take bids from banks and CD rates are higher and better than treasury bills, notes and bonds. We shifted some funding or allocated some investments in the certificate of deposit line. Another thing we have done and I wish we would have put more money into this than we did, but a couple years ago we started putting some money out in these Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Fair Credit.

Very short term, money market rates are down to 2%. It is ridiculously low and is like FY2005 level. We are watching the cash flow process very closely and try to monitor and plan ahead and seek out the highest rate with these different categories.

Report on Income Producing Grants and Contracts for the Third Quarter
Vice President Thompson stated Beth Seaton is not here today so you only have me. We have altered the report to reflect some comparatives both in the dollar amount of awards and the number of awards.

Trustee Nelson asked if we were close to 2007 numbers. Vice President Thompson responded that would be a question for Beth. I don't know if there is something out there that is significant or not.

Report on Contributions
Vice President Hendricks commented on the summative gift in pledge report which shows a current pledge balance of about $4,058,000. Pledge in receipts summary total is $8,258,206 and represents 127% of goal we set last year. We wanted to raise $6.5 million so we are very happy about that. It also represents a total campaign income to date of $20,535,499 and is over 50% of a $40,000,000 goal and 42% of a $50,000,000 goal or 34% of the $60,000,000 stretch goal that Dr. Goldfarb established.

We included some metrical information that just gives you a sense of how we are doing relative to some of our other goals. The first is the total donor count of 13,500 donors. To give you an update on the number of significant contacts that the development officers have made is 104% of goal. The updated figure on the annual fund and is gifts principally under $5,000 and also reflects income from both the Rocky Talk Call Center and also our mail appeals. To date, we have raised for the annual fund $1,789,658. I did some comparative analysis to give you an idea of the growth here and is somewhat significant and encouraging. I will remind you the average annual fund gift tends to be small and are lots of them. When you are trying to grow, the margin of advantage is much smaller and harder to grow substantially in the way we have in the total campaign. In 2006, the annual fund raised $1.4 million and then 2007 we raised $1.57 million. If you compare those numbers from 2006, our annual fund to date has increased by 27% and if you compare to that last year, the annual fund production is 14% to the positive.

I think significantly the growth from last year and the year before has been comprehensive. I will let you know the total gift in pledge summary has gone from $5.9 million in 2006 to $8.258 million as of June 4. The total pledges made, which is another significant benchmark, has gone from $957,000 two years ago to $1.8 million this year. The total planned gifts which are bequests and trusts have grown from $2.2 million last year to in excess of $3 million this year. It represents a significant growth as well.

We do have one bequest distribution that is coming but will be booked after July 1st. The fundraising for the athletics program has been very robust around $600,000-$700,000 but we book that in the next fiscal year. For the most part, I think we are moving forward.

Trustee Houston asked about the radio station. Vice President Hendricks replied they raise a lot of money and are extremely successful under Sharon Faust and Dorie Vallillo. As you know, they have both a mail campaign and phone campaign. There are lots of donors in the immediate neighborhood and average gift is pretty significant.

We were able to staff up so we have the development officers and have had good solid training and high motivation. I wanted to congratulate publicly and for it to go on record the performance of our development officers. They have really been exceptionally committed to what we are trying to achieve. They worked very carefully with our colleges and program units and Dr. Goldfarb and some of the university service offices like Brad Bainter and Julie Murphy who provide support.

I would also like to go on record commending the deans of the colleges because they are on the front line. They have provided the academic inspiration that has made fundraising infinitely easier. I would also like to express my gratitude to Dr. Goldfarb for providing leadership at the top.

Repair Maintenance of Official University Residence
Vice President Thompson stated in FY09 we will be replacing more windows and doors in the residence. This has been a multi-year process because there are numbers of windows and doors in the residence. This should be not only an aesthetically improvement but should also be energy improvement.

FY09 Appropriated Operating & Capital Budget Update
Budget Director DeWees stated I am going to hand out a formal report that has the different levels of the budget recommendations with first our budget, then the Board of Higher Education, then the governor's budget and then the Illinois State Legislature. Dave pretty much said everything – 2.8% if they pass the budget. Our increase for income fund will probably be about $2,000,000.

It shows the five steps of the Board of Higher Education which are the five blue columns. The Governor's recommendation is in green and all of this information is on the budget office website.

If the Governor's budget at zero comes in, we will still have a 1.7% increase with our income fund which is not a whole lot. This is early estimates and will know more in the fall. Trustee Nelson asked if we will have to use our funds to operate like we did last year. President Goldfarb replied again we will not know until the Governor signs the budget. The difference this year is the legislature at least resolved the budget situation early. Last year the budget situation went into August. The real question becomes what is the Governor do in terms of signing – does he just use his veto power? He has talked about bringing the legislators back. The key issue is what the Governor does with the budget. We are hoping we do not have to go into August where we are using our own funds again.

All Illinois public university governing boards submit to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) institutional budget recommendations for operating and capital funds. At the September 28, 2007 meeting, (see *Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Resolutions No. 07.9/3 and No. 07.9/4)* the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved the University's Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009) budget recommendations submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education October 1, 2007.

Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Recommendations built upon the goals and priorities of the University's Strategic Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education*. This report provides a status report to the University's operating and capital recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009. A summary of the operating and capital budget recommendations by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Governor, and the Illinois State Legislature is provided on the last page of this handout.

Operating Recommendations

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees recommended a Fiscal Year 2009 operating increase of $10.1 million, or 8.5 percent. This increase was recommended to increase state partnership funding to support *Higher Values in Higher Education* and goals and priorities identified in the statewide strategic plan for higher education, *The Illinois Commitment: Partnerships, Opportunities, and Excellence*.

Western Illinois University Board of Trustees
FY2009 Operating Budget Increase Request

(Thousands of Dollars)	$ Increase	% Increase
Total Recommended Increase	$10,095.3	8.5%
Salary and Cost Increases	$7,097.5	6.0%
Salary Increases	5,187.0	6.0%
Social Security	112.5	10.0%
Cost Increases		
Utilities	1,060.0	20.0%
Library Materials	157.1	10.0%
Other General Costs	578.7	3.0%
Program Priorities	$3,000.0	
Deferred Maintenance	1,500.0	
Health Care Professional Education	1,200.0	
Teacher Training and Development	300.0	

In February, the IBHE published its *Fiscal Year 2009 Higher Education Budget Recommendations: Operations, Grants, and Capital Improvements* (Agenda Item #10). The IBHE's operating recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009 consist of five increase levels or "steps" for the 12 Illinois public universities. According to the IBHE, the five steps were developed based on "IBHE priorities, including affordability, attainment, diversity, and efficiency; state priorities, including economic demands, P-20 goals, and access and affordability goals; and university goals such as competitive salaries, assistance with rising energy costs, and funding to offset the increasing cost of mandatory tuition and fee waivers." The funding levels for Western Illinois University are shown in the table below.

FY2009 IBHE Budget Recommendations
Western Illinois University
General Revenue Funds

(Thousands of Dollars)

	Step One	Step Two	Step Three	Step Four	Step Five
FY2008 Base Operations	$ 58,287.5	$ 58,287.5	$ 58,287.5	$ 58,287.5	$ 58,287.5
Competitive Salaries	-	582.9	1,602.9	2,914.4	3,205.8
Utility Costs	-	-	-	270.1	540.0
Nursing Programs	-	-	-	600.0	666.7
Total FY2009 Appropriation	$ 58,287.5	$ 58,870.4	$ 59,890.4	$ 62,072.0	$ 62,700.0
Percent Increase	0.00%	1.00%	2.75%	6.49%	7.57%

On February 20th, the Governor announced his Fiscal Year 2009 budget. The Governor's recommendation for higher education supports Step One of the IBHE's funding level plan. This budget would result in no funding increase for higher education.

FY2009 Governor's Budget Recommendations
Illinois Public Universities
General Revenue Funds
(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2008 Appropriation	FY2009 Amount	FY2009 Dollar Change	FY2009 Percent Change
Chicago State University	$ 39,457.2	$ 39,457.2	$ -	0.0%
Eastern Illinois University	49,189.2	49,189.2	-	0.0%
Governors State University	26,353.4	26,353.4	-	0.0%
Illinois State University	82,986.8	82,986.8	-	0.0%
Northeastern Illinois University	40,400.7	40,400.7	-	0.0%
Northern Illinois University	105,867.7	105,867.7	-	0.0%
Southern Illinois University	225,766.1	225,766.1	-	0.0%
University of Illinois	720,506.5	720,506.5	-	0.0%
Western Illinois University	58,287.5	58,287.5	-	0.0%
Total	$ 1,348,815.1	$ 1,348,815.1	$ -	0.0%

On May 31st, the House and Senate passed House Bill 5701 Senate Amendment 2 appropriating $59.9 million to Western Illinois University for Fiscal Year 2009. If signed into law by the governor, this will result in an increase in General Revenue funding of $1.6 million, or 2.8 percent.

Capital Recommendations

Each fall, the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees makes capital budget recommendations to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Western Illinois University operates two distinct campuses, and each has unique priorities and needs. Therefore, the highest facilities priorities approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in September 2007 were a new Performing Arts Center for Western Illinois University-Macomb and funding for Complex One on the new Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. Other projects recommended by the Western Illinois BOT are shown in the table below.

Western Illinois University Board of Trustees
2009 Capital Recommendations

(Thousands of Dollars)	Amount
	$ 111,699.5
1A. Western Illinois University-Macomb Performing Arts Center	65,226.7
1B. Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Complex One	15,253.0
2. Western Illinois University-Macomb Campus Utility Infrastructure (Planning)	4,616.3
3. Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Complex Two (Planning)	4,171.7
4. Western Illinois University-Macomb Life Safety Improvements (Phase I)	11,625.1
5. Western Illinois University-Macomb Science Complex (Planning)	10,806.7

The Illinois Board of Higher Education evaluates, prioritizes, and recommends to the governor and general assembly the capital improvement budget needs of Illinois public colleges, universities, and the

Illinois Mathematics and Sciences Academy. The February 2008 IBHE Board Item #10, *Fiscal Year 2009 Higher Education Budget Recommendations Capital Improvements* identifies criteria used to prioritize capital projects. They are:

- Projects that will complete activities for which prior planning or construction funds have been appropriated.
- Projects that address emergency infrastructure problems.
- Projects given high priority by institutions.
- Projects previously recommended by the IBHE.

The IBHE's number one capital priority is statewide Capital Renewal funding. The following table from the IBHE Board report shows capital funding priorities recommended by the IBHE for fiscal year 2009.

FY2009 IBHE Capital Budget Priority List

($ in Thousands)

Priority	Institution	Project	Recommendation
1	Statewide	Capital Renewal	$ 60,000.0
2	Illinois Math and Science Academy	Main Building Addition	8,340.0
3	Eastern Illinois University	Fine Arts Center	1,500.0
4	University of Illinois-Urbana	Lincoln Hall Remodeling	55,100.0
5	Lake Land College	Student Services Addition	2,009.8
6	Triton College	Technology Building	10,019.8
7	Joliet Junior College	Utilities Renovation	4,106.6
8	Rock Valley College	Arts Instructional Center	19,145.9
9	**Western Illinois University**	**Performing Arts Center**	**65,226.7**
10	Northern Illinois University	Stevens Building Addition	20,138.8
11	Elgin Community College	Spartan Drive Extension	2,158.2
12	Parkland College	Student Services Addition	14,111.0
13	Harper College	Technology Center Renovation	18,617.6
14	Rend Lake College	Art Program Addition	425.9
15	Lake Land College	Technology Center	6,836.2
16	University of Illinois-Chicago	Campus Infrastructure	20,000.0
17	College of DuPage	Noise Abatement	1,489.6
18	Harper College	Student Life Center	36,923.6
19	Northeastern Illinois University	Education Building	66,390.6
20	Governors State University	Campus Roadways/Sidewalks	1,950.0
21	Illinois Valley College	Community Instructional Center	14,839.2
22	Illinois Math and Science Academy	"A" Wing Laboratories	3,500.0
23	College of Lake County	Student Services Building	32,746.3
24	Illinois State University	Fine Arts Complex	50,666.4
25	Northern Illinois University	Computer Science Tech Center	2,086.3
26	Southern Illinois University- Carbondale	Communications Building	3,846.8
27	Richland Community College	Student Success Center	3,192.0
28	Lincoln Trail College	Center for Technology	6,971.2
29	Eastern Illinois University	HVAC	3,521.0
30	University of Illinois-Chicago	College of Medicine Addition	14,250.0
31	Chicago State University	Early Childhood Center Equipment	2,050.0
32	Governors State University	Teaching/Learning Complex	7,000.0
33	Chicago State University	Comvocation Building	5,000.0
34	Chicago State University	Douglas Hall	18,800.0

FY2009 IBHE Capital Budget Priority List
Opportunity Returns Funds
(Thousands of Dollars)

Western Illinois University	**Phase I Riverfront Campus**	**15,253.0**
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	Transportation/Education Center	69,790.3
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	Library Renovation and Addition	86,679.2
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	Science Laboratory Building	161,956.2
University of Illinois-Urbana	Computer/Engineering Building	203,956.2
University of Illinois-Urbana	South Farms	222,856.2

In addition to capital funding for projects, the IBHE also recommended capital renewal funding for Western Illinois University of $2.4 million. The funds are to be used for "infrastructure repair and maintenance and to upgrade academic and instructional space." Universities have not received capital renewal funds for four years. This has resulted in a loss of funding for deferred maintenance projects for Western Illinois University of almost $5.0 million.

The Governor's capital budget recommendation includes funding for the following projects at Western Illinois University:

FY2009 Governor's Capital Recommendations

(Dollars in Thousands)	Amount
Total Recommended	$81,668.0
Western Illinois University-Macomb Performing Arts Center	65,226.7
Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus (Phase I)	15,253.0
Western Illinois University-Capital Renewal Funding	1,188.3

Next Steps in Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Development

Finalization of the Fiscal Year 2009 appropriated operating and capital budget for Illinois public higher education requires approval from the Governor. As soon as the budget is signed into law, information will be made available on the WIU Budget Office website.

Resolution No. 08.6/2: FY08 Authority to Spend

Budget Director Julie DeWees stated income from the auxiliary facilities system is higher than expected by $200,000 and they would like permission to transfer funds. Vice President Al Harris commented this is information we had provided earlier for this board report. It was up to $200,000 and I don't believe we are going to be there based on things that happened since then. There will probably be additional revenue that we need to ask your permission to spend that rolls into repair and replacement, but I don't believe it is going to be $200,000 at this point.

Trustee Houston moved to pass Resolution 08.6/2 FY08 Authority to Spend. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University must prepare an annual budget request prior to October 1 for Appropriated, University Income Funds, and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature and the Governor; and,

WHEREAS increased single room residence hall occupancy has resulted in additional revenue for the University:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves an authority to transfer an additional $200,000 of FY2008 Auxiliary Facilities System revenue to Repair and Replacement Reserve.

Resolution 08.6/3 FY09 Preliminary Spending Plan

Budget Director Julie DeWees stated in less than a month we will be starting fiscal year 2009, so we need permission to start spending money for that fiscal year. This is just a preliminary spending plan. The general revenue fund amount is the amount we are currently receiving from the state and are hoping it will be higher next year. This is early estimates for income fund for tuition. In the middle of October, I will bring a formal budget back to you. It will have enrollment numbers and also occupancy rates so it will be a little bit not so much of an estimate so this is just preliminary.

Trustee Houston moved to pass Resolution 08.6/3 FY09 Preliminary Spending Plan. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

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

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

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

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2009 spending plan as presented in the FY2009 spending plan document, and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

Illinois state statute requires Western Illinois University (and all other Illinois public universities) to prepare a *Fiscal Year 2009 Preliminary Spending Plan* prior to July 1 for Appropriated, University Income Funds, and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature, and the Governor. Furthermore, the *Fiscal Year 2009 Preliminary Spending Plan* must be approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees prior to institutional submission and expenditure. The Preliminary Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 is displayed in the table below.

Table 1
Western Illinois University
FY2009 Preliminary Spending Plan

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non-Appropriated Funds	Total
Personal Services	$ 50,650,200	$ 44,349,800	$ 15,025,000	$ 12,000,000	$ 122,025,000
Medicare	446,200	678,800	160,000	150,000	1,435,000
Contractual Services	3,346,300	8,821,400	21,000,000	10,900,000	44,067,700
Travel	-	1,100,000	90,000	800,000	1,990,000
Commodities	800,000	1,000,000	600,000	2,300,000	4,700,000
Equipment	1,000,000	3,000,000	650,000	1,600,000	6,250,000
Awards & Grants	-	900,000	525,000	14,500,000	15,925,000
Telecommunication Services	300,000	75,000	650,000	225,000	1,250,000
Operation of Auto Equipment	-	75,000	100,000	250,000	425,000
Permanent Improvements	-	2,000,000	160,000	200,000	2,360,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	800,000	2,744,800
Other	-	-	12,340,000	700,000	13,040,000
Total FY2009 Operating Budget	$ 58,287,500	$ 62,000,000	$ 51,500,000	$ 44,425,000	$ 216,212,500

This report should be read in conjunction with the *Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriated Operating and Capital Budget Recommendations* approved at the September 28, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting. The request identified the university's priorities for fiscal year 2009, and also demonstrated how funds will be used to advance the goals of the university's strategic plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education* and the statewide strategic plan for higher education, *The Illinois Commitment: Partnerships, Opportunities, and Excellence.*

Comparing fiscal years 2006 through 2008 All Funds Budgets (Table 2) to the fiscal year 2009 Preliminary Spending Plan (Table 1), the University's expenditure patterns are consistent over the four years. The increase in the total budget for all fund sources is $3.4 million, or 1.6 percent. Recruiting and retaining a high-achieving, diverse faculty and staff and raising their salaries to meet and exceed the mean of peer institutions is the highest priority stated in *Higher Values in Higher Education.* The $4.7 million increase in the personal services budget will be used to fund salary increases and negotiated contract costs for faculty and staff.

Personal services, Medicare, and CMS health insurance expenditures totaling $126.2 million represent 58 percent of the University's Fiscal Year 2009 planned expenditures, followed by items supporting the academic mission of the University: contractual services (utilities), awards and grants (student financial aid), and equipment.

At the time of writing this report, the Illinois General Assembly has not passed an operating bill for Illinois higher education. Therefore, the University's Fiscal Year 2009 preliminary spending plan for state appropriated funds is presented at the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation level. Western Illinois University's

Fiscal Year 2009 All-Funds Operating Budget will be presented to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in October and will include the appropriation approved by the General Assembly.

Table 2

Western Illinois University
Fiscal Year 2006 Through 2008 All-Funds Budget

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non-Appropriated Funds	Total
Fiscal Year 2006 All-Funds Budget					
Personal Services	$ 48,603,800	$ 33,396,200	$ 13,646,000	$ 11,675,000	$ 107,321,000
Medicare	446,200	328,800	110,000	170,000	1,055,000
Contractual Services	3,346,300	6,323,000	17,602,000	10,200,000	37,471,300
Travel	-	800,000	58,000	800,000	1,658,000
Commodities	800,000	700,000	560,000	2,000,000	4,060,000
Equipment	1,000,000	3,405,000	1,010,000	1,400,000	6,815,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	775,000	465,000	11,725,000	12,965,000
Telecommunication Services	450,000	150,000	650,000	280,000	1,530,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	85,000	100,000	150,000	335,000
Permanent Improvements	-	800,000	100,000	310,000	1,210,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	900,000	2,844,800
Other	-	-	13,551,000	675,000	14,226,000
Total FY2006 Operating Budget	$ 56,391,100	$ 46,763,000	$ 48,052,000	$ 40,285,000	$ 191,491,100
Fiscal Year 2007 All-Funds Budget					
Personal Services	$ 49,426,100	$ 37,573,900	$ 14,162,000	$ 12,000,000	$ 113,162,000
Medicare	446,200	578,800	137,000	200,000	1,362,000
Contractual Services	3,346,300	7,810,000	19,474,000	10,200,000	40,830,300
Travel	-	1,100,000	75,000	800,000	1,975,000
Commodities	800,000	1,202,300	500,000	2,200,000	4,702,300
Equipment	1,000,000	3,405,000	789,000	1,600,000	6,794,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	775,000	450,000	13,000,000	14,225,000
Telecommunication Services	450,000	150,000	625,000	300,000	1,525,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	85,000	80,000	200,000	365,000
Permanent Improvements	-	1,000,000	100,000	150,000	1,250,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	900,000	2,844,800
Other	-	-	13,665,300	550,000	14,215,300
Total FY2007 Operating Budget	$ 57,213,400	$ 53,680,000	$ 50,257,300	$ 42,100,000	$ 203,250,700
Fiscal Year 2008 All-Funds Budget					
Personal Services	$ 50,500,200	$ 40,499,800	$ 14,700,000	$ 11,600,000	$ 117,300,000
Medicare	446,200	678,800	140,000	150,000	1,415,000
Contractual Services	3,346,300	9,466,400	20,620,000	10,900,000	44,332,700
Travel	-	1,100,000	90,000	800,000	1,990,000
Commodities	800,000	1,200,000	540,000	2,300,000	4,840,000
Equipment	1,000,000	4,000,000	650,000	1,600,000	7,250,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	900,000	475,000	14,000,000	15,375,000
Telecommunication Services	450,000	70,000	650,000	300,000	1,470,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	85,000	100,000	250,000	435,000
Permanent Improvements	-	2,000,000	160,000	200,000	2,360,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,744,800	-	200,000	800,000	2,744,800
Other	-	-	12,555,000	700,000	13,255,000
Total FY2008 Operating Budget	$ 58,287,500	$ 60,000,000	$ 50,880,000	$ 43,600,000	$ 212,767,500

Resolution No. 08.6/4: New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities
There were no questions or discussion concerning this Resolution No. 08.6/4.

Trustee Houston moved to pass Resolution 08.6/4 New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities. Trustee Epperly seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

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

WHEREAS general guidelines established by the legislative Audit Commission were followed:

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

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESERVES

ENTITY	Approved Amount	Funded Amount	Change Requested	Adjusted Total
Movable Equipment				
Public Service	$ 425,000	$165,128	$0	$ 425,000
Student Programs and Services	$ 400,000	$ 39,373	$0	$ 400,000
Instructional Resources and Services	$ 475,000	$ 13,149	$0	$ 475,000
University Stores and Service Centers	$ 850,000	$ 68,711	$0	$ 850,000
University Publications	$ 26,625	$ 0	$0	$ 26,625
Sponsored Credit	$ 4,000	$ 0	$0	$ 4,000
Parking Operations	$ 40,000	$ 0	$0	$ 40,000
University Services	$ 100,000	$ 0	$0	$ 100,000
Transit	$ 32,500	$ 0	$0	$ 32,500
Parking Lots				
Parking Operation	$1,600,000	$ 0	$0	$1,600,000

Funded Amount
Balance as of 04/21/08

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report on Internal Auditing
Director Rita Moore stated the report reflects the findings. Each of you should have received a copy with the detail of each finding. In the report, we had five findings – four of which were repeat findings and there was one recommendation that had been implemented. We were a lot timelier this year. We did get the report issued by May 31. The general consensus of the auditors was they were a lot more thorough this year. It has turned pretty much into a full year process any more. I think they have been on campus ten months of the year and have already come back. We had an opening meeting for next year in March and it has been presented.

Trustee Houston added that one of the findings that you have we get year after year is the controversy over faculty in terms of signing timesheets. We used what is referred to as a negative approach so that if they are out they indicate that. Under legislation that was passed all employees of state government are to be signing timesheets and all faculty members are a part of that. The universities fought that and it would be nice if it would get this resolved so we would not have that finding in our audit on a year-to-year basis.

President Goldfarb commented every institution in the state had a finding. It is also about keeping track of 15 minute increments. They have not figured out how you do that with faculty. Keeping track of my time in 15 minute increments as an administrator, we have moved administrators and civil service. Actually the key is trying to figure out how you do with faculty and if it is even possible. I think the ethics officers continue to review this as well. Attorney Biagini added the legislature keeps dodging this. Trustee Houston commented when they initially passed it – it was supposed to be trustees too.

Director Moore stated I have also listed where we think we will be on the internal audit function. We have a lot of things in process. I have some reports I will be giving to Mike today, but we are moving right along. Mike Sartorius has been here about six months and we are getting oriented around campus and things are going well. Trustee Houston added we have a much more robust auditing function and with the addition of staff there is a lot more being done but everything takes time to get looked at and put together.

SGA President Dulski asked about last year's auditors. Director Moore replied the external auditors have been a lot more thorough but there have been changes in the standards for auditing. I think they are asking a lot more questions and doing a lot more review. It is going to intensify this year because of the change in standards. In the past, they may have come and asked questions. This year they are really following through the process – doing what they call walkthroughs and will be checking on these processes in a more thorough way. Trustee Houston added the auditor general is the person who picks the auditors for our university as well as other universities around the state and rotate every couple years. Every time you get a new auditor in, you are dealing with different people. You need a thorough understanding of education in the terms of the way we do things as opposed to somebody who has been here the year before.

PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Chair Ehlert stated it has been a pleasure for Steve Nelson and me this year to head up the Subcommittee on Presidential Evaluation & Assessment. We called for comments from constituency groups on campus. Steve and I visited with the Vice Presidents, Provost and President and have written the following summary report which will be available online or for you to pick up as a handout following our meeting.

Conclusions we reached are once again that it has been a very good year. We also want to recognize the leadership that the President has shown in Springfield with governmental entities. We get feedback that

he is doing a very effective job in that regard. The fact that he was appointed to the Governor's Taskforce on Higher Education and was elected Chairman of that taskforce I think is telling. He also serves as convener of the Illinois Public University Presidents.

President Goldfarb commented I feel like Joe at the beginning of the meeting. I greatly appreciate the Board's support. I am not the chair of the taskforce. I am the convener of the Presidents just to clear the record but it is an assignment I don't want. These have been very difficult budgetary years. I cannot believe I am starting my seventh year saying I am hoping for a decent budget the year after next. We have gone through some very difficult times. As I say every year, all those accomplishments are not the President's accomplishments. They are really the campus' accomplishments. We have an outstanding group of Vice Presidents who have worked very hard and number of key priorities without there being a lot of support to make them happen. We have students who understood the difficult times we have as well and been extremely supportive. We would not have been able to do many of the projects we have on campus if it was not for the life safety facilities enhancement fee and our students provided support for that. I cannot express more my gratitude for the fact that we have some construction going on in spite of the fact that the state has provided so little support. The campus continues to try to work on new academic programs even in the face of recognizing we have to continuously reallocate funds either out of new tuition resources or resources that are already on campus but have been willing to do that as well. It really is the campus making these things happen. I am just excited to be able to take part in it and provide some leadership and be able to try to move us along. Maybe we will have one good budget year prior to my retirement some time in the near future. I get concerned the State really does need to turn itself around. I am not certain what is going to happen to the state of public higher education if we do not find some ways of finding additional resources. We are pricing our students out and putting more and more of the expectations on the backs of out students in terms of taking care of facilities. I am very concerned about that. I have expressed my concern over and over again and will continue to do so in Springfield but appreciate the fact that students, faculty and staff all understand that and really come together at Western to try to make things happen. I appreciate the Board's great support.

Trustee Houston thanked Carolyn and Steve for their effort in this process. For anybody that is not involved, they really don't know how much time the two of you put into doing this. It truly is an in-depth evaluation. To Al, while he has assembled outstanding team – it is his vision and leadership that has moved this University forward. Again, if we would have been in normal financial times, I cannot imagine what we would have accomplished over the last six years. He really has done an outstanding job. Personally, I hope you are here for a number of years to come.

Trustee Epperly thanked Carol and Steve also for the time and efforts behind the scenes that most of us don't realize. Trustee Ehlert added a follow up to this activity then would be to look at salaries and will do that over the summer as it becomes more clear what resources come available.

Resolution No. 08.6/9: Presidential Assessment and Contract

Trustee Ehlert moved to pass Resolution 08.6/9 Presidential Assessment and Contract. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

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

WHEREAS the Board Chair appointed in March, 2008, a two-member Board committee to address Presidential assessment; and,

WHEREAS constituency input was sought and received:

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

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT AL GOLDFARB
2008 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

As directed by the Board of Trustees, the Presidential Evaluation Subcommittee conducted its Performance Review of President Goldfarb.

The Subcommittee met with President Goldfarb; Provost & Academic Vice President Jack Thomas; Vice President For Student Services Garry Johnson; Vice President For Administrative Services Jackie Thompson; Vice President For Advancement & Public Services Dan Hendricks; and the Executive Assistant To The President Joe Rives.

The Subcommittee received feedback from university constituency groups consisting of the WIUQC Faculty Council and the Student Government Association.

The Subcommittee also received and reviewed President Goldfarb's Self-Evaluation and the President Evaluation 2007/08 received from the Faculty Senate.

President Goldfarb is again to be enthusiastically commended for an outstanding year of leadership in both the university and community.

President Goldfarb has been successful in managing continued budget issues so as to minimize the impact on the academic mission; continued to implement the strategic plan and report on strategic accomplishments; continued to seek release of PAC construction funds; continued to seek WIU-QC construction funds; continued diversity initiatives with a focus on retention; worked on campaign consultants recommendations; continued to make administration accessible to all constituents; and began the building of the Multicultural Center, renovation of Memorial Hall, expansion of the Recreation Center, renovation of the student section of Hanson Filed, and the addition of sprinklers to the residence halls.

Through his leadership funds have been added to scholarships and financial aid; additional enhancements have been made to technology including creating a program to regularly replace faculty and classroom technology and classroom furniture; the Strategic Plan has been revised which will be presented to the Board in June; and he has continued to focus on new academic programs such as a four year Nursing degree and a new Engineering program, both of which will be presented to the Board in June.

Besides his duties as President, he served as acting Provost for the Summer and Fall of 2007. He attended numerous Alumni events throughout the state and nation. He has made numerous trips to Springfield to lobby for a capital bill and operating budget on behalf of WIU.

Feedback from university constituency groups reflects positive, strong feelings toward Dr. Goldfarb's leadership and representation of the university. He is positive and supportive. He is described as visible, approachable, involved, and hands-on.

The Board of Trustees again wishes to express to Dr. Goldfarb its sincere appreciation and gratitude for his remarkable job as the President of Western Illinois University. We look forward with pleasure to his continued leadership and the continuing successes of Western Illinois University.

Submitted on behalf of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees by:

Carolyn Ehlert, Chair, Presidential Evaluation Subcommittee
Steve Nelson, Member, Presidential Evaluation Subcommittee

Accepted by:
Al Goldfarb, President, Western Illinois University

June 4, 2008

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 08.6/10: Release of March 7, 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:

March 7, 2008

Trustee Epperly moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 08.6/10: Release of March 7, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 08.6/11: Calendar Year 2009 Board Meeting Schedule

Trustee Epperly moved to pass Resolution 08.6/11 Calendar Year 2009 Board Meeting Schedule. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Kallman	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University is subject to the requirements of Section 35-25 of Senate Bill 241 which states: "Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once each quarter on the campus of Western Illinois University…"; and,

WHEREAS the Vice Presidents, Executive Assistant to the President, Budget Director, Board Treasurer, Institutional Research and Planning Director, Affirmative Action Director, Internal Auditor and the Assistant to the President for Governmental have been consulted regarding the State of Illinois, IBHE and Board of Trustees deadlines and regulations; and,

WHEREAS the members of the Board of Trustees have been consulted beginning on March 7, 2008 about the 2009 proposed meeting schedule:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the following meeting dates for calendar year 2009:

March 27, 2009 (Friday) – WIU, Macomb
June 5, 2009 (Friday) – WIU, Quad Cities
October 16, 2009 (Friday), WIU, Macomb
December 18, 2009 (Friday), WIU, Macomb
The 2009 Board Retreat date and location will be determined by the Board at their 2008 Retreat

Resolution No. 08.6/12: Trustee Appreciation – Jessie L. Kallman

Chair Epperly commented you do have to look at the responsibilities we have established for the student trustee over the last several years and if you would just add any input have to the trustee responsibilities. It is always good just to look at it and now with the year's experience was there anything you would like to see added or changed to that. I went to the WIU website awhile back and there was a photo there of Jessie and I -- and said holy cow! She makes me look good. Thank you Jessie! I don't know if Blake will be able to do that for the next chairman. But, seriously, when we talk about our student representatives, I still think of Dan Webb who was honored at last year's spring commencement. Dan and I were having lunch and during the ceremonies and he was one of the original board of trustee members at Western. Most of you know who Dan Webb is and he has been very good to Western and very well known throughout the nation. I introduced Jessie at lunch and him and I were then walking back to the field house and commented about the student trustees and have a vote. Dan said a vote – the student trustee can vote on different issues, and I said yes that was passed here a few years ago. He said

oh that could make things interesting. I laughed and it made me think at the time that we have been very fortunate with our student trustees. Just go down the list, every one of them has been outstanding and all represented the University tremendously well. Jessie has been an outstanding representative this last year. I kind of laugh at her and Blake, with Blake there a year ago and went overseas for some travel for education in England. Jessie ran and was elected and then Blake came back and had a campaign against each other. It got a little heated and looked like the democrats in terms of what has happened there a little bit now. There was a little bit of scuttle but about this and that, and I said I think it's great. So I just want to congratulate the two of you for the job that you have done since then. Jessie, you have been a gracious loser from the standpoint of the election. The two of you have worked together extremely well since the election and recently both of you traveled together to Macomb for Bob Cook's visitation. We just want to say thank you!

Trustee Houston added I will add my two cents worth. One of the things I would point out is the student trustee has voted ever since the Board was constituted here and that is not the case at most of the universities. I think we really have been very fortunate. I have been on the Board now for a little over 11 years and as we look at the people who have held the position, they have all done an outstanding job. And Jessie you have done just a fantastic job, truly representing the students bringing issues to the Board that you felt were important. As a Board member, one of my favorite things about being on the Board is working with the student trustee because the people we have had here have just been outstanding. People we have had in Student Government have been outstanding. It really gives you hope for the future as you look at the young people that are coming through. I think back when I was in college and was not quite as serious as maybe some of our student leadership is here on this campus, maybe was more interested in having some fun and doing that. The poise, the abilities and the way you carry yourself and interact at the meeting - you have a very bright future. I have been very impressed with you. I am going to look forward to seeing what you do in the future.

Chair Epperly presented Jessie with gifts. Jessie was given a pink Obama shirt by Chair Epperly (which his wife picked out) and a business card holder, WIU shirt and plaque on behalf of the University.

President Goldfarb commented on behalf of the entire University and community, I want to thank you also for the work you have done as student trustee. It has been a great pleasure working with you. One of the great things is actually even when we disagree, you have always disagreed based on principle. Your principle has always been what you are trying to do right for students. You really care about students and what it costs for students to go to school. Sometimes I think you care more than some of your colleague students realize in terms of that kind of passion. I think you have awakened in them a great realization that they need to be concerned about those issues and care about those issues. Actually if they use their voice, that might be able to help all of us with those issues. It has been just outstanding working with you and as Mike said you have great things ahead of you.

Trustee Kallman thanked everyone on the Board as individuals who have definitely enriched my life. I have certainly learned different things from each and every one of you from a business and political perspective. I want to thank Dr. Goldfarb for all he does for this University. Like I always say, I grew up with Western in my backyard as a citizen of Moline. To me, it was the realistic institution and I thank everyone for keeping that for people in the City of Moline and across the nation and world. Thank you and I have really enjoyed my time with you! I do have my parents here, Tom and Sue Kallman, stand up. Without my parents, I would not even be at this institution. You can thank my dad right there for the reason I am here. I remember when I was in about 7th grade when he said Western Illinois University. I am thinking I want to go here or there, but I really thank my dad for putting that in my head. It was the best decision I think I made in my life.

Trustee Epperly moved to pass Resolution 08.6/12 Trustee Appreciation – Jessie L. Kallman. Trustee Ehlert seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution:

WHEREAS Ms. Jessie L. Kallman, as a graduate student at WIU, has admirably served the students on both campuses of Western Illinois University as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2007 and will continue to serve through June 30, 2008; and,

WHEREAS Ms. Kallman has conscientiously served the citizens of the State of Illinois as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for the period July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008; and,

WHEREAS Ms. Kallman has brought pride to each of the Board of Trustees and Western Illinois University as an active participant of the Student Government Association and an active supporter of students' welfare and the welfare of the University; and,

WHEREAS Ms. Kallman has served as a role model for fellow students and for student trustee peers across the state:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees extends its heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Jessie L. Kallman for the invaluable service she has provided to Western Illinois University, the Board of Trustees, and the State of Illinois as a member of the WIU Board of Trustees from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.

Resolution No. 08.6/13: Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

Chair Epperly thanked the Board. It has been a great two years as Chairman. It has been very rewarding to work with President Goldfarb and administrative staff and faculty. Obviously, I have a long time allegiance to Western and it's been a good two years. Thank you for an exciting two-year period here!

President Goldfarb thanked Chair Epperly for his work as Chair of the Board. It is pretty clear how passionate he is about Western Illinois University. We know he is particularly passionate about trees, so we are not letting him drive by my house right now. Bill has done an outstanding job. He has always indicated that he expects us to set our sights high and move the institution along. He has always been someone behind the scenes who has tried to make things happen and given great support for that. He has taken many phone calls from the President in the last couple of years on occasion. He has been a calming force for someone who is not very calm very often. It has been a great pleasure working with Bill as Chair of Board. I look forward to continue working with him on the Board because I know he is going to continue to count those trees, Jackie.

Trustee Houston commented, Bill you have done just an outstanding job. You have put time in. Carolyn and I have had the opportunity to sit in the Chair position and it can be a time consuming type of position, but I think you have taken it to a new level in terms of your ability to be down on the campus and so

involved. You were that way before you were Chair, but I think you have done an outstanding job. I think you should be proud of what you have done in the last two years and I think everyone on the Board recognizes that.

Trustee Kallman added I understand a lot of student leaders did not have a problem calling you and asking you to go out to lunch. I think that was absolutely great. Chair Epperly replied not too often but I normally make the students buy.

Trustee Kallman nominated Steve Nelson for Chair. Trustee Ehlert seconded the motion. Trustee Houston moved nominations for Chair be closed with Trustee Ehlert seconding.

Trustee Griffin nominated Mike Houston for Vice Chair. Trustee Kallman seconded the motion. Trustee Griffin moved nominations for Vice Chair be closed with Trustee Ehlert seconding.

Trustee Ehlert nominated Bill Griffin for Secretary. Trustee Kallman seconded the motion. Trustee Ehlert moved nominations for Secretary be closed with Trustee Houston seconding.

Chair Epperly stated I just realized as Bruce looks these over, right now we have two openings on our Board. We have been working behind the scenes trying to get individuals appointed and no luck with that. We have two Board members, that's Carolyn and Bill, whose terms were up recently and have not officially been reappointed so they are members of the Board until reappointed or until they cannot be a member. Very simply, it creates a lot of challenges from the Board's standpoint. Sad to say, it is somewhat of a problem across the state. The Tribune just a few weeks ago had an article that almost 40% of appointed board positions on all different boards across the state are open because of lack of appointment thereon.

For the record, Attorney Bruce Biagini announced Board Chair election of Steven J. Nelson, Board Vice Chair election of J. Michael Houston and Board Secretary of Donald W. "Bill" Griffin.

Trustee Nelson declared I am very proud to be a graduate of Western, and I am honored to be a member of this great Board, and I wanted to be elected as Chair for the next two years. This is a great Board and we have a great administration, faculty and staff. It is an honor for me to serve as a Chair and following the footsteps of Lorraine Epperson, Carolyn Ehlert, Mike Houston and Bill Epperly.

On a lighter note, I recall Provost Thomas introducing Al as the 10th President of WIU and I got to thinking how many I knew of the ten.

Who knew Chair Epperly and I would both be speaking at commencement and now I got a better one – who would have ever imagined that he and I would have been Chair of the Board of Trustees when we were at Western as students, so thank you all! Chair Epperly added Steve and I are like the Robert comment earlier. You came into Western on probation and you graduated with honors. Steve and I came in on probation but Steve graduated with honors. Thanks again!

Trustee Ehlert moved to pass Resolution 08.6/13 Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009. Trustee Epperly seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes

Trustee Kallman Yes
Trustee Nelson Yes

Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

(History of Officers of the Board Attached)

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

THEREFORE be it resolved that those elected at the June 6, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary shall serve as Officers of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for the fiscal year July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HISTORY - OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

January 1 - June 30, 1996

Chair	Gretchen Winter
Vice Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough

July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Chair	Gretchen Winter
Vice Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

Chair	Carolyn J. Ehlert
Vice Chair	Dexter Yarbrough (until 1/15/01; no Vice Chair 1/15/01-6/30/01)
Secretary	J. Michael Houston
Member At Large	George J. Guzzardo

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

Chair	Carolyn J. Ehlert
Vice Chair	Zack Stamp
Secretary	J. Michael Houston

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Chair	Zack Stamp
Vice Chair	J. Michael Houston
Secretary	Dace Richardson

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Chair	Zack Stamp (until 1/16/04) J. Michael Houston (1/16/04-6/30/04)
Vice Chair	J. Michael Houston (until 1/16/04/04; then became Chair) Dace E. Richardson (3/5/04-6/30/04)
Secretary	Dace E. Richardson (until 3/5/04; then became Vice Chair) Trish K. Hammond (3/5/04-6/30/04)

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

Chair	J. Michael Houston
Vice Chair	Dace E. Richardson
Secretary	William L. Epperly

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Chair	J. Michael Houston
Vice Chair	Dace E. Richardson (until 11/3/05; no Vice Chair 11/4/05-6/30/06)
Secretary	William L. Epperly

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Chair	William L. Epperly
Vice Chair	Steven L. Nelson
Secretary	Robert J. Cook

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Chair	William L. Epperly
Vice Chair	Steven L. Nelson
Secretary	Robert J. Cook

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Epperly stated there was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kallman explained she wanted to comment on the AGB Conference she attended recently in Boston. Basically, you get to pick the conference sessions you want to go to so the ones I attended were about being a student trustee, remaining environmentally conscious and one about athletics and NCAA, just because that has always been an interesting topic to me. A few of the things I learned just briefly are: is to remain critical and to ask questions and make sure your questions are answered. To remain critical is to remain loyal and all too often trustees feel as though they are nags if they ask questions. You are not being a nag but being very patriotic to your university to ask as many questions as you can. The national trend for college campuses is to remain environmentally conscious and a lot of universities across the

nation have both in their architecture and their curriculum and all other sorts of ways at their universities. We have to remember the learning institution is where it all begins and this is a huge concern and I appreciated Bill Epperly more and more at this conference with his trees and remaining environmentally sustainable. It really is nationally a trend to remain a leader in that. For student trustees, Blake, I guess what I learned was to learn not be overwhelmed. You come in here and have a lot of social events where suits and ties are required and usually I wear sweatpants to class. Not to be overwhelmed but to see yourself as an active member and to take it seriously and to ask as many questions as you can. To each trustee, find your own niche and the student trustee is to keep the students as their niche. Every time you vote is to think of the students. I won't go on any more than that but those were the three main things. It was a good conference and I suggest that everyone go if you have not been. It is very informative and you meet a lot of different trustees from across the nation and learn a lot.

Chair Epperly thanked Jessie for going. It is something we pushed and wanted you to go and you did -- thank you. Everybody I think knows Blake and he is here for today's meeting so you understand now your job is to make Steve look as good as Jessie made me look.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be **October 17, 2008**, at the Macomb campus. The Board Retreat will be **July 11, 2008** at the Alice L. Kibbe Life Science Station, (which was later changed due to flooding and will be held at Horn Field 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 12:36 P.M**.

William L. Epperly, Chair
Kerry L. Yadgar, Administrative Assistant to the Board