

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees  
Western Illinois University

June 2, 2006

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 11:29 A.M. in the Conference Rooms A, B & C, on the campus of Western Illinois University – Quad Cities. Trustee J. Michael Houston, Chair, presided.

The following trustees were present to answer roll call:

Trustee Robert J. Cook  
Trustee Carolyn J. Ehlert  
Trustee William L. Epperly  
Trustee Donald W. “Bill” Griffin  
Trustee J. Michael Houston  
Trustee Steven L. Nelson  
Trustee Christopher M. Thomas

Absent: Trustee George J. Guzzardo

Trustee Houston 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 12:30 P.M. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes

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Motion carried. The Board convened to Executive Session at 11:29 A.M.

Following Executive Session the Board reconvened in open session at 12:35 P.M.

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

President Alvin Goldfarb  
Legal Counsel Bruce J. Biagini  
Board Treasurer and Vice President for Administrative Services Jacqueline K. Thompson  
Administrative Assistant to the Board Kerry L. Yadgar  
Associate Provost and Associate Academic Vice President Barbara A. Baily  
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 – Macomb, Bridget Early  
Student Government Association Vice President – Quad Cities, Ed Price  
Faculty Senate Chair – Macomb, Steven Rock  
Faculty Council Chair – Quad Cities, Emeric Solymossy  
Council of Administrative Personnel President – Macomb, Amy Spelman  
Council of Administrative Personnel Representative – Quad Cities, Ruth Bloom  
Civil Service Employees Council Representative – Quad Cities, Lois Retherford

Chair Houston welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board of Trustees. He noted several guests were present from the Quad Cities as well as members of the press to hear a special report of the Riverfront Master Plan. Because of the number of guests present and knowing they are basically here for the strategic plan/master plan report, *Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan*, we will not follow our regular agenda. We will invite Dr. Joe Rives, Assistant to the President for Planning and Budget, to present his report.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE/RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN**

Dr. Rives presented a virtual tour of the new Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.

He provided background information on the process used to date to produce the vision for the facilities, grounds, technology and infrastructure of the new campus on the land that was donated by John Deere and Company. The Board will consider approval today of *Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan*. Pending approval by the Board, the master plan will be shared with external communities and the Quad Cities Users Group

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE/RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN (CONTINUED)**

reconvened to provide further recommendations and input to ensure that the implementation is consistent with the approved plan.

The campus will be a benefit to the Quad Cities area. It is estimated that the annual economic impact of the current campus is \$10 million. When we double enrollment and strengthen our academic program, we will have an annual economic impact of over \$50 million. When the new facility is open there will be access to a four-year institution. This is the second largest metropolitan area in the United States currently without access to such a facility. This four-year institution will definitely have an impact on the quality of life within the region.

Dr. Rives assured the Board they will continue to receive updates in the monthly Strategic Plan Updates on implementation of *Vision 2020*. He gave special thanks to Committee Co-Chair Bill Brewer of the Physical Plant and Dr. Clerc who assisted and encouraged the development of the plan.

Chair Houston thanked Dr. Rives for all of his work and effort in putting the plan together and bringing the vision to the Board. He also thanked Trustee Carolyn Ehlert for her part in pushing the idea forward. She was the person who arranged for President Goldfarb to be present in a meeting at John Deere where he convinced them that this would be a very good investment for the Quad Cities and surrounding region. This is a long-term building process; it will not happen overnight. He expressed a special thanks to Senator Jacobs for his help in getting the planning funds released. It is up to the area legislators to carry our message to Springfield and make this happen in terms of construction funding.

When the Board hired President Goldfarb, the Board told him that the Quad Cities campus development was a very important part of the job he was taking on. This is something that could be his legacy. He also has done an excellent job.

Today is a very exciting day for the Board. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, you all have done an excellent job. We now have the planning money and the important thing is to get the planning done and then free up the construction money. Nothing is going to happen until we have the dollars to build this campus.

Trustee Ehlert noted that the whole project is the result of a fantastic community effort. Many, many people have put a lot of work into this, have had vision and been excited to get us to this point and to where we are today.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting were approved via unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Since we met last March on the Macomb campus the Illinois General Assembly has concluded their session and approved a budget which provides a modest increase in state support to Western for the first time in several years. While state funding is still well below the appropriations to

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### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS (CONTINUED)**

Western four years ago and which did not include the \$2.7 million we now pay in real dollars toward employee health insurance, funding is now moving in the right direction.

We can only hope both the economy and state budget resources for education, and in particular for higher education, continue to improve.

Our June meeting has traditionally been held in the Quad Cities since this facility opened. Last night we did have a chance to meet with representatives of the Quad Cities and thank them in person for their strong support for expansion of the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. The Riverfront Campus will have a significant affect on both WIU and the Quad Cities. In addition to increasing the educational opportunities of the people of the region, it will have a significant economic impact and enhance the quality of life in the region.

I want to thank trustees for participating in several major campus events since we last met. The WIU Foundation Major Donor Dinner was a great event May 6 in Macomb as well as the dedication earlier that day of the Alfred D. Boyer Baseball Stadium.

The generosity of Western's alumni, friends and community supporters continues to be vital to provide more scholarship support for students, extra funds for faculty research, university facilities and technology.

And, the weekend of May 12-14 Commencement ceremonies were held in Macomb and the Quad Cities. It is always enjoyable to watch happy students, parents, families and friends celebrate academic achievements and the completion of degrees. As trustees it is one of the more satisfying aspects of the job, being in an arena full of people who are celebrating their experiences at Western Illinois University.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Ehlert noted the Finance Committee met and discussed items that included purchases made since the last Board meeting, several budget items, authority to spend for FY2006, and the preliminary spending plan for FY2007. We also received a report on general budget and financial data for the period ending March 31, 2006. In addition, the Committee approved a new depository and received a report on repairs and maintenance at the University Residence. We heard reports on investment activities, on income grants and contracts, and on the results of the annual external audit of the institution. We received an update on the WIU Foundation contributions and heard general comments by Vice Presidents Thompson and Hendricks.

### **ACADEMIC & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Griffin stated that the Academic and Student Services Committee reviewed and approved tenure recommendations for FY2006-2007 as well as reviewed and approved a new degree program- a B.S. in Telecommunications Management. The naming of the new residence hall was approved in honor of Caroline Grote. We received reports on the academic and curricular changes and on program changes. We heard an excellent update on Affirmative Action activities. We also heard an update on the student health insurance program which is performing well, and had final comments from Vice President Johnson and Provost Rallo.

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The agenda items that were discussed this morning show that this has been a very good year for Western Illinois University. There have been a lot of exciting things that have occurred. You see the planning going on for the Quad Cities and we are pleased to have the release of \$2.4 million to begin the architecture and engineering work on our first facility here. The release of the planning money for the Performing Arts Center has also generated a good deal of excitement as well. That \$4 million is also to begin the architecture and engineering work. Dean Paul Kreider is working with a committee to start the QBS process (a state bidding process used in accordance with the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act 30 ILCS 535) to choose the architect. We are pleased and thankful to the Governor for releasing funds for both of those projects so we can begin.

Memorial Hall renovation is underway. That work is beginning as we move people out of the building. The Multicultural Center, the renovation to Hanson Field, residence hall sprinkler systems, and the recreation center are all projects that are underway. It is a remarkable time at the University in terms of what is occurring.

We recently dedicated the new baseball stadium and Vice President Johnson talked about the outstanding season our baseball team had this year. They won the most games in their history in a single season and made it to the Mid-Con championships.

We have completed salary equity reviews and distribution for civil service and administrative and professionals. We are pleased and appreciate the hard work that was done by Institutional Research, the Budget Office and Human Resources to make that happen.

There have been wonderful national recognitions for the institution. The most recent was in the *Princeton Review* who recognized WIU as a Best Value Undergraduate Institution. That is a remarkable accomplishment and speaks to the outstanding quality of our academic programs and our commitment to remaining an affordable institution.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) chose our First Year Experience (FYE) program as one of three or four statewide best practices across the state at all universities. We have gotten very good and very significant statewide attention for that program.

As Trustee Cook mentioned, it has been a long time in getting our Doctoral program here and we do have our first Doctoral class in progress. When I and Amy Spelman toured Chicago doing alumni events, we showed a picture of the first class so everyone could see that we actually have students enrolled and the program is underway. We are extremely pleased about that.

We also have received media recognition for proposing our new nursing program. We are pushing vigorously to see if we can get that program approved by IBHE in a year from this time.

You have seen the report on our new academic programs. I am pleased we are seeing those kinds of movements on the academic side—Emergency Management, Telecommunications, and Forensic Chemistry.

I am also pleased that very quickly we implemented, thanks to Janice Owens and Vice President Hendricks' area, the new full-cost Trustee Fellowships. Those are in place and we have chosen our first ten students to receive those full-ride scholarships. Within four years, we will have forty of those in place. That is a very important endeavor for the institution as well.

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### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (CONTINUED)**

As you know, we held our conference on Access, Opportunity and Affordability co-hosted with the U.S. Department of Education. That gave us great visibility here in the Quad Cities as well as nationally. I was very pleased with the outcome of that conference. Thanks to Dr. Joe Rives for helping put together the final report that we sent to the U.S. Department of Education.

We continue to work with our local communities in a variety of ways. In Macomb we are working with the Community University Partnership Program (CUPP) in trying to deal with some of the issues confronting many campuses—including, how we work with local neighborhoods in terms of improvements; how we deal with some of the student fighting issues that occur on campus and within the community; and, how we deal with many of our law enforcement issues. We have a venue where those conversations are going on and that is extremely important.

You can see from last night's reception our interaction with the Quad Cities community and the hard work we are doing with Renew Moline and the Chamber and our desire to become good community members here as well.

On a personal note, I recently completed another successful New York trip. I know it was successful because I took 50 people to New York and brought back the same 50 people. We saw seven shows and did a great deal of touring around the city. Joe Rives got me invited to do a presentation at the Association for Institutional Research where I was on a President's Panel with three other presidents who were from the Chicago area. I had to remind everyone that Western Illinois University is not in the Chicago area. It was a wonderful conference and a wonderful way for us to talk about how we are trying to move some of the institutional research work forward and how presidents can work within the area of institutional research.

Amy Spelman did an outstanding job of organizing a week-long series of alumni events that I attended in Chicago. It was a great opportunity to interact with our alumni.

Elaine and I have continued to host numerous events at the residence. Sometimes we've hosted events at the residence without our being there. We are doing one of those next week and Amy will be hosting that for us.

Most of you know that I will be traveling to China tomorrow. I will be there with three other presidents of U.S. universities speaking to 200 - 300 Chinese university administrators in Xian.

Finally, I want to thank two people for their hard work in terms of working with this Board. I know there will be resolutions honoring them later, but I would be remiss if I did not personally thank Chris Thomas for his work as an outstanding student trustee. I give him a lot of grief on the university he has chosen to go to law school and on what baseball teams he supports, but despite that he has shown a great deal of respect and is a remarkable student spokesperson for WIU students. He asks excellent questions and it is evident that he really cares about what the Board is doing and what the administration is doing in order to make the lives of students better. Chris is going to be a great loss to us. We look forward to working with Blake and I know he, too, will be a great student to work with. But we will miss Chris and we greatly appreciate your work on the Board this last year.

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### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (CONTINUED)**

Next I want to thank Barbara Mason who after a very long and distinguished career at WIU will be retiring at the end of August. I know that the Board is aware of the type of work that Barbara has done for them and for the President. She keeps me focused on budget and on other key areas, and her loyalty to Western is unsurpassed. Barbara will certainly be missed.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Assistant to the President for Government Relations Dave Steelman presented comments concerning the most recent legislative session. Western and all of higher education have had some very lean years recently and some pretty difficult legislative sessions. Overall, this year we did well. The state is not in very good fiscal condition and we received modest increases—the first increases we've gotten in a long time.

We still have a long ways to go on Capital funding. There are a lot of people working very hard so that when Capital funding reappears on the agenda, our projects will be in place on the list.

The Governor has signed the budget bill and the numbers are now firm. There is a 1.5 percent increase for Western or \$820,000 over last year's budget. In addition, we'll receive a million dollars for ethanol research. That is a very significant add-on for the institution.

This was a significant year for MAP (the state's Monetary Award Program). Regular MAP funding was increased by \$34 million and a new MAP Plus component was included in this year's budget with an additional \$34 million included. MAP Plus is designed to benefit students who won't receive regular Monetary Award Program grants. Various conditions for meeting the grants requirements are: be enrolled at least half time; be a sophomore, junior or senior; adjusted gross income of less than \$200,000; and, the grants cover applicable tuition and mandatory fees. The grants are awarded only for the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters at this point. Additional funding in the future will be contingent on sale of the Illinois Students Assistance Commissions' (ISAC) loan portfolio. If the sale proceeds, then there will be additional funding in the future. At this point, ISAC is still looking at what type of sale they will do for that portfolio.

Universities and certainly WIU will benefit from the State Universities Retirement System's (SURS) exemptions that were in Senate Bill 49. Under a law enacted last year, any SURS participant's earnings increased by more than 6 percent from one academic year to the next, the Universities were required to pay SURS the value of the increase. The exemptions in this bill apply to faculty and civil service and will exclude from the 6 percent calculation things like overload pay, summer school pay, and various types of promotions.

President Goldfarb mentioned the recent media coverage event held at WIU to discuss Senate Bill 931 which contains a number of grant programs designed to help address the state's nursing shortage. With Western pursuing a new nursing program, we will certainly benefit from this legislation in the future.

A change in the Energy Savings Contract Act which Trustee Epperly has had an interest in will now allow the University to go out 20 years on energy saving contracts rather than 10 years. That will allow for more creativity and probably larger cost items for energy savings contracts.

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### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Senate Bill 2312 added an additional student member to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The new member is a nontraditional undergraduate student.

There were a couple of additional bills passed not allowing smoking in residence halls and Western currently does not allow smoking in residence halls.

Most of you have heard about the Governor's proposal dealing with K-12 school reform. The only component I want to mention is the \$1.5 billion for school construction. Obviously, that could have an impact on the overall funding of Capital in the state. It remains to be seen what will happen with the reform package. Speaker Madigan has sent out letters to all representatives on both sides indicating the program needs to be looked at very carefully and that there are concerns that need to be addressed.

Trustee Cook asked about the chances for the state to get a Capital bill through the veto session.

Dave replied that as of yesterday, there were no discussions taking place about regular Capital funding. The fact that we have done a significant amount of bonding in the state makes a lot of legislators hesitant. Particularly this year, members are recognizing that we can't go without Capital funding forever. It is not just higher education who is hurting, but it is correctional facilities, mental health facilities and others. I think something will happen in the fall veto session.

Trustee Thomas asked about the new IBHE student board member. How is that student chosen?

Dave noted that the Governor appoints the new member. There will be two student members now appointed by the Governor, but one will be a nontraditional undergraduate student.

Trustee Epperly asked about WIU having two student representatives with one from the Quad Cities.

Dave answered that he and Chris have had discussions and feel the bill would best be floated in the spring session next year rather than the veto session. I don't think sponsors will be a problem. Representative Verschoore and Senator Jacobs are already aware that we might be pursuing this.

Trustee Thomas added that he and Dave will get together in the next couple of weeks and talk about it and will include other members of the Board so that everyone is aware.

Trustee Epperly asked about the sale of the student loan portfolio and is there a portion of that money being considered for energy conservation projects?

Dave noted that depending on how big of a sale they do, they could use the money for a variety of things. What the presidents helped ensure is that if there is a sale there is a certain specific amount that will continue to be provided in terms of ISAC MAP grants. But they could sell \$400 million to \$3 billion and there have been a lot of different projects talked about in terms of what they can do with the money.

Trustee Epperly replied that WIU should be positioned so if and when that sale might happen we could be ready with projects.



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President Goldfarb stated that the university presidents did discuss their desire for support of other higher education projects or other higher education issues as well.

Dave said there is a commitment from the Governor's Office to ensure that higher education benefits from the sale. What goes beyond that will be up to the Governor's Office and General Assembly.

In response to another question, Dave noted that as part of the agreement the buyer who will service the loans cannot change the loan terms. In other words, terms would be no less favorable for the students than they are currently.

Trustee Thomas added that in terms of the new IBHE student board member, it seems this would be an excellent opportunity for a student from the Quad Cities since it is to be a nontraditional undergraduate student appointed. President Goldfarb said he would check with IBHE.

### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS

#### Executive Summary – Macomb Advisory Groups:

The four governing bodies:

- Are in full support of the FY2007 All Funds Budget, and commend the President's Cabinet on the implementation of the All Funds budgeting process at the beginning of this fiscal year.
- Are pleased to see that higher retention rates have led to the ability of the University to use additional funds to support the residence hall sprinkler life safety project.
- Thank the administration for continued updates on the implementation of the Strategic Plan; and would like to show our gratitude to the President, President's Cabinet, many staff at the University for their time and efforts regarding the recent University staff equity adjustment process. It demonstrates their commitment, as pointed out in the strategic plan, to the University's highest budget priority of identifying faculty and staff salaries at peer institutions and meeting or exceeding the mean of those salaries within the next five years.

During the Master Planning process for the Quad Cities, the support by members of the Board of Trustees was apparent and we are very encouraged by that as it shows the commitment to both the process recently completed for the Quad Cities campus, and the future process for the Macomb campus.

We would like to thank the Board for allowing us to participate in the culture of accountability that is encouraged by President Goldfarb; we thank him for his ability to lead, and as set forth in the strategic plan, his willingness to communicate with and utilize the constituency groups by giving us the opportunity to participate in the shared governance of this University.

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### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Council of Administrative Personnel – Amy Spelman, President**

New representatives were elected by the COAP membership in April and were announced at the May 4 meeting with President Goldfarb where he highlighted what is happening at the University and updated us on fiscal issues, campus planning and the strategic plan. The following is a list of new members who will join incoming President Amy Spelman (Alumni Programs) and Secretary-Treasurer Ember Keithley (College of Business and Technology Academic Advising):

- COAP Vice President -- Schuyler Meixner, College of Business and Technology
- Academic Services Division Representatives -- Matthew Clark, University Computer Support Services
- Administrative Services Division Representative -- Bob Fitzgerald, Public Safety
- Advancement and Public Service Division Representative -- Kristin Dunstan, University Marketing
- President's Area Representative -- Julie DeWees, Budget Office
- Quad Cities Representative -- Ruth Bloom, Academic Advising
- Student Services Division Representative -- Joan Maze, Student Activities

COAP is pleased to announce that Missy Phillips, Center for Preparation of Education Professionals, has been named COAP Employee of the Year.

COAP members were very active in the master planning process in the Quad Cities and the beginning of the process on the Macomb campus.

COAP continues to follow up with contract employees (i.e., faculty assistants) who are not represented by any governing council but whose duties are most similar to those members of COAP. Cathy Couza and Ember Keithley are working on this project on behalf of the Council.

#### **Faculty Senate – Macomb – Steve Rock, Chair**

The Faculty Senate has finished its business for the academic year. Since the last Board of Trustees meeting, the final report from our Foreign Language/Global Issues Subcommittee was received. They recommend that some sort of requirement in this area be instituted, although whether this would be a General Education or a graduation requirement was not specified. The report is on the Faculty Senate web page and an open campus meeting will be held early in the fall semester to disseminate the information. Following that, the Senate will consider the recommendation.

The Council on International Education is continuing to work on its policies and procedures document. This process has been slow due to differing viewpoints of what to include. This will need to be completed prior to approving new courses and curriculum in the international area. It is anticipated that the document will be finished during the fall semester and new initiatives such as an International Studies major will then be able to be considered.

The General Education Review Committee has accomplished much during the academic year. This wide ranging review of our General Education curriculum will continue and result in

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### **ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

#### **Faculty Senate (Continued)**

recommendations to the Senate during the next academic year. Their progress report is also on the Senate web site.

The Senate also: recommended some clarifications to the Policy on (review of) Academic Deans; approved a change in the bylaws to add a second student representative to the Council on Admissions, Graduation, and Academic Standards (responding to a request by the Student Government Association); held a reception for faculty emeriti retiring since fall 2004; completed the annual President/Provost review which is available on our web site for the campus community; and re-elected the current Executive Committee members to serve for another year.

#### **Student Government Association – Bridget Early, President**

Here are some of the things that SGA has accomplished since the March Board meeting:

1. Elections: SGA held elections in April and elected new leaders to our executive positions.
2. Outdoor Movie: SGA, along with University Union Board, Inter-Hall Council, Panhellenic Council, and Interfraternity Council, hosted an outdoor movie on Vince Grady Field to give Macomb students a late-night, non-alcoholic alternative.
3. Off-Campus Guide: SGA has been working with the Student Tenant Union to publish an off-campus guide that will be available for students when they arrive on campus in the fall.

Student Government Association is also working on developing a plan that will take us through the academic year. In accordance with the strategic plan, SGA would like to extend an offer to any trustee, administrator, faculty, or staff that would be interested in working with SGA in the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact our new Trustee Blake Antonides, or SGA President Bridget Early.

#### **Civil Service Employees Council – Lois Retherford, Representative**

We would like to thank Krista Skien, Chris Schaill, Robin Wilt, and Janet Koll as outgoing members for their time and service to the Civil Service Employees Council and welcome Suzanne Boussaard, Kathy Barrett, Paul Carrigan, Richard Hamilton, and Jamie Shuda as newly seated members at our May meeting.

Newly elected officers are Rick Williams, President; Greg Phelps, Vice President; Anne Whited, Secretary; and Kevin Morgan, Treasurer.

Deanna Stambaugh was the Civil Service Employee for the month of March.

Connie Scarbrough was the Civil Service Employee for the month of April.

Community Service and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the Civil Service Employees Council's annual Employee Service Recognition Reception held April 26.

The Civil Service Employees Council Scholarship Committee awarded six, \$750 Civil Service dependant scholarships in May to Wes Bahr, Michele Detrick, Blaine Pestle, Lindsay Battles,

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#### Civil Service Employees Council (Continued)

Jonathan Myers, and Heather Harkey. We would like to thank President Goldfarb again for his personal contribution that allows us to give an additional scholarship.

The Social Events and Development Committee held a raffle and made an additional \$900 to add to the scholarship fund.

The Council would like to thank President Goldfarb for meeting with Civil Service employees in the open forum meetings.

#### Executive Summary – Quad Cities Advisory Groups

As the chair of the executive committee of the Western Illinois University-QC Faculty Council, Dr. Emeric Solymossy reviewed the Board of Trustees June meeting packet. The Faculty Council has vested interest in the success of Western Illinois University, shares the Board's commitment to shared governance, and accepts our responsibilities for contributing to the success of *Higher Values in Higher Education*. We appreciate the request for active participation and the opportunity to comment on the issues being considered at the June meeting. We are mindful that many of the items are outside of our sphere of involvement and expertise, and will restrict our comments to those only pertinent items.

1. Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Master Plan (Resolution No 06.6/12)
  - We appreciate the extra effort that was extended to solicit input from all constituents of the Quad Cities programs, and are encouraged by the progress and endorsements the Master Plan is receiving from all stakeholders.
  - We are especially thankful for all parties' enthusiastic lobbying efforts to assure the release of construction funding for both the performing arts center and the Quad Cities campus expansion.
2. FY 2007 Preliminary Spending Plan
  - We are heartened that the preliminary budgets do not reflect spending cuts, and trust that spending will focus on programs that have a direct impact on furthering the strategic objectives and programs for both campuses.
3. New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities
  - While this is outside of our customary sphere of involvement, we note that the attachment to Resolution 06.6/5 lacks clarity to permit comment of any form.
4. Budget and Financial Data for Period Ended March 31, 2006
  - We question why quarterly, detailed reports are used, rather than annual statements supplemented with graphic displays of trends and relevant ratios.
5. Academic and Student Services Committee Discussion Items
  - We applaud the initiation of need-driven programs.

The entire Student Government Association – Quad Cities Executive Board supports the Board of Trustees recommendations made by the Western Illinois University–Quad Cities Faculty Council

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### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Faculty Council – Emeric Solymossy, Chair**

principal focus of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Faculty Council is to address issues impacting academic programs and their delivery in the Quad Cities. A secondary, but significant benefit of the Council is the promotion of inter-departmental communication, cooperation and faculty enhancement opportunities. It should be noted that close coordination with Associate Provost Clerc was one of the primary initiatives of 2004-2005 was retained for the 2005-2006 year (and endures as a principal goal). This cooperation has enabled measurable accomplishments and increased cooperation. Without Associate Provost Clerc's assistance, many of the initiatives would not have been realized.

The principal goal for 2005-2006 year was enhancing the cooperation among University constituents at the Quad Cities campus. This goal has been achieved. In addition, major accomplishments of the 2005-2006 year resulted from Faculty Council involvement/action, including:

- High levels of involvement (averaging over 30% of Quad Cities' faculty attending council meetings).
- Curtailing, changing and enhancing distance delivery methods (CODEC).
- Extending the hours during which students may get assistance from Student Services.
- Systematizing computer lab scheduling processes, allowing faculty to schedule classes using the computer labs more effectively and efficiently.
- Enhanced faculty development support; weekly on-site presence of faculty development for both workshops and individualized assistance.
- Obtaining dry-erase white boards in every classroom (to allow simultaneous use of projection and white board use).
- Enhanced working relationship with computer technology support, including the establishment of a help-desk and quicker response times for class-room technology problems.
- Support for on-site counseling support services.

Principal goals for the 2006-2007 year include:

- Protecting and promoting the interdisciplinary nature of the Quad Cities campus – sustaining one of the distinctive competencies of the Quad Cities Campus.
- Establishing a personalized (one-on-one) faculty mentoring initiative.
- Enhanced publicity of action/application oriented learning and faculty – student research projects.
- Collaborating on academic programs and scheduling issues for the Quad Cities campus (maximizing course offerings with available resources).
- Collaborating on efforts/initiatives to increase enrollment and retention.

#### **Student Government Association – Quad Cities – Ed Price, Vice President**

The Western Illinois University Student Government Association – Quad Cities had an extremely productive year in 2005-2006! Our organization completed the following projects this past year:

**ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

**Student Government Association – Quad Cities (Continued)**

- Created a comprehensive calendar for all student organizations to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Updated the Student Government Association-Quad Cities web page to assist students in accessing student government members and related information more easily.
- Participated in the Master Planning Committee by serving as a liaison, presenting the Western Illinois University- Quad Cities students' concerns with committee members.
- Sponsored a Mississippi Regional Blood Center drive on October 11, 2005 to help support the recovery efforts associated with Hurricane Katrina.
- Participated in a cooperative effort with Western Illinois University Student Services for a first-time representation of Western Illinois University student presence in the Moline Dad's Day Halloween Parade on October 23, 2005.
- Sponsored "Project Backpack" during the month of October, the drive was an effort to collect backpacks and other school supplies to support the recovery efforts associated with Hurricane Katrina.
- Sponsored a monetary collection during the month of October to support the Red Cross' efforts in providing various types of assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- Participated in an extremely successful community service project at the United Methodist Church Outreach Program in Rock Island. Our organization helped to prepare food and serve 100 elderly and displaced members of the Quad Cities community.
- Sent two executive board members to the National Leadership Conference in Coronado Springs, Florida from November 19 – 22, 2005. SGA members were able to bring back some very valuable promotional ideas, as well as excellent leadership skills that they shared with all of the Western Illinois University student organizations via a power point presentation during meetings in January and February of 2006.
- Provided a finals week snack for all students, staff, and faculty during both the 2005 and 2006 academic terms.
- Sponsored an angel tree that was provided by Lutheran Social Services. The Quad Cities campus students, staff, and faculty members purchased holiday gifts for 120 underprivileged children within our community. Lutheran Social Services told our organization that we were one of the most successful and generous locations for their Angel Tree Program.
- Distributed insulated lunch bags that housed Student Government Association–Quad Cities contact information during January new student orientation.
- Gave away 10 refurbished University computers to students. The winners were drawn at our February 24, 2006 meeting. We had 80 applicants for this very well received program.
- Sent representatives to lobby days in Springfield on March 30, 2006 to share our enthusiasm and to reiterate the importance of our new riverfront campus expansion project.

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### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### Student Government Association – Quad Cities (Continued)

- Participated in River Action's Earth Day Clean Up Project on April 22, 2006 on Credit Island in Davenport, Iowa. We cleaned up trails and helped with planting flowers.
- Successfully completed the 2006-2007 Student Government Association–Quad Cities elections.
- Awarded two \$500 scholarships for academic excellence and extra curricular leadership roles to Beth Tipsword and Shontelle Looney for the upcoming fall semester in 2006.
- Received awards for the best student organization, the most improved organization, and the organization with the best service project during the April 22, 2006 Western Illinois University– Quad Cities awards banquet.
- Attended and supported the Society of Educators' Block Party and the ALAS Holiday Party in 2005, as well as the Society of Accountancy's Etiquette Reception during spring semester 2006.

The Student Government Association–Quad Cities has a few goals for the 2006-2007 school year.

- To continue the development of student programming that is supported by interest and attendance by the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities students.
- To continue the development of new and innovative ideas that enhances the academic and extra curricular experience offered by the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities campus.
- To continue an open and interactive dialogue with the student body to ensure that all Student Government Association members are meeting their sworn commitment to act on behalf of the student body.
- To continue supporting the efforts of the Quad Cities Users Group Committee this fall in regards to providing valuable input regarding the Riverfront Campus expansion project.
- To support the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities administration in its development of a spring semester activities programming board.

Chair Houston thanked the Advisory Group representatives for their reports.

#### **ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Nelson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the following exclusions: Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment; Resolution No. 06.6/12: Vision 2020: Western Illinois University – Quad Cities – Riverfront Master Plan; Resolution No. 06.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas; Resolution No. 06.6/14: Staff Appreciation – Barbara J. Mason; Resolution No. 06.6/15: Election of Officers of Board for July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

#### **ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA**

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Roll Call:

Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent

Motion carried. The following resolutions were approved by the Board.

**Release of March 10, 2006, Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

**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 10, 2006

**Resolution No. 06.6/2: Purchases of \$500,000 or More**

**WHEREAS** the University has a need to have a solid waste removal and recycling program for the Macomb campus; and,

**WHEREAS** the University requires the professional services of an engineering/architectural firm to design the residence halls sprinkler project; and,

**WHEREAS** the above mentioned projects have been administered in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, and Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act and all other pertinent statutes and rules:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the contracting for the refuse removal program and the sprinkler project engineering services from the selected firms as presented.

**Resolution No. 06.6/2  
Purchases of \$500,000 or More**

Refuse Removal

ITEM DESCRIPTION:	The provision of a solid waste removal and recycling program on the Macomb campus of Western Illinois University. The contract is for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2011.
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**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**



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**Resolution No. 06.6/2: Purchases of \$500,000 or More (Continued)**

COST:	\$180,192.00	FY07
	\$191,003.52	FY08
	\$202,463.73	FY09
	\$214,611.56	FY10
	\$227,488.25	FY11

RECOMMENDED VENDOR: Waste Management, Inc.; Macomb, IL

FUND SOURCE: Appropriated and Local

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

Waste Management, Inc.; Macomb, IL \$1,015,759.05  
Two companies did not bid; and, two companies did not respond.

**Engineering Fees**

ITEM DESCRIPTION: The engineering services needed to design the residence hall sprinkler systems. The engineering firm will evaluate the existing water supply systems and identify required upgrades, identify the impact on all existing building systems, engineer the project, create an overall phasing plan and project construction schedule, and develop budgetary construction costs estimates. The services are necessary to assist the University in installing automatic sprinkler systems in all residence halls by 2013 to comply with the requirements of the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act.

COST: \$1,300,000.00 estimated

RECOMMENDED VENDOR: Gage-Babcock & Associates, Inc.; Oak Brook, IL

FUND SOURCE: Local

SUMMARY OF BIDS: Awarded in accordance with the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act 30 ILCS 535/.

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/3: FY2006 Authority to Spend**

**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** conservative fiscal practices, retention rates, and residence hall occupancy resulted in increased revenue for the University:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves an authority to spend an additional \$446,350 from the FY2006 Auxiliary Facilities System budget.

**Resolution No. 06.6/4: FY2007 Preliminary Spending Plan**

**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:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2007 spending plan as presented in the FY2007 spending plan document, and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

**Resolution No. 06.6/5: New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities**

**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.

**Resolution 06.6/5  
New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities**

**PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESERVES**

<u>ENTITY</u>	<u>APPROVED AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDED AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHANGE REQUESTED</u>	<u>ADJUSTED TOTAL</u>
<u>Movable Equipment</u>				
Public Service	\$225,000	\$135,925	\$200,000	\$425,000

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/5: New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities (Continued)**

Student Programs and Services	\$354,100	\$ 55,061	\$ 45,900	\$400,000
Instructional Resources and Services	\$425,000	\$ 3,149	\$ 50,000	\$475,000
University Stores and Service Centers	\$850,000	\$ 96,340	\$ 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	\$ 70,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$100,000
Transit	\$ 32,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 32,500

**Parking Lots**

Parking Operation	\$1,600,000	\$102,423	\$ 0	\$1,600,000
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Funded Amount  
Balance as of 04/21/06

**Resolution No. 06.6/6: Request for New Depository**

**WHEREAS** requests for the approval of new depositories may be submitted to the Board of Trustees at any Board meeting; and,

**WHEREAS** approval of a new depository named First Federal Bank, Macomb, Illinois is being requested by the University; and,

**WHEREAS** approval for the following University positions to withdraw funds is being requested: Vice President for Administrative Services and Director of Business Services; and,

**WHEREAS** guidelines established by the President were followed:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the new depository First Federal Bank as presented.

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/7: Revision to Regulations II.C.7.c. Employee Benefits-First Reading**

**WHEREAS** the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Regulations* describe the eligibility for, and provisions of employee holidays; and,

**WHEREAS** Section II.C.7.c. of the *Regulations* describes the application of holidays to Civil Service Employees; and,

**WHEREAS** Section II.C.7.c. of the *Regulations* provides that prevailing rate craft employees will be excused for all holidays designated in their area agreements and compensated as stipulated in their area agreements, resulting in most prevailing rate craft employees not being granted holiday pay on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; and,

**WHEREAS** extending these holidays with pay to the prevailing rate craft employees would provide similar holiday benefits granted to all other Civil Service employees:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved to provide prevailing rate craft employees paid holidays on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day by revising Section II.C.7. of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Regulations*.

**Resolution No. 06.6/8: Tenure Recommendations for 2006-2007**

**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 2006-2007.

**Resolution No. 06.6/9: New Degree Program—B.S. in Telecommunications Management**

**WHEREAS** Goal 1 of *The Illinois Commitment* states that "Illinois higher education will help Illinois sustain strong economic growth by providing students with up-to-date skills, knowledge, and learning traits to succeed in the workplace;" and,

**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** there is an occupational demand for telecommunications managers in the United States:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the request to offer the B.S. in Telecommunications Management.

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/9: New Degree Program—B.S. in Telecommunications Management (Continued)**

**Resolution No. 06.6/9  
New Degree Program—B.S. in Telecommunications Management**

Western Illinois University proposes to offer the B.S. in Telecommunications Management. The program will be administered by the Department of Computer Science, which is housed in the College of Business and Technology.

The objective of the B.S. in Telecommunications Management degree program is to provide students with the theory, tools, technical expertise, and management know-how required to be successful in planning, designing, and managing a telecommunications environment. A foundation in computing principles, computer security, local area networks, wide area networks, network performance analysis, and distributed systems are the cornerstones of the curriculum. The Telecommunications Management degree program requires 120 semester hours to complete: 43 s.h. of general education course work, 54 s.h. of major course work in telecommunications management/computer science; a 16 s.h. minor; and 7 s.h. of open electives.

As individuals, organizations, and businesses increasingly depend on the stability and reliability of telecommunications networks and systems, the demand for individuals with a background in telecommunications management will increase. The United States Department of Labor has listed network systems and data communications analysts as being the second fastest growing occupation covered in the 2006-07 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. In addition, the Department of Labor lists the most significant source of postsecondary education or training for this occupational area to be a bachelor's degree. According to the International Telecommunications Education and Research Association (ITERA), 19 institutions currently offer an undergraduate degree in Telecommunications Management including Illinois State University, Purdue University, the University of California-Berkeley, and Western Michigan University.

No new funds are required to implement the proposed B.S. in Telecommunications Management. With the expertise of newly hired and existing faculty, the Department of Computer Science is well positioned and prepared to offer this new degree program. In addition, existing hardware and software is sufficient to support the program.

The B.S. in Telecommunications Management degree program will be a valuable addition to the Department of Computer Science, the College of Business and Technology, and Western Illinois University. It will draw new students to Western, and will bring the institution to the forefront of this rapidly growing area.

**Resolution No. 06.6/10: Naming of New Hall**

**WHEREAS** the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved the construction of the new residence hall on November 16, 2001; and,

**WHEREAS** the new residence hall was opened August 2004; and,

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote has made a significant impact as Dean of Students at Western Illinois University in support of the history and foundation of the University; and,

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/10: Naming of New Hall (Continued)**

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote residence hall was the oldest residence hall on campus; and,

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote residence hall was razed in 1991; and,

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote residence hall was a significant part of our residence hall and campus culture; and,

**WHEREAS** the recommendations of the University Housing and Dining Services and Inter-Hall Council, with concurring recommendation from Vice President W. Garry Johnson to President Al Goldfarb; and,

**WHEREAS** Board Regulations Section VI.C.1-5 address the naming of University property, and the naming of the residence hall for Caroline Grote is appropriate within those guidelines:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the residence hall be named the *Caroline Grote Hall*.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Resolution No. 06.6/11 Presidential Assessment**

Trustee Nelson moved to approve Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment with second by Trustee Ehlert.

Trustee Houston moved to amend the Presidential Assessment resolution with the following language that would be added to the current resolution.

**WHEREAS** the consensus of the evaluation of goal success and constituency input is that Dr. Alvin Goldfarb is providing exceptionally sound and strong leadership as President of Western Illinois University:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees formally commends Dr. Goldfarb for his diligent, innovative and proven efforts, especially during a particularly frustrating budget year, and extends to Dr. Goldfarb congratulations and appreciation for his past and continuing outstanding leadership, and accordingly, hereby authorizes the following:

**THEREFORE** be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees wishes to extend the contract with President Goldfarb, the Legal Counsel is directed to draft the extension, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute the contract with President Goldfarb. President Goldfarb is to receive an annual salary of \$243,350 per year effective July 1, 2006.

Trustee Nelson seconded the amendment.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/11 Presidential Assessment (Continued)**

Trustee Ehlert as Chair of the ad hoc Presidential Assessment Committee noted that the constituent groups were asked for their input in terms of Presidential performance in March. That was received and their input considered by the Board. The President also submitted to the Board his annual report on his efforts this year. The Board of Trustees has unanimously, and with great pleasure, approved the Committee's recommendation in terms of President Goldfarb's salary and contract. He has once again done a fine job and the Board is very appreciative.

Chair Houston stated that the Board is extremely pleased with the job President Goldfarb has done. He has moved the University forward. We see one result of that today with our *Vision 2020* plan for the Quad Cities Riverfront campus. We also see it on the Macomb campus as well. We see it in terms of the faculty and staff and within the students. He has been here four years and the "bloom is off the rose" so to speak. It is difficult to be in a situation that he is in and be able to maintain the leadership and get the type of feedback that our assessment committee received from all areas of the campus and community. He is an outstanding individual and has done an outstanding job for the institution. Elaine Goldfarb also has done an outstanding job in terms of coming into the community and embracing and getting involved. Thank you both for all that you have done and continue to do for the University. You have moved us forward to a degree that those of us around four years ago could not have dreamed of. We look forward to you continuing to do that.

President Goldfarb thanked the Board for the very kind words. Most of you know that I get embarrassed and, although not usually at a loss for words, at these times I really am at a loss. I want to thank for Board for the work that they do with me and for the University and for their great support. I also want to say that the things that are occurring on the campus would not be occurring without the outstanding team in place who are really willing to work together to make things happen. That includes all of our faculty, staff, and the administrative team who have a great desire to move this University forward.

The Board also knows that I have always indicated that I hope my salary increases are not any different than what we do for employees. Should there be any difference I'll donate the difference back to the institution. I really do appreciate the support and look forward to continue the progress. Elaine is an unsung hero. She deals with my schedule and is always willing to be available to the communities. It has been a great four years for us.

Chair Houston asked for a roll call vote on the amendment to the resolution.

Roll Call

Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/11 Presidential Assessment (Continued)**

Chair Houston asked for a motion to pass the resolution as amended.

Trustee Nelson moved to approved Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment as amended. Trustee Ehlert seconded.

Roll Call

Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment**

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

**WHEREAS** the Board Chair appointed in March, 2006, a two-member Board committee to address Presidential assessment; and,

**WHEREAS** constituency input was sought and received:

**WHEREAS** the consensus of the evaluation of goal success and constituency input is that Dr. Alvin Goldfarb is providing exceptionally sound and strong leadership as President of Western Illinois University:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees formally commends Dr. Goldfarb for his diligent, innovative and proven efforts, especially during a particularly frustrating budget year, and extends to Dr. Goldfarb congratulations and appreciation for his past and continuing outstanding leadership, and accordingly, hereby authorizes the following:

**THEREFORE** be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees wishes to extend the contract with President Goldfarb, the Legal Counsel is directed to draft the extension, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute the contract with President Goldfarb. President Goldfarb is to receive an annual salary of \$243,350 per year effective July 1, 2006.

**Resolution No. 06.6/12: Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan**

Chair Houston asked for a motion to approve.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**



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**Resolution No. 06.6/12: Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan (Continued)**

Trustee Nelson moved to approve with second by Trustee Ehlert.

Chair Houston expressed Board appreciation for the great job that Dr. Rives and his committee has done in terms of getting the plan to this point. We now have a road map to follow to make something really big happen.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes

Motion carried. The following resolution was approved.

**Resolution No. 06.6/12: Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan**

**WHEREAS** *Higher Values in Higher Education*, the University's Strategic Plan, calls for creating a campus master plan that reflects the institution's values, promotes economic and cultural development in our host communities, and strengthens campus shared governance; and,

**WHEREAS** a 22-member Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Master Planning Steering Team representing all colleges and governance groups, and including students, faculty, staff, community members, and alumni from the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Campus; and,

**WHEREAS** the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Master Planning Steering Team participated in six Master Planning Steering Team meetings, hosted six open campus forums, and three community briefings; and,

**WHEREAS** the aforementioned process produced a comprehensive plan for facilities, grounds, technology, and infrastructure at the new Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus; and,

**WHEREAS** the master plan was unanimously endorsed by both Quad Cities governance groups (Faculty Council and Student Government Association) and shared as an information item with all four Macomb governance groups (Civil Service Employees Council, Council of Administrative Personnel, Faculty Senate, and Student Government Association); and,

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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### **Resolution No. 06.6/12: Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan (Continued)**

**WHEREAS** the master plan will initially support a Western Illinois University-Quad Cities enrollment of 3,000 and raise the University's annual economic impact in the Quad Cities area from \$10 million to \$50 million annually; and,

**WHEREAS** a newly formed 25- member Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Users Group will work collaboratively with the Western Illinois University community and Board of Trustees in the implementation of the campus master plan; and,

**WHEREAS** the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees has been actively engaged in the master planning process and carefully considered the materials presented at today's Board meeting;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approves implementation of *Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan*, and commends the campus community for advancing the goals, priorities, and objectives of *Higher Values in Higher Education*.

Dr. Rives distributed a commemorative memento to trustees. The members of the planning committee will also receive the gift after the meeting at the cake cutting celebration. The design incorporates the Mississippi River as well as a drawing of the Riverfront campus, and we left it transparent to reinforce our commitment to transparency and accountability as we move forward with the plan. We want to express our thanks to the Board for your support of *Vision 2020*.

### **Resolution No. 06.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas**

Chair Houston moved to approve Resolution No. 6.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion.

Chair Houston read the resolution into the record. On behalf of the Board, Chair Houston expressed thanks to Chris for his service on the Board. As trustees we do not get to work with many students. You have been an outstanding Board member. You come in a long line of outstanding student trustees. We have been very fortunate to have some very high quality student trustees. The really neat thing for us is to watch where you go from here. Everyone is aware that he is headed to law school at the University of Virginia. We look forward to you making your millions and then being on the donor list for our Development Office. You have a great future ahead of you. This experience of serving on the Board will serve you extremely well and you will be extremely successful in the future. Thank you. We do have a small gift from the trustees to present to you.

Trustee Chris Thomas thanked the Board. Everyone has been very friendly and helpful and patient. Thanks to everyone on both campuses who have helped me in so many ways as I've served. The four Vice Presidents have done so much and, to President Goldfarb, there are no words to describe how grateful I am that I've gotten this opportunity to get to know you and work with you. Thank you for everything that you've done for me.

## **ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas (Continued)**

President Goldfarb presented Chris with a plaque commemorating his time on the Board. As Chair Houston pointed out, you make us all very proud to be at WIU—it is outstanding students such as yourself who make us happy to do what we do.

Roll Call

Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes

Motion carried. The following resolution was approved.

**Resolution No. 06.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Christopher M. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2004 and has completed work towards a Master of Arts degree from Western Illinois University; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has admirably served the students of Western Illinois University as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2005 and will continue to serve through June 30, 2006; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas 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, 2005 – June 30, 2006; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas served the Board of Trustees as a member of the Academic and Student Services Committee; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has brought pride to each the Board of Trustees and Western Illinois University as an active participant of the Student Government Association and an active supporter for WIU-QC Riverfront Development and the Performing Arts Center; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has served as a role model for fellow students and for student trustee peers:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees extends its heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Christopher M. Thomas for the invaluable service he has provided to Western Illinois University, the Board of Trustees, and the State of Illinois as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees from July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/14: Staff Appreciation – Barbara J. Mason**

Chair Houston made the motion to approve Resolution No. 06.6/14: Staff Appreciation – Barbara J. Mason. Trustee Ehlert seconded the motion.

Chair Houston read the resolution into the record. On behalf of the entire Board, he expressed thanks to Barbara for her service to the Board. She has been there for the President and for the Board and it will be hard to think about how we are going to get along without your support. We do appreciate everything that you have done for us. Thirty-three years is a long time in the President’s Office and you have outlasted four presidents. Chair Houston presented Barbara with a commemorative gift from the Board.

Roll Call

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes

Motion carried. The following resolution was approved.

**Resolution No. 06.6/14: Staff Appreciation – Barbara J. Mason**

**WHEREAS** Barbara J. Mason was hired at Western Illinois University March 10, 1969; first working in Western’s Laboratory School (March 1969 to March 1971) and then in the Department of Music (April 1971 to March 1973); and,

**WHEREAS** Barbara Mason was hired by then-President John T. Bernhard to work as a staff secretary in the President’s Office in April 1973; and,

**WHEREAS** Barbara Mason in that capacity has provided outstanding service for Western Illinois University and Western’s President’s Office for the past 33 years—serving as secretary to five presidents and to the Board of Trustees since its establishment in 1996; and,

**WHEREAS** Barbara J. Mason has completed more than 37 years of continuous service at Western and during that time also attended classes as a part-time non-traditional student earning from Western Illinois University a BOT Bachelor’s Degree (1994); and,

**WHEREAS** Barbara Mason has announced plans to retire effective August 31, 2006:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees extends its heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Barbara J. Mason for the exemplary and invaluable service she has provided to Western Illinois University, the Board of Trustees and the State of Illinois.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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The following resolution was approved by action of the Board.

### **Resolution No. 06.6/15: Election of Officers of Board for July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007**

**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 2, 2006 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, 2006-June 30, 2007.

Chair Houston turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel Bruce Biagini to conduct the election.

The following nominations were accepted as a slate of officers for the Board of Trustees for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Chair: William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair: Steve Nelson  
Secretary: Bob Cook

Trustees marked their ballots. Legal Counsel Biagini announced the slate of officers was approved by unanimous ballot vote.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Board received these informational reports.

**Report No. 06.1/1: Purchases of \$100,000 - \$500,000 Receiving Presidential Approval**  
**Report No. 06.6/2: Repair Maintenance of Official University Residence**  
**Report No. 06.6/3: Budget and Financial Data for Period Ended March 31, 2006**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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<b>Report No. 06.6/4:</b>	<b>Report on Investment Activities</b>
<b>Report No. 06.6/5:</b>	<b>Report on Income Producing Grants and Contracts for the Third Quarter</b>
<b>Report No. 06.6/6:</b>	<b>Report on Academic Curricular and Administrative Changes</b>
<b>Report No. 06.6/7:</b>	<b>Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes</b>

### STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: TECHNOLOGY PLANNING

Dr. Joe Rives, Assistant to the President for Planning and Budget presented information regarding technology planning on campus in terms of integrating the strategic plan.

Our plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education*, calls for us to advance technology and utilization, acquisition and strategic planning on both campuses.

As you have seen from today's meeting agenda, it is very evident that our strategic plan is driving the budget decision at the institution. We talked about, and then you approved, the Authority to Spend and the All Funds Budget. We also reviewed the University's budget and financial data to make certain that we are spending your dollars in the areas that you approved.

Each month we are sending to the Board a Strategic Plan Update so that you know that we are accountable and are progressing in terms of implementation of the plan.

At the next Board meeting in September I'll present to you in terms of action items. You will be able to see the progress. We will look at things to see if they are moving in the desired direction. We will see if they are completed, if they have not changed at all, or if they are moving in the wrong direction.

This past year I have worked with governance groups to set up bench mark institutions for both the Quad Cities and Macomb campuses so that we can bench mark our performance to see how we are doing against peer institutions.

The remarks today will be focused on technology planning. There have been several on-going initiatives in terms of technology on both campuses. The President has reallocated Mike Dickson's time; he is from the Center for the Application of Instructional Technology (CAIT), to work very closely with him on long-term technology planning. Mike has also been an influential member of advancing the work of the President's Committee for Instruction Technology (CIT). That group has written a report and suggested that we have a committee structure or a CIO for Western Illinois University. The President has approved the route of a committee structure that links the activities of committees to the President's Cabinet.

We have a clearly articulated plan for technology that interfaces with the decision makers who allocate resources and then communicate back to the campus. The model we have employed for our strategic plan is now being extended into technology.

There are two new committees on campus, and I want to point out that both campuses are represented. The first is the President's Technology Users Groups. I chair this group and our job is much like the master plan in that we have gone out to users on both campuses and asked them

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about their technology needs. What do we need in technology as a campus as we become the leading comprehensive university in the United States?

The second committee which Mitch Davidson chairs is the Technology Infrastructure Group. That group is made up of seven members of the WIU campus community who are the leading technologists on campus—running campus technology is their day job. That committee is saying that as the technologists on campus this is what we want to see.

Having duplicate membership on these committees is letting us look at technology from the hardware/software perspective and determine if we are advancing WIU in the direction that people across all divisions desire. Do we have a consistent vision? Are we moving ahead? Is that vision informed by users and driven by users? Does the right hand and left hand know what is happening? This model has been very successful in its early returns.

We have started to draft a strategic plan for technology needs which *Higher Values in Higher Education* called us to do. It is amazing as a participant on both committees how similar the conversations are in each group. There are themes, or values, that are coming out in our discussions. It doesn't matter who you are at Western, we are all talking about the need for speed, performance and reliability in our computing.

State-of-the-art planning includes budgeting not only for the technology, the infrastructure and the training, but to do more long-term budgeting with technology. In the past budgeting for technology at the University has relied a lot on end-of-the-year monies to advance. Technology is expensive and if we want to move toward being the leading comprehensive university we need to have some long-term budget strategies in place. Capitalization is the rotation of equipment. There is a systematic plan for replacement and purchase of technology equipment.

There have been a number of significant accomplishments in technology since we started these committees about four months ago. As we talked about what it is Western wants in terms of technology, one of the things that was clear was that we needed to purchase email backup hardware. That is very important. We notice at the end of the academic year there was a huge lag in email delivery—45 minutes—which in today's world is unacceptable. It was because we were relying on backup servers that were seven years old. Mitch Davidson has been working on purchasing new servers.

As Emeric referenced earlier, we have upgraded the video conferencing capabilities between Macomb and Quad Cities on what we call CODEC—two-way video conferencing. The old units were based on pixels and we have replaced three of the connections so that video conferencing is digital. The improvement has been amazing. That is about half of the replacements. Why didn't we do all of them at once? That is because we want to pilot this equipment and make certain that this is what we want and that it has the speed, performance and reliability we want. We will budget and move forward with the remainder of the replacements. Our feedback so far has been very positive and everyone is impressed and pleased with the improvements.

We have also emulated what is here on the Quad Cities campus in that we are moving to a total Macomb wireless environment. For Macomb master planning, everyone is telling us that they want a wireless environment. There are some select buildings on the Macomb campus that support that, but not all buildings at this point. President Goldfarb's charge to us is that by the

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end of the next fiscal year to have a wireless campus in place for the academic buildings and then continue on to have a complete wireless campus as we move forward in fiscal years.

The integration of the master plan has helped us as we do jobs on campus to think in terms of wireless needs and make the changes as we go. As Hansen field is getting ripped up, for instance, the Physical Plant will be looking toward installing a fiber loop if needed and doing that at the same time.

We are looking at technology classroom enhancements as well as classroom enhancements in general. For the purposes of technology, we will be going to the Colleges and the Quad Cities and asking what is it you mean when you say technology enhancements. There are different based learning styles, so to apply a uniform standard to our users and to the infrastructure does not make sense. We will work very closely with each College and with the Provost and the technologist to define the standards to support leading edge teaching and learning.

There is a need for faculty development and training when you offer a wireless environment. We will also be working closely with the Director of the Center for Innovation and Teaching (formerly called Faculty Development) to support faculty.

We will be communicating at the start of the academic year with faculty and staff to let them know of the technology enhancements to date and of the technology planning process. All of our committee meetings are open meetings and there are web sites for access as well. In addition, I'll be inserting a technology section to the strategic plan update the Board receives.

At 3:00 p.m. the Master Plan Steering Committee is cutting cake in celebration of their work. We would like all of you to stay and we will re-show the video, eat cake and just have a good time. Thank you.

Vice President Johnson and President Goldfarb responded to a question about wireless connections in the residence halls.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Via unanimous action by the Board, the Board's 2007 Meeting Schedule was approved as follows:

- March 9, 2007 – Macomb campus
- June 1, 2007 – Quad Cities campus
- September 28, 2007 – Macomb campus (Homecoming weekend)
- December 14, 2007 – Macomb campus (Commencement weekend)

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Chair Houston noted for trustees that the due date for completing and returning the Board's self-evaluation materials is June 15. We plan on using that during the retreat. Please make sure to complete and return to Kerry. Also, if any trustee has an agenda item to discuss, the retreat will give you a great opportunity to bring that up during our day-long meeting. Just have your

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thoughts put together by July 7. We try to keep our discussions as free flowing as possible and have as much conversation and as free as we can as opposed to the agenda structure we use during our regular meeting. I think you will find that this style works well.

July 7, 2006 – Board Retreat, Macomb

September 8, 2006 – Board and Committee Meetings, Macomb

Trustee Bill Epperly thanked the Board for their show of trust in him in electing him the new Board Chair. He noted he would have big shoes to fill following the excellent job Mike has done the past two years. Other trustees joined Bill in expressing their thanks and appreciation to Mike. President Goldfarb added his thanks as well and said how much he has appreciated Mike's advice and support the last two years.

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 2:15 P.M.

J. Michael Houston, Chair

William L. Epperly, Secretary

Kerry L. Yadgar, Administrative Assistant to the Board