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From: Joe Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning

Date: June 1, 2014

Re: June 2014 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* shows how many reports and resolutions presented at the June 6, 2014, Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting are directly related to successful advancement of the priorities and goals in *Higher Values in Higher Education* and the *Long Term Plan for Western Illinois University*.

- *Report on Contributions* documents continued fundraising accomplishments following successful completion of the \$62 million Comprehensive Campaign.
- *Annual Listing of Program Changes and Report on Academic Curricular and Administrative Changes* demonstrates the University's long-standing commitments to providing high-quality, in-demand, sustainable, and affordable educational opportunities.
- *Tenure Recommendations for 2014-2015* demonstrates professional growth and the University's success in recruiting, supporting, and retaining excellent faculty members representative of the diverse and global society.
- *Long Term Plan Update* identifies university progress in the Higher Learning Commission's Persistence and Completion Academy. Western was selected to the first cohort of national institutions participating in this important initiative.
- *Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools: Western Illinois University Change Request for a New Branch Campus Address in the Quad Cities* gains operational efficiencies by having all Western programs and services in the Quad Cities centralized to one location.
- *Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools: Western Illinois University Multi-Location Report* is federally required and part of a five-year review to ensure academic and service quality at off-campus locations. Western provides off-campus instruction at 10 Illinois and Iowa locations to serve place-bound students, and to provide students with access to state-of-the-art facilities at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois, and the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa.
- *International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399 Landscape Maintenance Workers* and *American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 417 Memorandum of Understanding* are part of contractual agreements designed to provide faculty and staff salaries that meet and exceed the mean of peer institutions.
- *Trustee Appreciation*—*Andre Ashmore* exemplifies active student participation in university governance. Andre served as Student Trustee to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees during Fiscal Year 2014.

Should you have any questions about the materials presented in this month's *Strategic Plan Update*, and/or feedback for the continued successful advancement of *Higher Values in Higher Education*, please contact me.

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