

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 22, 2024  
Western Illinois University  
Macomb, Illinois  
**Open Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30 a.m. on March 22, 2024, in the Macomb Union, Capital Room. Chair Carin Stutz presided.

### March 22, 2024 – University Union Capital Room

Trustee moved to convene to open session at 8:30 a.m.

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Cornell

### Roll Call

Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes

Motion approved.

### The following trustees were present:

Trustee Cody Cornell  
Trustee Derek Wise  
Trustee Polly Radosh  
Trustee Doug Shaw  
Trustee Kirk Dillard  
Trustee Carin Stutz  
Trustee Kisha Lang

### The following trustees were absent:

None

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

President Guiyou Huang  
Interim Legal Counsel, Victoria Smith  
Senior Executive Assistant to the President, Athena Brooks

## Public Comments

The following individuals submitted written public comments to oppose the increase in international student tuition from 1.5 to 2.0 times the domestic rate as proposed in Resolution No. 24.3/4—Fiscal Year 2025 Tuition Recommendation. All written comments were read aloud by Alisha Looney, Interim Assistant Vice President, University Communications, Marketing & Media Relations.

Peter Cole

Peter Jorgensen

Daniel Barclay

Roberta Di Carmine

Ashley Beardsley

Miguel Narvaez

Andrea Hyde

Gordon Chang

Randy Glean

Dennis DeVolder (The comment was additionally signed by Jessica Lin, Martin Maskarinec, Tara Feld, and Raphael Obregon)

Dr. Kishor Kapale also spoke during the Public Comment period, sharing his personal experiences as an international student. Dr. Kapale expressed the view that the proposed increase to the international tuition rate from 1.5 to 1.75 times the in-state rate for domestic students will have many severe consequences. Dr. Kapale advised that any increase should be more gradual so it doesn't negatively affect our students.

Review and approval of December 4, 2023, Open and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of December 5, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of December 15, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of February 8, 2024, Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

Motion: Trustee Lang

Second: Trustee Shaw

### Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise            Yes

Trustee Polly Radosh        Yes

Trustee Doug Shaw           Yes

Trustee Kirk Dillard         Yes

Trustee Carin Stutz          Yes

Trustee Kisha Lang          Yes

Trustee Cody Cornell         Yes

Motion approved.

### **Chairperson's Remarks**

Ms. Carin Stutz

- Thank you to those who attended the reception for President Guiyou Huang yesterday afternoon.
- The Cabinet is working on a short-term and long-term financial solution for the university.
- Along with the recent leadership change and complexities facing the university, there are tough decisions that lie ahead.
- Our financial situation has become more challenging. The Board has become more vocal in the last three years about our plight. We are at the point where decisions must be made.
- The Board is giving notice that the preliminary budget presented in June must be a balanced budget. The Cabinet knows this and knows what must be done.
- Dr. Mindrup: You have our full support to do what needs to be done for Western Illinois University. We appreciate your taking on this role with grace, determination, a strategic mindset, and a bias for action. We ask all of you to support her as she steps in as interim president on April 1, 2024.
- Thank you to President Huang for bringing integrity and strong character to our university.
- I would like to thank my fellow Board members who continue to be fully engaged as we navigate through these unique times. I am thankful for our robust conversations and diverse backgrounds that allow us to bring many points of view. We always come together with a united position to support WIU, our students, and all who work here.

### **President's Remarks**

President Guiyou Huang

- Thank you, Madam Chair.
- I gave this position my all and I remained faithful to the mission of the university and loyal to this university.
- Moving forward, plans are being developed and decisive action is being taken by the Cabinet.
- I have faith in Kristi Mindrup and have seen her grow as a leader the last several years. I'm happy she will take over the interim reins.
- I am grateful that the Board offered me this opportunity to serve. We accomplished a lot. I was here seeking solutions to many problems. Some were solved and many remain.
- I have faith in the Board, the Cabinet, our faculty, students, alumni, and legislators.

- Last night the reception was lovely. I felt appreciated. I have grown as a result of being here. I'm looking forward to doing something more relaxing. I look forward to spending time with my daughter and wife. I will be joining them along with my son soon.
- I have enjoyed getting to know each of the Board members individually. I feel like I have been able to communicate effectively, directly, and transparently with each of you.
- Thank you all for your partnership, guidance, and your generous support for the last three-and-a-half years.
- It has been heartwarming to hear from students that they liked me. We have a strong student government association that I worked with well and I would like to thank them.
- I'm grateful to the Foundation leaders for supporting the university and I know they will continue to do so.
- The governor and deputy governor have shown support to the university and I met with them several times and they are very gracious to me and I appreciate that.
- To the legislators, I met several of them, some in Springfield over the years and I appreciate their acceptance of me.
- The Alumni Council and thousands of alumni that I met during my travels—many of them sent me letters when they heard that I am leaving the university. It was very heartwarming and I am grateful I met them.
- UPI, COAP, and CSEC are all represented here today. I met with their leadership regularly. We were able to communicate and discuss matters. Thank you for your leadership.
- Thank you to the Cabinet. These are thoughtful and good people. I feel good leaving this university knowing they are hard at work to improve the university.
- I have done many jobs throughout the university in different areas and I know that no one single person can solve all the problems. We need collaborative work. We need smart work to get to the end sooner. Thank you to the Cabinet for being a colleague.
- I would like to thank my office staff, Athena and Lani. I can tell Kristi they are good people and reliable. I'm truly lucky that I brought these two women into my office. They work seamlessly. And we all got along well with each other. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much.
- I would like to thank my family for their many sacrifices. They moved with me to several places and I am grateful to them for being members of my family.
- Since the announcement of my voluntary departure, I have received many emails and letters, thanking me and telling me they are sorry to see me go. I know I was not perfect, but I worked hard and I did not leave any stones unturned. I want to thank everyone for

the calls, text messages, and emails that continue to arrive. I met a lot of good people that I will remember fondly.

- I am now focusing on the transition between me and Kristi. I'm continuing to work in the office and at the house. I cannot participate in everything that I have been invited to. Thank you for all of those invitations. If you come to the south, I can buy you coffee.
- Finally, I want to congratulate Kristi. She has been a very good colleague, a great listener and collaborator. She knows both campuses well and this will benefit the university. I spent a lot of time on the QC campus and I want those folks listening to know that I love that campus. I spent time standing on the banks of the Mississippi River thinking about WIU and Mark Twain. If you go down to the end of that river, you will reach New Orleans and be one hour from my house.
- I am leaving the university with a clean conscious and gratitude. Thank you all for being colleagues of mine. I have very good memories and wish I could remember every name. I plan to take the next few years to sleep in. I wrote a book in 1998 and never published it, so maybe I will do that, I don't know. Maybe some fishing and going to see George, my son.
- Thank you, everybody.

### **Reports and Discussion Items**

Report No. 24.3/1

Finance Committee Report -- Budget and Financial Data for Quarter ending Dec. 31, 2023

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Report No. 24.3/2

Purchases of \$100,000—\$499,999 or Exempt Purchases of \$500,000 and Above

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Report No. 24.3/3

Annual Debt Compliance & Management Report

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Report No. 24.3/4

Financial Aid Report

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Report No. 24.3/5

Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 2nd Quarter

(Interim Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman)

Report No. 24.3/6

Academic Affairs Report

(Interim Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman)

Report No. 24.3/7  
Report on Contributions  
(Vice President for Advancement, Alumni Relations and Athletics, Clare Thompson)

Report No. 24.3/8  
Enrollment Summary  
(Interim Vice President for Student Success, John Smith)

Report No. 24.3/9  
Quad Cities Campus Priorities, Strategies, and Highlights  
(Vice President of QC Campus Operations, Kristi Mindrup)

Report No. 24.3/10  
Internal Audit Report  
(Director of Internal Auditing, Rita Moore)

### **Verbal Reports and Updates**

Athletics Director, Paul Bubb  
Interim Asst. Vice President for Communications, Marketing & Media Relations, Alisha Looney  
Director of Governmental Relations, Zach Messersmith

### **General & Advisory Group Reports and Comments**

Student Government Association, Kyle Ramlow (Macomb)  
Student Government Association, Ashley Danner (Quad Cities)  
Faculty Senate Chair, Julia Albarracin  
Faculty Council Co-Chair, WIU-Quad Cities, Everett Hamner and/or Dana Lindemann  
Civil Service Employees Council, Jackie Price  
Council of Administrative Personnel President, Paul Bubb

### **Resolutions and Action Items** **Action**

Resolution No. 24.3/1 **Action**  
Separation Agreement and General Release and Authorizing Execution of Instruments  
(Board of Trustees Chair, Carin Stutz)  
Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Cornell

#### **Roll Call**

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes

**Motion approved.**

Resolution No. 24.3/2  
Appointing Interim President  
(Board of Trustees Chair, Carin Stutz)

**Action**

Motion: Trustee Shaw  
Second: Trustee Radosh

Roll Call

Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.3/3  
Establishing Interim President's Salary  
(Board of Trustees Chair, Carin Stutz)

**Action**

Motion: Trustee Lang  
Second: Trustee Dillard

Roll Call

Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.3/4  
Fiscal Year 2025 Tuition Recommendation  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards and University Budget  
Director, Renee Georges)

**Action**

Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Shaw

As originally proposed, Resolution No. 24.3/4 Fiscal Year 2025 Tuition included a recommendation to increase international student tuition from 1.5 to 2.0 times the domestic rate. The trustees voted instead on an amended version of the resolution that recommended an increase in international student tuition from 1.5 to 1.75 (rather than 2.0) times the domestic rate.

Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	No
Trustee Cody Cornell	No
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	No
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.3/5 **Action**  
Fiscal Year 2025 Housing and Dining Rates Recommendation  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards and Executive Director of  
Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb)  
Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Dillard

Roll Call

Trustee Kisha Lang	No
Trustee Cody Cornell	No
Trustee Derek Wise	No
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.3/6 **Action**  
Fiscal Year 2025 Fees Recommendation  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards, Executive Director of  
Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb and University Budget Director, Renee Georges)  
Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes



Trustee Kisha Lang                      Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.3/7

**Action**

Fiscal Year 2025 Student Health Insurance Fee Recommendation  
(Interim Vice President of Student Success, John Smith)

Motion: Trustee Radosh

Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes

Motion approved

Resolution No. 24.3/8

**Action**

Approved Depositories and Signatories

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards and Executive Director of  
Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Lang

Roll Call

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes

Motion approved.

**Proclamation** - Appreciation - President Guiyou Huang  
Ms. Carin Stutz, Chair and Dr. Polly Radosh, Vice Chair

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Next Meeting**

June 3, 2024 Closed Session - Macomb Campus in the University Union, Capital Room

June 4, 2024 Open Session - Macomb Campus in the University Union, Capital Room

**ADJOURN ACTION**

Trustee moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 3:22 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Doug Shaw            Yes

Trustee Kirk Dillard        Yes

Trustee Carin Stutz         Yes

Trustee Kisha Lang         Yes

Trustee Cody Cornell        Yes

Trustee Derek Wise         Yes

Trustee Polly Radosh       Yes

Motion approved.

Carin Stutz, Chair  
Athena Brooks, Senior Executive Assistant to the President