

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of the Meeting

June 11, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30 a.m. in Riverfront Hall 103 & 104. Chair Radosh presided.

Trustee Brown moved to convene to open session at 8:30 am. Trustee Shaw seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Patrick Twomey	Yes

Motion approved.

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Reviewed the newly approved printing policy, officers, and activities to come. Goals are promoting activities, diversity and inclusion and being agents of change. Thanked Justin Brown for his service to SGA and the Board of Trustees.

Ashley Danner Chief of Staff, Student Government Association Quad Cities

Goals are event planning, recruitment for SGA, and planned events are Welcome Week, Casino Night, video tours with faculty and staff, and finishing the workout room.

Dr. Christopher Pynes Chair, Faculty Senate Macomb

Thanked Trustees for their time and this is his last meeting as Chair. Recognized the Board for their difficult work and for their diligence.

Mathematics and Philosophy eliminated Math 099 and there is a new path for math competency. Finay. Finay1(0 8reW*hBT

SB2338 Student Athlete Endorsement Rights Act-deals with when a student may or may not use his or her image for compensation, Financial Aid cannot be lowered if the athlete has income from the image

SB1697 amends Grants Transparency and Accountability Act

SB2800 contains state budget and WIU's flat \$49.6M budget, MAP increase, AIM High increase

Redistricting maps drawn and approved and there will be a change in representation in Macomb and the QC

Trustee Twomey expressed concern on behalf of school administrators about the Early Child Education Consortium legislation and how ISBE is promoting it.

Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Dr. Sterling Saddler

Dr. Saddler presented the video from the President's Excellence in Diversity Awards 2021.

The video can be found at https://youtu.be/p_b9-beu78s

Executive Director of University Communications

Darcie Shinberger

A report of marketing and university relations was provided to the Trustees.

Assistant Vice President, QC Academic Affairs

Dr. Kristi Mindrup

Dr. Mindrup shared about the focus on student wellness and engagement: the excitement of Commencement planning and success, planning for a fitness and wellness center/corridor on campus, food trucks on campus.

Focus on Career Readiness: WQPT offers internship opportunities

Campus promotion: Branding refresh with campus entrance directional signage, Rocky's Corner signage

Facilities and grounds look fantastic.

WQPT has won several awards for their programming.

First two Environmental Science graduates, many Environmental ScienceC /v*nQ TJE1u1 72.ment Rights Act

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS

Provost and Academic Vice President, Dr. Martin Abraham reported:

Highlighted first PhD degree in Environmental Studies; Cyber Security program is entering accreditation review, School of Engineering and program of Engineering Technology merged to form the School of Engineering and Technology and Rafael Obregon will serve as Interim Director; pathway agreement with Highland Community College takes students from high school to Highland to WIU in four years to earn a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education; Marching Leathernecks were invited to play at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu, HI; IIRA has worked with legislators for economic development with the PTAC positions and a rural grocery store initiative; awarded 742 undergraduate degrees, 272 master's degrees and 3 doctoral degrees.

Trustee Radosh asked how the Highland Community College partnership would work and Provost Abraham said that WIU would have staff on the campus of Highland to cut down commuting time for full-time employed students.

Trustee Stuz congratulated the Diversity award winners.

Interim Vice President for Student Services, Mr. John Smith reported:

Welcomed Dr. David Braverman as the new VPSS, thanked senior leadership during tenure as Interim Vice President for Student Services, and expressed that the division of Student Success has earned its name. The Top Flight Award was awarded to the entire division.

Interim Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance, Dr. Teresa Smith reported:

Updated the search process for CHRO-it has been failed. Director of Purchasing was a failed search and the search is restarting in July. The financial audit report is complete and will be released at the state level and results will be available at the September meeting.

Interim Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, Mr. Gary Swegan reported as follows:

FINANCE

Report No. 21.6/1: Report on Annual Fund Contributions

Executive Officer of the Foundation, Brad Bainter

Thanked Trustees Radosh and Stutz and President Huang for assistance. Highlighted the many outreach and donor events occurring throughout the country.

Report No. 21.6/2: Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence

Executive Director of Facilities Management, Troy Rhoads

Discussed priorities of driveway and parking lot repairs. Appliances and flooring are the next items to be addressed. Wifi was updated in the residence.

Report No. 21.6/3 Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

Thanked Foundation with assistance with CARES funding.

Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Mark Twomey	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes

Motion passed.

Report No. 21.6/4: Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2021

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

The division pledged to work in 3 areas to manage the deficit: Maintain all operational costs, watch attrition savings, CARES funding and this has been accomplished. As of now the university will definitely have \$1.1M as a positive fund balance and will continue to work to manage the deficit.

Resolution No. 21.6/4: Authorizing Refunding of Certificates of Participation (COPS)

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

James McNulty from Blue Rose Capitol gave a brief overview of the plan.

Motion: Trustee Shaw
Second: Trustee Brown

Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Mark Twomey	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 21.6/5: FY2022 Preliminary Spending Plan

Interim Associate Vice President of Budget and Finance Dr. Teresa Smith

Motion: Trustee Aguilar
Second: Trustee Shaw

Budget approval process was reviewed. The proposed budget is flat due to the flat funding from the Illinois General Assembly and the uncertainty of fall enrollment numbers.

Roll Call

Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Mark Twomey	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes

Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes

Motion passed.

Report No. 21.6/5: Illinois Fraternal Ord

The report and findings from the Higher Learning Commission was positive overall. Commended the use of technology, the recognition of what we can improve, transparency in shared governance, and commended the improvement in assessment and retention. The review team found that the financial status of the institution was of concern but warranted no sanction.

Resolution No. 21.6/6: Tenure Recommendations for 2021-

Provost Abraham read a statement from the Grad Council that opposes eliminating the cost guarantee for graduate students.

Roll Call

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Trustee Mark Twomey	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Retreat

Discussion was held on having the retreat on various dates and it was decided that Monday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 3.

During the meeting the Higher Learning Commission sent communication that Western Illinois University has received full accreditation until 2030.

Proclamation

A proclamation recognizing Trustee Brown for his service was read by Chair Radosh.

Next Meetings:

September