







We used the opportunity last Friday in the course of the retreat to give Dace some tokens of our appreciation. We will have the formal resolution that we will approve today. During the morning Finance Committee we acknowledged Dr. Gordy Taylor. While he is a short timer, he is still working very hard and had an alumni event in Chicago this evening so had to leave. We will have the formal approval of the resolution for him as well.

We will move now to committee reports.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Ehlert noted that the Finance Committee approved purchases of \$500,000 or more and also received a report on purchases of \$100,000 - \$500,000 as listed in the meeting materials. We also received a report on the status of the budget for the period ending August 31, 2005, and reports on current investment activities as well as first quarter grants and contracts. It was interesting to note that in the face of stiff competition, Western has landed some very impressive grants which we are most appreciative of receiving. Vice President Hendricks presented a detailed report on contributions received by the WIU Foundation. He also detailed plans for the next comprehensive campaign, and discussed hiring advancement staff for each of the academic divisions. Vice President Thompson discussed the fact that the Board might be called into special session in January to discuss the results of a sprinkler system study and to review the needs for elevator upgrades. It might be necessary to approve funding for those activities so renovations can begin in a timely manner.

### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Epperson reported that the Academic and Student Services Committee received a report on the student health insurance program. The Board is very pleased on how it is going. Very shortly we will have \$1 million in reserve. The self funded program continues to be everything we had hoped it would be and the Board will continue to receive quarterly status reports. We heard from Provost Rallo on the various searches going on, including in the College of Business and Technology, University Library, International Studies and the Honors College, and from Vice President Johnson about searches for Directors in Admissions, Beu Health Center and Disability Support Services.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

One of the most important events since the last Board meeting is that we had our annual meeting with the Illinois Board of Higher Education staff—the Big Picture meeting. Those meetings are held in Springfield and we are asked to bring staff to discuss future budget needs. We presented our FY2007 budget request on October 31. We did meet with the new Executive Director Judy Erwin who indicated her concern that there would be no new budgets this coming year for higher education.

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

The good news is that our FY2007 budget priorities should there be any funds are all in line with IBHE's priorities. The top priorities the WIU Board has approved are salary increases for our faculty and staff, deferred maintenance, and funding to help with implementing our strategic plan. Those are in keeping with IBHE's current priorities as well. We were not given a very positive picture in terms of the coming year's budget for higher education.

We spent a good deal of time discussing our capital projects—the Performing Arts Center and the Quad Cities campus development. We are probably one of the poorest funded institutions over the last two or three decades in terms of capital funding.

Dr. Joe Rives is working with Mr. Bill Brewer of Physical Plant on campus master planning issues. Sooner or later there will be facilities dollars and we need to have a plan that will drive us into the future on both campuses. Hopefully, that plan will help us position ourselves in the future when those dollars become available.

We continue to lobby strongly for the release of the \$4 million planning funding for the Performing Arts Center. The funds have already been appropriated. We continue to try to move that project along. I appreciate all the work the community has done. Dean Paul Kreider went to Springfield with the community group and Trustee Epperson went as well. We have heard very positive things back following their visit. The high visibility continues to push this project along.

The Quad Cities community has been lobbying very diligently for our campus expansion. WIU expansion continues to be the Chamber's highest priority. That was restated at their recent Chamber breakfast I attended. I was the principal speaker at that breakfast which was hosted on our current site in the Quad Cities. I asked their members to continue to help push for the release of funds. We have worked with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to try to convince them that our architectural and engineering funding of \$2.4 million should be released.

We have received some HUD grants to begin work on asbestos removal in the building donated by John Deere & Company. Congressman Lane Evans was helpful to us in receiving that funding.

In terms of community activities, we continue to work with the Community University Partnership Program (CUPP) on student and community interaction activities. There have been some visible issues related to students engaged in fights in the community. We are working diligently in CUPP to address that and be proactive in what is a national problem. We will continue to work with the students in that arena.

I've attended many alumni events and will be traveling with Gordy to California. We are working very hard at getting positioned for the new campaign by making certain that the President interacts with alums. I've recently been to Peoria and Quincy, while Elaine attended the event in Bloomington as I was in Washington D.C. Elaine and I attended the pre-game alumni event at the football game against ISU. I am really pleased to say that I remain 4-0 against my former institution—undefeated. They weren't very happy but we were elated to come away with that win. Following the game, Elaine and I hosted approximately 50 university supporters at our Bloomington home that we affectionately refer to as the University Residence – East.

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

In terms of the travel to Washington D.C., I met with the Department of Education to talk about the possibility of hosting a conference dealing with issues of affordability and work force preparation. The Department of Education is undertaking a major commission and we want to show we are players in this arena. We have received some very positive responses. I continue to work with Joe Rives and Kristin Dunstan on trying to pull that together. We want to position Western as an institution that is a leader in the arena of affordability and predictability in terms of costs.

That same day I attended the Campus Compact 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kickoff event. I am co-chair of the Illinois Campus Compact, an organization that supports students being engaged in volunteer activities. Volunteerism is becoming a key focus on this campus as well. The closing event will be held in Chicago at the end of the year.

You have heard about many retirements on campus. Some of those who are retiring are: Chuck Gilbert, Gordy Taylor and Pat Sartore. There are significant numbers of faculty and staff who are also retiring from the institution. This is an exciting time in terms of opportunity for hiring new individuals, but it is also a very scary time. We need to be frank about losing a great deal of our institutional memory and in making certain that it does not occur. We as an institution have focused very strongly on people. We need to protect our institutional memory and the commitment to the University which has been generated by those individuals. We are excited about many of the new hires and about the opportunity to do some reallocations in positions in order to move the institution forward.

Finally, I want to recognize Dace Richardson. He was an outstanding Board member and had great commitment to this institution. I was very proud to say that he was an alumnus of both my former university (ISU) and my current university (WIU). I have heard spectacular comments from all who worked with him on both campuses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Chair Houston noted that at the direction of the President, Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations Dave Steelman is attending the last day of the veto session in Springfield. He is representing WIU there today. One of the issues still under discussion is the naming rights that would have an effect on us.

President Goldfarb stated that Dave has indicated he will send a report to the Board at the end of the veto session. He has been working very diligently in terms of scheduling meetings with legislators. In fact, I was in Springfield twice this week talking to legislators relative to the Performing Arts Center. He has also been engaging the Quad Cities legislators in discussions regarding the Riverfront campus capital project.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Dr. Joe Rives, Assistant to the President for Planning and Budget, presented a power point review of activities relating to the strategic plan. He distributed to trustees copies of the current recruitment materials used in Macomb and Quad

We are also working on bus wraps, ads for placement in the airports both in the Quad Cities and Peoria, and are designing ads for the Macomb campus. Some of the designs mention both campuses which reinforces the fact that we are a system of higher edu

Another key component of this site and the strategic planning web site is that not only will it tell you who to contact, but it will have the generic “Contact Us” button. It will be my responsibility to get the response back to the individuals asking the question or making the comment. Usually an institution’s strategic planning web page is just a glory page containing all the accomplishments. We are laying it out for the public. Here is where we are. Here is where we are succeeding. Here are our challenges.

Dr. Rives thanked both Kristin Dunstan and Karmon Runquist for their creative efforts in designing the ads and interactive web sites.

## **ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS**

### **Report on Consent Agenda Items**

Student Government Association President Bridget Early presented the combined constituency report.

The four governing bodies at the University value the monthly strategic plan updates prepared by Joe Rives. These are informative and facilitate awareness of WIU’s progress in achieving the goals in the plan. We are also appreciative of the opportunity to provide input in the evaluation process for President Goldfarb and are supportive of Resolution No. 05.11/3: Presidential Assessment. Our group also expresses its appreciation for the service to the University provided by Trustee Richardson (Resolution No. 05.11/4), Chuck Gilbert (Resolution No. 05.11/5), and Gordy Taylor (Resolution No. 05.11/6).

### **Student Government Association**

Bridget Early, President of SGA, spoke briefly on accomplishments since the September Board meeting. The Western Illinois University Hurricane Katrina Relief Committee raised almost \$4,000 and is now looking into the possibility of conducting a toy drive for the upcoming holiday season. On the issue of textbook affordability, SGA has been working with Trustee Chris Thomas, Provost Rallo and the Faculty Senate to look into the possible implementation of online course descriptions that would include the required textbooks for the section of a class. Bridget noted SGA is currently looking into the possibility of a statewide lobby day activity and instituting a campus Tolerance Day to create more awareness of diversity.

Trustee Chris Thomas spoke on behalf of Chad Wickard, President of SGA – Quad Cities, who was unable to attend the meeting. Students on the QC campus are working very hard to increase awareness of the campus in the community with a variety of outreach activities. They participated in a parade in October, are planning community service events which include sponsoring a blood drive and serving

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

### **Student Government Association (Continued)**

food at a homeless shelter. They are planning a leadership conference that would include local high schools and colleges to try to build both professional and personal relationships with students and faculty at the other institutions as a way to enhance recruitment efforts.

### **Council of Administrative Personnel**

Amy Spelman, Vice President of COAP, reported that there have been two recent appointments to the COAP Board—Kristin Dunstan, Director of University Marketing, and Betty Dean, Academic Advisor for Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality. COAP has been asked for representation on several different search committees and appreciates the opportunity to have a voice on those committees. Finally, COAP will be reviewing the institutional policy that governs the Council and will be providing input on any changes to the policy if needed.



**Faculty Senate**

Steve Rock, Chair of the Faculty Senate, noted that he had attended recently the Council of Illinois University Senates held at Illinois State University. This is an event held twice a year of Senate officers of the 12 Illinois public universities and issues of mutual concern are discussed. Following that meeting, Steve noted he is even more impressed with the WIU model of faculty/administrative shared governance when compared to other campuses.

**Civil Service Employees Council**

Anne Whited, Secretary of CSEC, presented an update of recent CSEC activities. Since the September meeting the Council conducted a cookbook sale that added over \$1,500 to the scholarship fund. The scholarship funds provide scholarships to civil service employees and their dependents. She noted that there are civil service employees who are serving on several search committees at this time. The Council is currently busy planning for the annual winter luncheon.

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Houston noted that each resolution will be dealt with individually due to the nature of the items.

**Resolution No. 05.11/1: Release of September 9, 2005, Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

Chair Houston moved passage of Resolution No. 05.11/1 with a second provided by Trustee Epperly.

There was no discussion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Epperson	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Yes
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes

Motion carried. The following resolution was approved.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

**Resolution No. 05.11/1: Release of September 9, 2005, Executive Session Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**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:

September 9, 2005

**Resolution No. 05.11/2: Purchases of \$500,000 or More**



COST: \$708,153.00

RECOMMENDED VENDOR: Phillips Swager Associates; Peoria, IL

FUND SOURCE: Local

SUMMARY OF BIDS: Exempt from competitive bidding per Section 30-15 (c) of the Illinois Procurement Code. The University complied with the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act in selecting a firm.

**Resolution No. 05.11/3: Presidential Assessment**

Trustee Ehlert noted at the June Board meeting a subcommittee was formed to conduct the annual performance review of President Goldfarb. Trustee Ehlert was appointed Chair and Trustee Epperly was also appointed to serve on the committee. The evaluation process involved seeking and reviewing comments from campus constituency groups. They also visited campus and interviewed the Vice a

further in a shorter period of time than any of us would have dreamed. It was just over three years ago when we were going through that process. It is obvious that the entire University community really appreciates what you have done. The Board also appreciates the fact that when we hired you we also got





**WHEREAS** Dace E. Richardson was appointed in January, 2001 to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Richardson has ably and admirably served the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Western Illinois University as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for the period January, 2001 – November, 2005; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Richardson has conscientiously served the citizens of the State of Illinois as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for the period of January, 2001 – November 2005; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Richardson has provided exemplary service and brought pride to each the Board of Trustees and Western Illinois University by his contributions to higher education and to his alma mater; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Richardson served the Board of Trustees as Vice Chair since March, 2004 and Chair of the Finance Committee since March, 2005; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Richardson has served the State of Illinois as the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Representative to the SUCSS Civil Service Merit Board; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Richardson has been and will continue to be a special friend of the University, a relationship for which Western Illinois University is very grateful; and,

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**





**WHEREAS** Dr. Gilbert assumed the duties of Assistant Director of Institutional Research and Planning in 1974; and,

**WHEREAS** Dr. Gilbert became the Associate Director of Institutional Research and Planning in 1983; and,

**WHEREAS** Dr. Gilbert continued his long tenure of service at Western Illinois University as the Director of Institutional Research and Planning in 1993; and,

**WHEREAS** Dr. Gilbert has provided exemplary service to the community as a member of the County Board and the City Council, the President of the Western Illinois Regional Council, a member of the McDonough County Rehabilitation Center, a member of MAEDCO, Chair of the United Way Board, President of IAIR, Chair of the McDonough County Enterprise Zone Board, member of the Macomb Kiwanis Club, member of ETSB, and President of the Communications Board; and,

**WHEREAS** Dr. Gilbert has announced his plans to retire effective January 31, 2006:

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

**Resolution No. 05.11/5: Officer Appreciation – Charles C. Gilbert (Continued)**

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University extends its heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Charles C. Gilbert for the invaluable service he has provided to Western Illinois University, the Board of Trustees and the State of Illinois; and, be it further resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees grants Dr. Gilbert the status of Emeritus Administrator effective January 31, 2006.

**Resolution No. 05.11/6: Officer Appreciation – Gordon A. Taylor, Jr.**

Chair Houston moved for passage of Resolution No. 05.11/6. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion.

Chair Houston stated that Gordy had to travel to Chi



<b>Report No. 05.11/1:</b>	<b>Purchases of \$100,000 - \$500,000 Receiving Presidential Approval</b>
<b>Report No. 05.11/2:</b>	<b>Budget and Financial Data for Period Ended August 31, 2005</b>
<b>Report No. 05.11/3:</b>	<b>Report on Investment Activities</b>
<b>Report No. 05.11/4:</b>	<b>Report on Income Producing Grants and Contracts for the First Quarter</b>

Chair Houston noted one last information item. Dean of University Libraries James Huesmann has accepted a position at the University of Alaska. Unfortunately, as people move up or seek a promotion, they often move from one location to another. Dean Huesmann has done an outstanding job and has been a great member of the team here. He is going to a very beautiful place and this seems like a great opportunity. He, too, will be missed at WIU.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Update on Board Retreat

Chair Houston noted that during the course of the recent Board retreat, the Board indicated that they wanted to focus on the strategic plan. This is our strategic plan; the Board of Trustees approved the plan that was developed by the entire University community. As we look at the strategic plan, it provides a road map as to how we are going to move the institution to the next level. It affects everything that we do in the future. Most importantly, it affects our future budgets. It affects our decisions in terms of how we are going to approach our capital expenditures. It affects our decisions regarding where we are going with our academic programs. The retreat gave the Board the opportunity to talk to each of the vice presidents in terms of what each of them are doing to address the goals of the strategic plan. It gave us a day to focus on the plan and to remind ourselves what that plan is and what it is going to do for Western Illinois University. While Joe Rives gives us reports during our meetings, that day gave us an opportunity to spend hours instead of minutes to commit ourselves again to that plan.

We also developed a self-evaluation that we will complete as individual trustees in terms of the job that we are doing. We also recognized that within a very short period of time, and we hope it will be very short, we will have a couple of new trustees. We talked in terms of how we go about orienting a new trustee so that we can bring them on board and up-to-date with regards to the strategic plan and its importance to the University. Those are the things we covered. In meetings like this one today, we have discussions of specific items and they involve minutes of our time. We were able to have more in-depth discussions and free-flowing discussions. It was time very well spent and is something we want to do on an annual basis. We might look to do something during the summer around July. It is a team building exercise.

During the Finance Committee this morning we talked about a special meeting in January—a teleconference meeting of the Board. It will deal with the bond issue that we want to do in order to get some of the campus renovations completed in the summer months when students are gone. We need to issue contracts so that work can be scheduled in a timely manner.

Trustee Epperly noted that he has been talking to Vice President Thompson and Director of Physical Plant Charles Darnell regarding energy issues. He will possibly be meeting with legislators and pushing for some actions. He told trustees that he will be sending everyone an e-mail attachment to show in general what he will be doing. If he starts talking to Representatives or Senators, someone may hear something and he wanted trustees to be aware of what is going on.

