

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Retreat  
July 20, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30 A.M. at the Kibbe Life Science Station, on the campus of Western Illinois University. Trustee William L. Epperly, Chair, presided.

Construction information: Master Plan Construction Projects and Current Renovations & Repair Projects maps with timelines were distributed. A “Rocky Builds” website is forthcoming. President Goldfarb addressed the different projects so that Trustees would be able to answer questions on the progress and have a better awareness of what is going on. President Goldfarb also explained the progress in technology, including laying fiber loop and partnerships.

President Goldfarb reviewed the *Higher Values in Higher Education* handouts, including a report card of action on the Strategic Plan. The report includes specific details on how each item was categorized in the summary report card. The plan is nearly five years old and a committee will be put together to review the plan and President Goldfarb hopes that the Trustees will review the document and think about how they’d like to be engaged in the upcoming review process.

Trustee Griffin read the Vision of Western Illinois University, the Mission Statement and our Values (all written 2002-2003). President Goldfarb talked about how the Board served as a focus group during the original creation of the Strategic Plan. This is what he would like to do with the Board again during the upcoming review and revision of the Strategic Plan. The Trustees discussed the term “comprehensive”

#### Managing in Challenging Times:

John Maguire speaks for the University and the Chair of the Board speaks for the Board. John Maguire knows to work with President Goldfarb to have a unified media approach. President Goldfarb makes sure to let the Board Chair know and makes sure to contact the Board as appropriate. The University is in the midst of reviewing its Emergency Operations Plan (this is a constant review in a changing world with changing needs). The Board has also received a copy of the current Pandemic Flu Plan, which will also be constantly updated. The President sits on the Governor's Campus Security Task Force.

#### Macomb-Quad Cities Communication & Future Planning of QC Campus:

The communication strategy between the Quad Cities and Macomb campuses as well as how leadership structure in the QCs may need to be adjusted as the campus grows and the construction of the buildings begins. The Board discussed its vision for the campus and contemplated different models of leadership for WIU-Macomb and WIU-Quad Cities as the QC Campus grows to its estimated numbers.

#### Role of the Assistant for the Board of Trustees:

The Assistant to the Student Trustee would be the ears for the campus in which he/she represents, listen to and relay information back and forth to the campus, attend meetings, report information from their campus to the student Trustees. Work closely with the student Trustees. They do not vote and do not attend executive session meetings but are invited to regular meetings. They do not attend official functions as this is the job of the Trustee. Assistants serve as ex-officio members of the SGA of their respective campus and update their SGA on issues relative to students. Assistants are encouraged to attend events on their respective campus, and if the student is a Macomb student, should serve on CUPP (Community-University Partnership Program). For official events on their campus, attend events that the Trustee is unable to attend.

#### Annual Board Assessments and Responsibilities:

The Board discussed Trustee participation and report card responses. Overall, the Board evaluated itself

