

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 27, 2024
Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois
Open Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30am on September 27, 2024 in the Macomb Union, Capitol Room. Chair, Carin Stutz presided.

September 27, 2024 University Union Capitol Room

Trustee moved to convene to open session at 8:30

The following Trustee was absent

Trustee Cody Cornell

Also present for the meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Interim President, Kristi Mindrup

Interim Legal Counsel, Victoria Smith

Senior Executive Assistant to the President, Athena Brooks

Public Comments

Audrey Lamb

- Concern regarding the closing of the library on the QC campus
- Students want in-person classes
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Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes

- We're celebrating our 125th year anniversary of our founding
- It's remarkable to think of how much our University has changed and evolved during this time
- Work that would take years in higher education happened swiftly this summer due to necessity
- Our highest priority is to stabilize the financial current and future of WIU
- With reserves depleting, expenses increasing and enrollment following a downward trend in many regional Universities across the country, bold action was needed to balance this deficit
- Our cash flow has been extended due to our efforts
- September 30th would have been the last day we could have made payroll, but we now have a longer runway
- WIU is now on track to remedy our financial concerns in a sustainable way
- Thank you to all of the University community for your patience, tolerance, agility and for the necessary work that will sustain our institution and its mission to serve students
- I want to publicly thank the leadership team, these individuals stepped up to serve during an unenviable time
- I want to thank our stakeholder leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to communication with their respective groups and engaged in critical dialogue with Administration and me directly
- There are five areas where we have made change

- We are dedicated to fixing problems and implementing plans that emphasize our strengths and seize new innovative opportunities
- It is a privilege to serve as your Interim President of this incredible student-centered, mission-focused University. I look forward to continued work and collaboration with all of you

General & Advisory Group Updates -

1. Student Government Association, Emir Miranda (Macomb)
2. Student Government Association, Harrison Dehnert (Quad Cities)
3. Faculty Senate, Jeremy Robinett
4. Faculty Council Co-Chair, WIU-Quad Cities, Everett Hamner and Dana Lindemann Civil Service Employees Council, Natalie Divan
5. Council of Administrative Personnel, Holly Sutton
6. QC Outreach and Operations, Audrey Adamson
7. Athletics, Paul Bubb
8. Justice, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, Carl Ervin
9. Governmental Relations, Zach Messersmith
10. Division of Student Success, Justin Schuch

Reports and Discussion Items

Report No. 24.9/1

Report No. 24.9/6
Report on Contributions
(Vice President for Advancement, Alumni Relations and Athletics, Clare Thompson)

Report No. 24.9/7
Enrollment Report
(Interim Vice President for Student Success, Justin Schuch)

Report No. 24.9/8
International Studies
(Associate Vice President of Global Studies, Randy Glean)

Resolutions and Action Items **Action**

Resolution No. 24.9/1 **Action**
FY 2025 All-Funds Budget
(Administrator in charge of Finance and Administration, John Smith and Budget Director,
Renee Georges)
Motion: Trustee Shaw
Second: Trustee Radosh

Roll Call

Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.9/2 **Action**
FY 2026 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations
(Administrator in charge of Finance and Administration, John Smith and Budget
Director, Renee Georges)
Motion: Trustee Wise
Second: Trustee Lang

Roll Call

Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	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. 24.9/3

Action

FY 2026 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations

(Administrator in charge of Finance and Administration, John Smith and Budget Director,
Renee Georges)

Resolution No. 24.9/5

Action

Approved Depositories and Signatories
(Executive Director of Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Radosh

Second: Trustee Wise

Roll Call

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 24.9/6

Action

Authorizing the Necessary first Steps for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate
(Assistant Vice President for Student Success, Joe Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	No
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes

Motion approved.

Old Business

- None

