

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 29, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:00 a.m. in Union Capitol Rooms in Macomb. Chair Aguilar presided. Trustee Brown moved to convene to open session. Trustee Radosh seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Bill Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes

Trustee Polly Radosh seconded the motion. Trustee Jackie Thompson presided over the election of officers to the beginning of the meeting. Trustee Brown

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seconded the motion.

Roll Call

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Trustee Bill Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Jackie Thompson	Yes

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 19.3/1: Election of Officers of the Board for March 29, 2019-June 30, 2019**

Legal Counsel

Pynes: So, the secret ballot is not a concern for me, it is that the nominations were not made public. Generally when this happens the nominations are made public.

Duvall: All it is, it has all their names on it, a column for Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and Board Secretary.

Pynes: I think that is what people wanted to know.

Duvall: Thank you.

Votes were cast by secret ballot. The first round of balloting resulted in Greg Aguilar being voted as Chair, with ties for Vice Chair and Secretary. The second ballot resulted in continued a non-majority for Vice Chair and Secretary. The third ballot resulted in Nick Padgett being voted Vice Chair and Jackie Thompson being voted S-2.4.6 (e)-1.7 (d)]TJ (t)V3-19i in[(bj 0.002bi)-4.6

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Jackie Thompson	Yes

Motion carried.

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



These examples exemplify Western's values and highlight the transformational educational experience we provide.

Illinois' college-bound students left the state to attend a college or university. Furthermore, the state has lost population five years in a row. In 2018, the state lost 45,000 residents, the second-biggest population drop in the United States.

Higher education across the country is changing drastically and the data show that Western is operating in a highly competitive and changing landscape. Responding to this changing landscape provides both challenges and opportunities.

It is clear that we are positioned for opportunities. We have made the difficult, but necessary decisions and will use our historic strengths to define our future.

Today, our regional, state, and local communities face unprecedented demographic, economic, environmental, cultural, global and technological changes taking place at accelerated rates. The challenges

mission.

All institutions, public and private, small businesses and large corporations, small liberal arts colleges







**Strategic Planning and Initiatives**

Sr. VP Rives welcomed the new Board and thanked them for their service. Sr. VP Rives reported the highlights of these and other QC happenings including thanking Trustee Brown coming to the QC campus for Trustee in Residence this week, WQPT Imagination Station success, increased marketing, signing with Rock Island Arsenal, and the QC will serve as a host site for the Big Table for the Q2030 initiative.

**Student Services**

Vice President for Student Services Ron Williams welcomed the new Board of Trustees. The quality of the new students at WIU has not suffered. A national search is under way for Director of Admissions. 246 students are registered for the next Discover Western event. Developed Western Promise Plus to lessen the financial burden on students to provide access to students. Fall to spring retention has increased and the focus on services will remain. A discussion followed with Interim Admissions Director Daly and IR Director Bonifas regarding applications and enrollment projections for fall '19.

**Advancement and Public Services**

Vice President Brad Bainter reported, thanking Dr. Williams and Admissions for their tireless work. Reported that university relations wrote 689 press releases and university marketing has had 6.9 (ot)81.7 (a)9.2 (t.9 (ot)81e

**March 26, 2019**

- Interim Provost Clow discussed the program eliminations and the metrics used and answered questions from faculty and audience members.
- Senate elections were reported. The results of elections for next year can be found on the website.
- There were no objections to the action items for the BOT meeting scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**March 5, 2019**

- Senators had many questions of Associate Provost Morgan, who filled in for Interim Provost Clow, regarding the March 1 layoffs and the recent release of the BOT closed session recordings of June 1 and 7, 2018.
- Changes proposed by the Office of Admissions and approved by CAGAS to the high school dual enrollment policy were reviewed and approved by Faculty Senate after much discussion.
- Senators heard first reading of proposed bylaws changes for the Council for International Education and recommended changes and clarification. Second reading and vote will occur at the next Senate meeting.
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**December 4, 2018**

-Interim Vice President Polley and Budget Director Trepac met with senators to discuss the recently announced \$21 budget cut. The context of budget cuts versus expenditure cuts was explained. The full context of 5 million dollars of expenditure reduction for the rest of this academic year as well as 16-18 million dollars in expenditure reductions for FY 20 we put into context.

- The Faculty Senate Votes not to consent to BOT Agenda Item/Resolution No. 18.12/2: Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Members of the Faculty Senate believe that given recent violation to the Open Meetings Act, it is NOT appropriate for the currently constituted Board of Trustees to be destroying verbatim recordings of the closed session meetings. Passed: 12 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 0 abstentions.

**Future Items For Senate Consideration and Announcements**

-President Thomas will be visiting Faculty Senate on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

-Elections for new Faculty Senate officers will occur at the next meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Recommendations of administrative proposals for changes to the First Year Experience (FYE) program will be presented in the near future from CAGAS.

**Faculty Council Chair – Rob Porter**

No report was submitted.

**Student Government Association Macomb President – Grant Reed**

Student government began the semester with a bi-

On February 6, 2019, COAP welcomed Jeff Brownfield, Executive Director of the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS) to address questions regarding the conversion process. Attendance was very good with almost 100 in attendance. Mr. Brownfield was able to assist in answering many of the lingering questions that personnel had.

With only 4 members of our cabinet remaining on the Executive Board for COAP, we will begin the process of elections and filling vacated positions immediately. This process will be completed via an online format.

We are planning on hosting our spring COAP Open Forum on May 1, 2019 in the University Union.

With the recent changes in personnel conversions, COAP will not be awarding a spring Professional Development Scholarship. It is our anticipation to continue this program in an effort to assist with professional development opportunities in the fall 2019.

COAP will be selecting a new member to serve on the Social Responsibility Task Force following elections and appointment.

1. 10,000 pounds of ice melt used on walks this year, which is 4 times the amount we use in an average year

Hosted Imagination Station on March 16, 2019

- a. 4,000 tickets were distributed online starting on March 1
  - b. 385 attended the VIP & Kids Club event at the Family Museum on March 15
  - c. 1,666 attended the am event on March 17
  - d. 1,289 attended the pm event on March 17
  - e. Ticket registrations from 95 Cities and Towns in the surrounding area
  - f. Registrations from as far as Chicago, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin
2. Ready To Run will take place on the QC Campus on May 31 and June 1, 2019

Western Illinois University serves as Illinois' host institution for the national [Ready To Run®](#) candidate recruitment and training program of the [Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University](#). Ready To Run® is a nonpartisan campaign training program that encourages and trains women to run for elective office, position themselves for appointive office, work on campaigns, and become involved in the public sphere. The upcoming cutting edge non-partisan campaign training program will be geared towards women looking for opportunities to get involved in campaigns at the local, state and national level. The training will take place on the QC Campus on May 31 and June 1, 2019 and is under the leadership of Director Debbie Kepple-Mamros and Assistant Director Audrey Adamson.

## FINANCE

### **Report No. 19.3/1: Report on Contributions**

Vice President Brad Bainter highlighted the report, and advised the Board of personnel changes in his area.

### **Report No. 19.3/2: Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999.99**

Interim Vice President Bill Polley highlighted the report.

### **Report No. 19.3/3: Annual Debt Compliance and Management Report**

Interim Vice President Bill Polley highlighted the report and indicated that there were no reportable events.

### **Resolution No. 19.3/2: Authorization to Use Auxiliary Facilities System Repair & Replacement Reserve for Debt Service**

A motion was made by Trustee Thompson to approve. Trustee Brown seconded the motion.

### Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes

Trustee Polly Radosh      Yes  
Trustee Jackie Thompson

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
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Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Jackie Thompson	Yes

Motion carried.

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva received his Bachelor of Business degree in accountancy in 1977 from Western Illinois University, and his Master of Business Administration from University of Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva obtained certification as a Lease and Finance Professional, a Management Accountant, a certified public accountant and a licensed real estate and business broker; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva was chosen by the city of Osaka, Japan as one of their Ten Outstanding Young People under the age of 40; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva throughout his career has served as a member of the board of directors for multiple financial institutions as well as academic advisory boards, including Western Illinois University College of Business & Technology Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva has been an active supporter of the Habitat for Humanity and Outreach 360 as well as a member of the board of directors for the Thatcher Woods Area Council/Boys Clubs of America, all for the betterment of the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Western Illinois University in 2008, the College of Business and Technology Distinguished Alumnus in 2003, and a recipient of the WIU Alumni Achievement Award in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel N. Oliva continues to be a generous supps. T 1orW. (.)5 (a)-130.9 (e)14 (e)-1-2.3 Tf 1.6 (lins)2.7

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	No
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Jackie Thompson	Yes

Motion carried.

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** *Higher Values in Higher Education* expresses Western Illinois University's commitment to national leadership in quality, opportunity, and affordability; and,

**WHEREAS** The Student Cost Task Force continues to evaluate the cost of attendance and price sensitivity on our student population; and,

**WHEREAS** tuition is to be established annually by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, following the general guidelines established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and,

**WHEREAS** the rate would increase by 4.0-percent to \$296.10 per credit hour for new undergraduate students; and,

**WHEREAS** the rate would increase by 5.0-percent to \$339.82 per credit hour for new graduate students only; and,

**WHEREAS** recruitment of high-achieving out of state domestic students continue:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved in accordance with the priorities and goals of Higher Values in Higher Education that the Board of Trustees approves tuition rates for FY2020 (effective Fall Semester 2019) as enumerated in the FY2020 Tuition Recommendation document which follows.



**Resolution No. 19.3/5: FY2020 Room and Board/Housing Rates Recommendation**

Vice President Ron Williams, Interim Vice President Bill Polley, Budget Director Letisha Trepac, and Associate Vice President John Biernbaum requested a 1.77% increase.

A motion was made by Trustee Thompson to approve. Trustee Brown seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Jackie Thompson	Yes

Motion carried.

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** room and board rates are to be established annually by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees; and,

**WHEREAS** the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees carefully considered the Fiscal Year 2020 Tuition, Fees, Room and Board Cost Guarantee (Report No. 19.3/6); and,

**WHEREAS** general guidelines established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education were followed; and,

**WHEREAS** appropriate groups on campus were involved in the establishment of room and board rates for FY2020; and,

**WHEREAS** the double occupancy room and board rate would be an academic year increase of \$170.00 or







	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	Amount	\$ Change	% Change
<b>II. QUAD CITIES CAMPUS STUDENT FEE ALLOCATIONS</b>						
<u>Academic Year (Based on 30 SCH)</u>						
Activity	\$ 128.70	\$ 134.70	\$ 134.70	\$ 134.70	\$ -	0.00%
Athletic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technology	140.40	140.40	140.40	140.40	-	0.00%
Facilities Enhancement & Life Safety	211.80	211.80	211.80	211.80	-	0.00%
Health Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Publication	27.30	27.30	27.30	27.30	-	0.00%
Talent Grant	83.10	83.10	83.10	83.10	-	0.00%
Transit	149.10	149.10	149.10	149.10	-	0.00%
Total Per Academic Year	\$ 740.40	\$ 746.40	\$ 746.40	\$ 746.40	\$ -	0.00%
<u>Fall or Spring Semester Per Credit Hour</u>						
Activity	\$ 4.29	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.49	\$ -	0.00%
Athletic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technology	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.68	-	0.00%
Facilities Enhancement & Life Safety	7.06	7.06	7.06	7.06	-	0.00%
Health Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Publication	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	-	0.00%
Talent Grant	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	-	0.00%
Transit	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	-	0.00%
Total Per Credit Hour	\$ 24.68	\$ 24.88	\$ 24.88	\$ 24.88	\$ -	0.00%
<u>Summer Semester Per Credit Hour</u>						

**Resolution No. 19.3/7:**

**Report No. 19.3/10: President’s Executive Institute Quarterly Update**

President Jack Thomas and Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented a power point and can be found at [PEI Presentation](#).

**Report No. 19.3/11: Academic Year 2019-2020 Strategic Plan Supplement: Draft 1**

Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented highlights from the report and stressed the importance of the supplement in the accreditation process.

**Report No. 19.3/12: Higher Learning Commission: Quality Initiative Report**

Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented documentation from the report and stressed the importance of the supplement in the accreditation process.

**Report No. 19.3/13: Higher Learning Commission: Financial Panel Analysis**

Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented the report and highlights and stressed the importance of the supplement in the accreditation process.

**Report No. 19.3/14: Western Illinois University’s Air University-Associate to Baccalaureate Completion Program Application**

Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented the application for the AU-ABC.

**Report No. 19.3/15: Commission on College Nursing Education (CCNE) Information Request**

Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented the CCNE application and academic affairs indicated that accreditation is still intact despite layoffs and budget challenges, and enrollment continues to grow.

**Report No. 19.3/16: Illinois Innovation Network**

Senior Vice President Joe Rives presented a power point.

**Resolution No. 19.3/8: Calendar Year 2020 Board Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve. Trustee Dolieslager seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha M.J. Lang	Yes
Trustee Nick Padgett	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Jackie Thompson	Yes

Motion carried.

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**WHEREAS** the Vice Presidents, Budget Director, B

Trustee Jackie Thompson      Yes

Motion carried.

Entered closed session at 2:17 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting: June 13-14, 2019 – WIU-QC

**ADJOURN ACTION**

Chair called for a voice call to adjourn the meeting of the Board. All were in favor and none opposed.

Trustee Greg Aguilar, Chair  
Kerry McBride, Business Administrative Associate to the Board

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