

BOARD OF TRUSTEES of WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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INTRODUCTION

The laws of the State of Illinois (*Illinois Compiled Statutes, 110 ILCS 690/35*) establish the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University. The Board of Trustees has the authority and responsibility to operate, manage, control, and maintain Western Illinois University.

These Bylaws are intended to provide clarity regarding how the Board conducts its business.

As the final institutional authority, the Board entrusts the coordination and management of the University to the President with the understanding that provisions shall be made for advisory participation by the faculty, staff, and students in university decision-making.

The Board philosophically emphasizes that it endorses the principle of shared governance within the framework of its Regulations.

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SECTION V.

AGENDAS (continued)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Executive Session
3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
4. Chairperson s Remarks
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Academic & Student Services Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Audit Committee, and
 - d. Presidential Evaluation and Assessment Committee
6. Adhoc Committee Reports
7. President

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SECTION VII.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (continued)

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SECTION VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS (continued)

C. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

1. Sign, with the Chair of the Board, all contracts approved by the Board, except in those instances wherein the Board, by regulation, has authorized the Secretary to designate or has otherwise designated persons to sign in the name of or on behalf of the Secretary.
2. Certify vouchers for disbursement of State appropriations or delegate such authority to others.
3. Carry out such other functions as the Board shall assign or as may be required by law.

D. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

1. Be a member of the staff of Western Illinois University.
2. Keep the financial records of Western Illinois University.
3. Furnish proof of insurance or a bond in such amount as the Board may require from time to time, but not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
4. Carry out such other functions as the Board shall assign or as may be required by law.

SECTION IX. COMMITTEES

A. The Chair of the Board shall have the power to appoint committee members and chairs to standing committees. The following are standing committees of the Board:

1. Academic & Student Services Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Audit Committee
4. Presidential Evaluation and Assessment Committee

Ad hoc committees may be established by action of the Board. Ad hoc committees will follow the same procedure for formation, constituency, and schedule as standing committees.

B. The Chair of each committee shall call its meetings, preside over its proceedings, and report its actions to the Board. In all other respects the Chair shall have no greater authority than any other member of the committee.

C. The Board Chair and the President shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members of all Board committees.

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SECTION IX. COMMITTEES (continued)

- D. Committee meetings will be as necessary.
- E. It is intended that committees will consider issues scheduled for public meetings and as deemed appropriate.
- F. Representatives of the Board to serve on other boards, commissions, and similar bodies shall be designated as required by statute. In the absence of statutory requirements, they shall be appointed by the Board Chair, with approval of a majority of the Board, at the annual meeting or at such other meetings as may be appropriate.

SECTION X. ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF BYLAWS

Following the initial adoption, the bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any regular meeting of the Board by a majority vote of the total voting membership of the Board, provided that written notice containing insofar as possible the exact wording of each bylaw to be adopted, amended, or repealed shall have been presented at the regular meeting of the Board.