

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Retreat
July 11-12, 2013

July 11, 2013 – Campus Tour and Dinner/Retreat at University Art Gallery, WIU-Macomb

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WIU Year in Review

What was interesting/exciting/terrific this past year? Proud of?

High level of voting by students for Student Trustee

Corbin/Olson opening. WIU remains affordable. Locked in tuition and board.

Basketball team. Wall in front of the Alumni House. Things are improving.

Engineering program successes. Change in communication – going public with the budget issues

Corbin/Olson, Thompson, 3-D Art Center, Chemistry Lab and related benefits to students from facilities

The Board reviewed the Mutual Expectations of the Board of Trustees and Statement of Mutual Expectations.

Discussed the importance of cohesiveness

The Board Chair is the spokesperson for the Board if questions arise. Trustees pass on questions to the Board Chair for her to handle as appropriate.

Discussed overall communication strategies and procedures

Talked about Divergers and how to handle those types of individuals in groups

Discussed Open Meetings: what can be discussed in person or email. More than two Trustees

Self-supporting agencies on campus. Trying to turn those entities around. Have to decide what we are going to do.

Biennial Audit of Human Resources. Many thanks to Trustee Cole for his service on the Merit Board.

Policies on campus. Some are old. Will be going through all the policies to do an update.

New director in public safety

Provost and Academic Vice President Ken Hawkinson

Many good things happening at WIU regardless of budget

Faculty research is continuing to happen

Continuing to move forward in identifying signature programs

Faculty and staff receiving the PAA Awards

Looking at scenarios

Best case – how would we use additional revenue

Worst case – program reviews, department consolidation, consider moving out outsourcing services, reduction of services to student and to staff, educational changes, increase in the cost of attendance (greater than normal)

Budget Director Matt Bierman handed out budget sce8

