

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tere North: 1. What decisions might Interim President Abraham need to make that could not be made remotely by the BOT? 2. Where does the search stand? 3. Would the Board consider offering more frequent meetings?

Jamari Brown: Has not been physically at WIU since March 6. Believes that he should be afforded a refund for dining and housing. Needs the funds to pay for next semester.

James Soto: Will WIU students receive some sort of refund or compensation?

Aliyah Gomez: Concern is receiving a refund for meal plan and housing during COVID-19 pandemic.

Diamond Jones: Requesting a permit of reimbursement for mandatory dining fees. The transition back to home from campus has been strenuous.

Sakima Walker: Uwf gpw'lj qwf 'tgegkxg'c'tghwpf 'ltqo 'vj g'wpxgtuk{ 'f gur kv'vj ku'dgkpi 'pqdqf {ø'hcwn0

Jaylene White: Asked if she be receiving any type of refund or compensation for leaving campus and losing her job on campus?

Ruth Kelly: Appreciates the need to stay on top of the crisis facing the world. Addressed the need for the community of Macomb and WIU working together. Challenged the Board to reconsider the need to continue the search for a President. Has the search committee been appointed? Who are constituent members? Has a firm been contracted? How much will this cost? What is a timeline? Will a search be possible with social distancing? Urged the Board to reconsider the appointment of Dr. Abraham as the 12th President of WIU.

Hailie Meyer: Students should be allowed housing and dining refunds.

Antavia Adams: Requested a meal plan and room refund.

Heavenly Hines: Students should receive refunds for housing and dining since they have not been on campus since spring break.

Ryan Burgess: Believes students should be refunded room and board since classes are online.

Shelby Davin: It is of utmost importance to consider student requests for refunds for room and board and other fees. Students are paying for things they cannot utilize (meal plans, health insurance, room charges, portions of tuition).

Cassandra Richards: Moving online in the face of the pandemic was unavoidable but it is of the utmost importance of WIU to help students during this governmental overload.

Pamela Stokes: Respectfully requests a refund for meal plans and prorated housing refunds.

Kassandra Aguirre: Any money that would be used for online instruction could be kept by WIU but believes any funds used for dining or residence halls should be refunded.

Sheanna Kirk: Stud.14 89.90404 Tf

the Interim President who has been navigating through some very difficult decisions. There was no intent to abdicate Board responsibilities over personnel, expenditures, procurement or any other major decisions. We intended to transfer operation decision making temporarily to the Interim President. Our Resolution was nearly identical to that which was passed by the BOT at NIU. It was not long after the Resolution was posted that we realized that our intent and the interpretation of the language of the Resolution were at odds. We had prepared an amendment that specified the specific operational authority that we intended but the amendment needed more legal tweaking before we could move forward so the meeting was canceled. As I looked at the Resolution through the lens of our most recent history I realized why people were nervous. I apologize for not being more attentive to the intersection between purpose and perception. Our BOT regulations delegate much less authority to the President than most of our sister institutions. We require more active Board involvement in decision making than most. This would embolden shared governance but during an emergency it is problematic. At Illinois State University they delegate nearly all authority to its President. At WIU the Board approves tenure, promotion, contracts, personnel matters and many other components of governance. At ISU, after delineating the broad

of shared governance, it also means that our President is restrained and makes our response in a crisis less nimble than in universities where more authority is delegated to the President. This is not a call to change our system bu(e Pr)7003110ET82.1q0.0000

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Trustee Patrick Twomey	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
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