

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 6, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 9:01 a.m. in the President's Conference Room Sherman Hall 205 in Macomb. Chair Radosh presided.

Trustee Brown moved to convene to open session. Trustee Aguilar seconded the motion.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried.

**ATTENDANCE**

Several members attended remotely due to a March 16, 2020 temporary suspension of certain Open Meetings Act requirements by Governor Pritzker in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension states that,

- A Public body may convene a properly noticed meeting with any number of members physically present, or no members physically present, as long as the total participating members constitutes a quorum; and
- No specific reason or vote to allow for the remote participation is required.

Board Chair Polly Radosh (Sherman 205)

Trustee Greg Aguilar (QCC 3420A)

Trustee Justin Brown (Remote)

Trustee Erik Dolieslager (Remote)

Trustee Kisha Lang (Remote)

Trustee Doug Shaw (Remote)

Trustee Carin Stutz (Remote)

Trustee Patrick Twomey (Remote)

Advisory Group Representatives present:

Joe Roselieb – President, Council of Administrative Personnel – Macomb & Quad Cities

Steve Whan – President, Civil Service Employees Council – Macomb & Quad Cities

Christopher Pynes – Chair, Faculty Senate – Macomb

Colton Markey – President, Student Government Association – Macomb



because it is not Trustee Radosh's job to do that. Twomey said the minutes would be the same in June and Stutz said it is an issue of accuracy and not who authored them. Duvall clarified that the Board Secretary would keep minutes and Lang asked why Radosh would have written the minutes this time. No further discussion was held and Radosh called for a vote.

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With the housing fee added onto the Quad Cities campus, how exactly is this defined? A vast majority of our Quad Cities students live at home or in the surrounding community that stretches across to Iowa. These students choose to live where they do and where they can afford it. Many attend the QC campus because we had these opportunities, in addition to options of taking care of families and keeping our local jobs. We have students who still work at the same place they did in high school. Living locally is an advantage to the WIU QC Campus because of its options to work part-time or full time, take care of our families, keep our jobs, and still be a Leatherneck. We are worried that our current and future students would not benefit much, nor think it is fair to pay a housing fee if we are not using it. Can we ask if Macomb students who live at home or off-campus apartments are paying housing fees?

With the athletic fee charged to the Quad Cities campus, we do not find that expense to be fair to our QC students. We understand the logic with wanting to include sporting events in the Quad Cities area, but the athletic activities are not in the QC, nor does the QC have athletic teams. QC students would not have an equal opportunity to either participate or attend events.

An additional concern was how would one general fund be created with additional fees, fees the QC does not pay now, benefit this campus as a whole? This concept leads us to believe we will be the beneficiaries of other funds we do not currently receive - what are they, and how would they be applied? We understood the approach to bring in more money for both campus' in the next four years. However, the new fees for QC students for services would not be accessible for some time and would not be interpreted as a benefit or attractive to current and new students. If students want a traditional campus life, the Quad Cities has over seven colleges/universities within 70 miles. We do not feel this proposal provides an equal opportunity for equal benefits, and strongly feel this motive would drive future potential students elsewhere.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Student Government Association Quad Cities

Jacob Cox- President

Marissa Kletke- Vice President

Priscilla Porter- Attorney General

Caroline Davis- Chief of Staff

Mari Nedic- Senator at-large

Kaleb Rorbakken- Senator at-large

**Mary Warnock**-Would like the Board to suspend the search for Presidency to save money because WIU has a stellar candidate.

**David Egler**-Discourages the Board from conducting a national search given the economic situation and suggests giving Dr. Abraham a contract and do a search in a few years.

**Bill Thompson**-The WIU Advising staff has done a good job advising students during the pandemic. Asked the following questions: What will WIU lose due to the decrease in the Fine Arts fee and will the new QC fees stay in the QC, When is the Board projecting a possible payroll issue, What is the membership group for Fall 2020 being kept secret, What have we learned from the experiment in remote learning, Which public universities offer a Presidential bonus, Why were the Advisors not consulted before their working conditions were altered, What metrics would be used to determine when it is safe to open campus, Why employees have not been reimbursed for supplies to teach remotely and why

increased bandwidth has been outsourced to faculty and advisors, Stated that there are many factors to be



## **CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Dr. Christopher Pynes – Chair, Faculty Senate: Highlighted what Faculty have done since COVID-19 protocols have been put in place. Pass/Fail policy implemented so that the students are not harmed where students may choose to pass/fail. There is a modified final exam schedule so students have more access

increase 50% for QC students and we would like to know what they will be receiving. QC students have been promised services in the past and they did not materialize. This is not about QC vs Macomb but rather in asking leadership to follow their stated vision of access and affordability for ALL students.

**Joe Roselieb – President, Council of Administrative Personnel:** Expressed excitement on Commencement week and that students have been flexible and have excelled. Could not meet to consent to the agenda so COAP cannot consent or not consent at this time. COAP did some constitutional changes to align with the new structure and changed the terms of service from two years to one with the option for a second year of service to encourage service. Elections were held for officers in newly created positions and representatives with the following results:

Lisa Melz-Jennings will be an area representative for Enrollment Management  
Sara Lytle is the incoming Vice President  
Paul Bubb will represent the President’s Area  
Christie Reynolds will represent Student Services

Spring Professional Development Scholarship awarded to Rebel Mickelson. The Spring Forum will be this Friday, May 8 and Interim President Abraham will answer questions from COAP members.

**Steve Whan – President, Civil Service Employees Council:** Spring Luncheon was cancelled but plans for a Fall Luncheon will move forward. Employee of the Month is on hold until we all return to campuses. Elections will be held next week for officers. Thanked administrators for leadership during COVID as

well as the Faculty (see Table 2) and the Staff (see Table 3) who served the community during this time. The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Board Room. The meeting will be held in person and will be open to the public. For more information, please contact the Office of the President at (517) 232-3100 or the Office of the Vice President at (517) 232-3101.



Athletics were approved to keep things consistent and students proposed these cuts as elected representatives for campus.

Trepac indicated that the SGA requested data and spent a great deal of time making a difficult decision to make a sacrifice in order to keep things affordable.

Trustee Aguilar asked why QC students were not at the table for the decision.

Trustee Brown stated that the Macomb SGA was involved voting on Macomb fees, and was unsure as to how much involvement there was for QC SGA, but assus(C)-6. 50.239 0 Td ( )Tj 8 Bs0cbs ttJhd(i)-4.7(n60 Td ( )r3

Trustee Aguilar asked if a vote in favor of Tuition, will that affect the Student Cost Guarantee or are









Discussion on the motion to table was held and Trustee Stutz suggested a special meeting before June so this can move forward. Brown said it could move forward with simply adding the extra fees to the Board Regulations and would prevent students from waiting on the university's decision on fees from going to other institutions.

Lang said it does not make sense to her to cut a program that is being built up by the state.

Trustee Twomey believes the detriment of waiting outweighs the vote.

Abraham said a vote to table would be a no vote.

Stutz asked where everyone aligns, seeking clarification if everyone agrees there should be an increase in fees.


Roll Call

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Trustee Justin Brown	No
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	No
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	No
Trustee Patrick Twomey	No

Motion failed.

Vote on the approval of Resolution 20.5/3

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	No
Trustee Justin Brown	Yes 
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	No
Trustee Kisha Lang	No

**Resolution 20.5/4: Ratification of 2019-2020 FOP Contract**

Assoc. Vice President for Budget and Finance, CFO Letisha Trepac and Director of Human Resources  
Amelia Hartnett



Chair Radosh read the Resolution.

Trustee Twomey moved to approve Resolution 20.5/6: Authorization to Use Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue. Trustee Stutz seconded the motion.

Trepac stated this is a planning measure and is not intended to be used. This would be used only as necessary. There are two cash flow sources: Unrestricted and Restricted. Restricted cash flow source is tuition and unrestricted cash flow source is Auxiliary Facilities System where the revenue generated

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Patrick Twomey	Yes

Motion passed.

**Resolution 20.5/7: Authorization to Negotiate a Contract Extension for Interim President Martin Abraham**

Board Chair Polly Radosh and Chair of Board Finance Committee Carin Stutz



Trustee Justin Brown	Yes
Trustee Erik Dolieslager	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Patrick Twomey	Yes

Motion passed.

Vote on Resolution 20.5/8:

Roll Call

Trustee Greg Aguilar	Yes
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**ADJOURN ACTION**

Trustee Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 1:56 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shaw.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Trustee Polly Radosh, Chair  
Nicky Friedrichsen, Administrative Assistant to the Board