

Western Illinois University  
Board of Trustees  
Academic and Student Services Committee

November 4, 2005

Committee Members Present: Trustee Lorraine Epperson (Chair), Trustee Carolyn J. Ehlert, Trustee Christopher M. Thomas, Vice President for Student Services W. Garry Johnson and Provost and Academic Vice President Joseph C. Rallo

Committee Member Absent: Trustee George J. Guzzardo

Also Present: Trustee William L. Epperly, President Alvin Goldfarb (*Ex-Officio*), Trustee J. Michael Houston (*Ex-Officio*), Legal Counsel Bruce J. Biagini and Administrative Assistant to the Board Kerry L. Yadgar

Guest Speakers: Pat Sartore (Director of Beu Health Center)

Trustee Lorraine Epperson called the meeting of the Academic and Student Services Committee to order at 9:55 A.M. in the Capitol Rooms of the University Union, WIU-Macomb. She

Vice President Johnson asked Director of Beu Health Center Pat Sartore to join him for the update on our student health insurance program. He noted the program continues to be very successful. After settling the end-of-the-year transactions, he transferred \$700,000 to the reserve fund. We are now prepared to transfer an additional \$300,000 which will bring the fund up to \$1 million. We will not transfer any further funds until we see how we are at the end of this year. We are excited to be able to report the progress. Pat is doing a great job of managing the program on this end and we continue to be very, very pleased with the work of HCH.

Ms. Sartore distributed a hand-out that summarized data for the FY2004 year and information on current claim activities July - October. We have over 7,000 students enrolled in the health insurance program. Our participation seems to increase annually and that is to our advantage. The students do not always get their claims submitted in a timely manner, and the claim numbers for July and August indicate that. There was a huge influx of claims in July and August. It does make it look as if we have had a tremendous outlay in those two months.

Our conservative projection for this year is that we will end with no less than a half million in excess. If we do, then we will be right on course. Our reserve fund will be solid and we can discuss how we might want to move ahead. The program is working.

Vice President Johnson noted that our goal from the beginning was to try to make certain that we stabilize as much as possible our health insurance costs for students. We believe that with the Board's support we have been able to do that. When we get to the March meeting we will discuss at that point in time if we



classroom learning to out-of-class activities like civic engagement and community service. Students I have spoken to tell me they really enjoy the experience and the ability to have a small liberal arts feel to those classes as they introduce themselves to the campus. We will be back to the Board in the spring with a little tweaking, but it will remain much as we have been doing this semester.

Vice President Johnson stated that there will be an ongoing evaluation and solicitation of student feedback on how things are going and of ideas they have to improve the program.

Provost Rallo added that we have the program embedded into the academic curriculum. The FYE classes are part of our general education classes. Many other campuses have used them as a separate class and we chose not to go down that road. It is an expectation of the class, in addition to the FYE portion, that the students read the selected text and participate in campus discussions. It is difficult to tell how many have actually read the book, but we are setting that expectation.

Vice President Johnson said they have just finished interviews for the Director of Disability Support Services. By next week we should be able to name a new director. When that person arrives on campus we will bring them to a Board meeting so you can meet them.

We will also begin the process of searching for a Director of Admissions. Former Director Karen Helmers agreed to come back for this year. Karen has done another outstanding job. We will also begin searching for a Director of Beu Health Center. Pat has retired and has also come back to serve this year to make certain that our self insurance program gets started on the right foot.

We mentioned the possibility of a January Board meeting to address both the elevator and sprinkler systems in order to get those projects moving forward. At the same time we will probably be asking that the Board approve our Auxiliary Facilities Bond Resolution so that we

There being no further business to come before the Academic and Student Services Committee, a motion was made and duly processed to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

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