



## **Minutes of June 2, 2006, Board Meeting**

Motion carried. The Board convened to Executive Session at 11:29 A.M.

Following Executive Session the Board reconvened in open session at 12:35 P.M.

The following Trustees were present to answer roll call:

Trustee Robert J. Cook  
Trustee Carolyn J. Ehlert  
Trustee William L. Epperly  
Trustee Donald W. "Bill" Griffin  
Trustee J. Michael Houston  
Trustee Steven L. Nelson  
Trustee Christopher M. Thomas

Absent: Trustee George J. Guzzardo

Also present for the open meeting of the Board of Trustees:

President Alvin Goldfarb  
Legal Counsel Bruce J. Biagini  
Board Treasurer and Vice President for Administrative Services Jacqueline K. Thompson  
Administrative Assistant to the Board Kerry L. Yadgar  
Associate Provost and Associate Academic Vice President Barbara A. Baily  
Vice President for Student Services W. Garry Johnson  
Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Daniel L. Hendricks

Advisory Group Representatives present:

Student Government Association President – Macomb, Bridget Early  
Student Government Association Vice President – Quad Cities, Ed Price  
Faculty Senate Chair – Macomb, Steven Rock

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE/RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN (CONTINUED)**

reconvened to provide further recommendations and input to ensure that the implementation is consistent with the approved plan.

The campus will be a benefit to the Quad Cities area. It is estimated that the annual economic impact of the current campus is \$10 million. When we double enrollment and strengthen our academic program, we will have an annual economic impact of over \$50 million. When the new facility is open there will be access to a four-year institution. This is the second largest metropolitan area in the United States currently without access to such a facility. This four-year institution will definitely have an impact on the quality of life within the region.

Dr. Rives assured the Board they will continue to receive updates in the monthly Strategic Plan Updates on implementation of *Vision 2020*. He gave special thanks to Committee Co-Chair Bill Brewer of the Physical Plant and Dr. Clerc who assisted and encouraged the development of the plan.

Chair Houston thanked Dr. Rives for all of his work and effort in putting the plan together and bringing the vision to the Board. He also thanked Trustee Carolyn Ehlert for her part in pushing the idea forward. She was the person who arranged for President Goldfarb to be present in a meeting at John Deere where he convinced them that this would be a very good investment for the Quad Cities and surrounding region. This is a long-term building process; it will not happen overnight. He expressed a special thanks to Senator Jacobs for his help in getting the planning funds released. It is up to the area legislators to carry our message to Springfield and make this happen in terms of construction funding.

When the Board hired President Goldfarb, the Board told him that the Quad Cities campus development was a very important part of the job he was taking on. This is something that could be his legacy. He also has done an excellent job.

Today is a very exciting day for the Board. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, you all have done an excellent job. We now have the planning money and the important thing is to get the planning done and then free up the construction money. Nothing is going to happen until we have the dollars to build this campus.

Trustee Ehlert noted that the whole project is the result of a fantastic community effort. Many, many people have put a lot of work into this, have had vision and been excited to get us to this point and to where we are today.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting were approved via unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Since we met last March on the Macomb campus the Illinois General Assembly has concluded their session and approved a budget which provides a modest increase in state support to Western for the first time in several years. While state funding is still well below the appropriations to

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**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS (CONTINUED)**

Western four years ago and which did not include the \$2.7 million we now pay in real dollars toward employee health insurance, funding is now moving in the right direction.

We can only hope both the economy and state budget resources for education, and in particular for higher education, continue to improve.

Our June meeting has traditionally been held in the Quad Cities since this facility opened. Last night we did have a chance to meet with representatives of the Quad Cities and thank them in person for their strong support for expansion of the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. The Riverfront Campus will have a significant affect on both WIU and the Quad Cities. In addition to increasing the educational opportunities of the people of the region, it will have a significant economic impact and enhance the quality of life in the region.

I want to thank trustees for participating in several

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The agenda items that were discussed this morning show that this has been a very good year for Western Illinois University. There have been a lot of exciting things that have occurred. You see the planning going on for the Quad Cities and we are pleased to have the release of \$2.4 million to begin the architecture and engineering work on our first facility here. The release of the planning money for the Performing Arts Center has also generated a good deal of excitement as well. That \$4 million is also to begin the architecture and engineering work. Dean Paul Kreider is working with a committee to start the QBS process (a state bidding process used in accordance with the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act 30 ILCS 535) to choose the architect. We are pleased and thankful to the Governor for releasing funds for both of those projects so we can begin.

Memorial Hall renovation is underway. That work is beginning as we move people out of the building. The Multicultural Center, the renovation to Hanson Field, residence hall sprinkler systems, and the recreation center are all projects that are underway. It is a remarkable time at the University in terms of what is occurring.

We recently dedicated the new baseball stadium and Vice President Johnson talked about the outstanding season our baseball team had this year. They won the most games in their history in a single season and made it to the Mid-Con championships.

We have completed salary equity reviews and distribution for civil service and administrative and professionals. We are pleased and appreciate the hard work that was done by Institutional Research, the Budget Office and Human Resources to make that happen.

There have been wonderful national recognitions for the institution. The most recent was in the *Princeton Review* who recognized WIU as a Best Value Undergraduate Institution. That is a remarkable accomplishment and speaks to the outstanding quality of our academic programs and our commitment to remaining an affordable institution.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) chose our First Year Experience (FYE) program as one of three or four statewide best practices across the state at all universities. We have gotten very good and very significant statewide attention for that program.

As Trustee Cook mentioned, it has been a long time in getting our Doctoral program here and we do have our first Doctoral class in progress. When I and Amy Spelman toured Chicago doing alumni events, we showed a picture of the first class so everyone could see that we actually have students enrolled and the program is underway. We are extremely pleased about that.

We also have received media recognition for proposing our new nursing program. We are pushing vigorously to see if we can get that program approved by IBHE in a year from this time.

You have seen the report on our new academic programs. I am pleased we are seeing those kinds of movements on the academic side—Emergency Management, Telecommunications, and Forensic Chemistry.

I am also pleased that very quickly we implemented, thanks to Janice Owens and Vice President Hendricks' area, the new full-cost Trustee Fellowships. Those are in place and we have chosen our first ten students to receive those full-ride scholarships. Within four years, we will have forty of those in place. That is a very important endeavor for the institution as well.

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (CONTINUED)

As you know, we held our conference on Access, Opportunity and Affordability co-hosted with the U.S. Department of Education. That gave us great visibility here in the Quad Cities as well as nationally. I was very pleased with the outcome of that conference. Thanks to Dr. Joe Rives for helping put together the final report that we sent to the U.S. Department of Education.

We continue to work with our local communities in a variety of ways. In Macomb we are working with the Community University Partnership Program (CUPP) in trying to deal with some of the issues confronting many campuses—including, how we work with local neighborhoods in terms of improvements; how we deal with some of the student fighting issues that occur on campus and within the community; and, how we deal with many of our law enforcement issues. We have a venue where those conversations are going on and that is extremely important.

You can see from last night's reception our interaction with the Quad Cities community and the hard work we are doing with Renew Moline and the Chamber and our desire to become good community members here as well.

On a personal note, I recently completed another successful New York trip. I know it was successful because I took 50 people to New York and brought back the same 50 people. We saw seven shows and did a great deal of touring around the city. Joe Rives got me invited to do a presentation at the Association for Institutional Research where I was on a President's Panel with three other presidents who were from the Chicago area. I had to remind everyone that Western Illinois University is not in the Chicago area. It was a wonderful conference and a wonderful way for us to talk about how we are trying to move some of the institutional research work forward and how presidents can work within the area of institutional research.

Amy Spelman did an outstanding job of organizing a week-long series of alumni events that I attended in Chicago. It was a great opportunity to interact with our alumni.

Elaine and I have continued to host numerous events at the residence. Sometimes we've hosted events at the residence without our being there. We are doing one of those next week and Amy will be hosting that for us.

Most of you know that I will be traveling to China tomorrow. I will be there with three other presidents of U.S. universities speaking to 200 - 300 Chinese university administrators in Xian.

Finally, I want to thank two people for their hard work in terms of working with this Board. I know there will be resolutions honoring them later, but I would be remiss if I did not personally thank Chris Thomas for his work as an outstanding student trustee. I give him a lot of grief on the university he has chosen to go to law school and on what baseball teams he supports, but despite that he has shown a great deal of respect and is a remarkable student spokesperson for WIU students. He asks excellent questions and it is evident that he really cares about what the Board is doing and what the administration is doing in order to make the lives of students better. Chris is going to be a great loss to us. We look forward to working with Blake and I know he, too, will be a great student to work with.

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### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Senate Bill 2312 added an additional student member to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The new member is a nontraditional undergraduate student.

There were a couple of additional bills passed not allowing smoking in residence halls and Western currently does not allow smoking in residence halls.

Most of you have heard about the Governor's proposal dealing with K-12 school reform. The only component I want to mention is the \$1.5 billion for school construction. Obviously, that could have an impact on the overall funding of Capital in the state. It remains to be seen what will happen with the reform package. Speaker Madigan has sent out letters to all representatives on both sides indicating the program needs to be looked at very carefully and that there are concerns that need to be addressed.

Trustee Cook asked about the chances for the state to get a Capital bill through the veto session.

Dave replied that as of yesterday, there were no discussions taking place about regular Capital funding. The fact that we have done a significant amount of bonding in the state makes a lot of legislators hesitant. Particularly this year, members are recognizing that we can't go without Capital funding forever. It is not just higher education who is hurting, but it is correctional facilities, mental health facilities and others. I think something will happen in the fall veto session.

Trustee Thomas asked about the new IBHE student board member. How is that student chosen?

Dave noted that the Governor appoints the new member. There will be two student members now appointed by the Governor, but one will be a nontraditional undergraduate student.

Trustee Epperly asked about WIU having two student representatives with one from the Quad Cities.

Dave answered that he and Chris have had discussions and feel the bill would best be floated in the spring session next year rather than the veto session. I don't think sponsors will be a problem. Representative Verschoore and Senator Jacobs are already aware that we might be pursuing this.

Trustee Thomas added that he and Dave will get together in the next couple of weeks and talk about it and will include other members of the Board so that everyone is aware.

Trustee Epperly asked about the sale of the student loan portfolio and is there a portion of that money being considered for energy conservation projects?

Dave noted that depending on how big of a sale they do, they could use the money for a variety of things. What the presidents helped ensure is that if there is a sale there is a certain specific amount that will continue to be provided in terms of ISAC MAP grants. But they could sell \$400 million to \$3 billion and there have been a lot of different projects talked about in terms of what they can do with the money.

Trustee Epperly replied that WIU should be positioned so if and when that sale might happen we could be ready with projects.



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### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)**

President Goldfarb stated that the university presidents did discuss their desire for support of other higher education projects or other higher education issues as well.

Dave said there is a commitment from the Governor's Office to ensure that higher education benefits from the sale. What goes beyond that will be up to the Governor's Office and General Assembly.

In response to another question, Dave noted that as part of the agreement the buyer who will service the loans cannot change the loan terms. In other words, terms would be no less favorable for the students than they are currently.

Trustee Thomas added that in terms of the new

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### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Faculty Senate (Continued)**

recommendations to the Senate during the next academic year. Their progress report is also on the Senate web site.

The Senate also: recommended some clarifications to the Policy on (review of) Academic Deans; approved a change in the bylaws to add a second student representative to the Council on Admissions, Graduation, and Academic Standards (responding to a request by the Student Government Association); held a reception for faculty emeriti retiring since fall 2004; completed the annual President/Provost review which is available on our web site for the campus community; and re-elected the current Executive Committee members to serve for another year.

#### **Student Government Association – Bridget Early, President**

Here are some of the things that SGA has accomplished since the March Board meeting:

1. **Elections:** SGA held elections in April and elected new leaders to our executive positions.
2. **Outdoor Movie:** SGA, along with University Union Board, Inter-Hall Council, Panhellenic Council, and Interfraternity Council, hosted an outdoor movie on Vince Grady Field to give Macomb students a late-night, non-alcoholic alternative.
3. **Off-Campus Guide:** SGA has been working with the Student Tenant Union to publish an off-campus guide that will be available for students when they arrive on campus in the fall.

Student Government Association is also working on developing a plan that will take us through the academic year. In accordance with the strategic plan, SGA would like to extend an offer to any trustee, administrator, faculty, or staff that would be interested in working with SGA in the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact our new Trustee Blake Antonides, or SGA President Bridget Early.

#### **Civil Service Employees Council – Lois Retherford, Representative**

We would like to thank Krista Skien, Chris Schaill, Robin Wilt, and Janet Koll as outgoing members for their time and service to the Civil Service Employees Council and welcome Suzanne Boussaard, Kathy Barrett, Paul Carrigan, Richard Hamilton, and Jamie Shuda as newly seated members at our May meeting.

Newly elected officers are Rick Williams, President; Greg Phelps, Vice President; Anne Whited, Secretary; and Kevin Morgan, Treasurer.

Deanna Stambaugh was the Civil Service Employee for the month of March.

Connie Scarbrough was the Civil Service Employee for the month of April.

Community Service and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the Civil Service Employees Council's annual Employee Service Recognition Reception held April 26.

The Civil Service Employees Council Scholarship Committee awarded six, \$750 Civil Service dependant scholarships in May to Wes Bahr, Michele Detrick, Blaine Pestle, Lindsay Battles,

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### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### Civil Service Employees Council (Continued)

Jonathan Myers, and Heather Harkey. We would like to thank President Goldfarb again for his personal contribution that allows us to give an additional scholarship.

The Social Events and Development Committee held a raffle and made an additional \$900 to add to the scholarship fund.

The Council would like to thank President Goldfarb for meeting with Civil Service employees in the open forum meetings.

#### Executive Summary – Quad Cities Advisory Groups

As the chair of the executive committee of the Western Illinois University-QC Faculty Council, Dr. Emeric Solymossy reviewed the Board of Trustees June meeting packet. The Faculty Council has vested interest in the success of Western Illinois University, shares the Board's commitment to shared governance, and accepts our responsibilities for contributing to the success of *Higher Values in Higher Education*. We appreciate the request for active participation and the opportunity to comment on the issues being considered at the June meeting. We are mindful that many of the items are outside of our sphere of involvement and expertise, and will restrict our comments to those only pertinent items.

1. Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Master Plan (Resolution No 06.6/12)
  - We appreciate the extra effort that was extended to solicit input from all constituents of the Quad Cities programs, and are encouraged by the progress and endorsements the Master Plan is receiving from all stakeholders.
  - We are especially thankful for all parties' enthusiastic lobbying efforts to assure the release of construction funding for both the performing arts center and the Quad Cities campus expansion.
2. FY 2007 Preliminary Spending Plan
  - We are heartened that the preliminary budgets do not reflect spending cuts, and trust that spending will focus on programs that have a direct impact on furthering the strategic objectives and programs for both campuses.
3. New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities
  - While this is outside of our customary sphere of involvement, we note that the attachment to Resolution 06.6/5 lacks cl

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### ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Faculty Council – Emeric Solymossy, Chair**

principal focus of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Faculty Council is to address issues impacting academic programs and their delivery in the Quad Cities. A secondary, but significant benefit of the Council is the promotion of inter-departmental communication, cooperation and faculty enhancement opportunities. It should be noted that close coordination with Associate Provost Clerc was one of the primary initiatives of 2004-2005 was retained for the 2005-2006 year (and endures as a principal goal). This cooperation has enabled measurable accomplishments and increased cooperation. Without Associate Provost Clerc's assistance, many of the initiatives would not have been realized.

The principal goal for 2005-2006 year was enhancing the cooperation among University constituents at the Quad Cities campus. This goal has been achieved. In addition, major accomplishments of the 2005-2006 year resulted from Faculty Council involvement/action, including:

- High levels of involvement (averaging over 30% of Quad Cities' faculty attending council meetings).
- Curtailing, changing and enhancing distance delivery methods (CODEC).
- Extending the hours during which students may get assistance from Student Services.
- Systematizing computer lab scheduling processes, allowing faculty to schedule classes using the computer labs more effectively and efficiently.
- Enhanced faculty development support; weekly on-site presence of faculty development for both workshops and individualized assistance.
- Obtaining dry-erase white boards in every classroom (to allow simultaneous use of projection and white board use).
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### Roll Call:

Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent

Motion carried. The following resolutions were approved by the Board.

### **Release of March 10, 2006, Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University has reviewed the minutes of the executive session to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to all or part of the minutes:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves for public disclosure at this time the following executive session minutes:

March 10, 2006

### **Resolution No. 06.6/2: Purchases of \$500,000 or More**

**WHEREAS** the University has a need to have a solid waste removal and recycling program for the Macomb campus; and,

**WHEREAS** the University requires the professional services of an engineering/architectural firm to design the residence halls sprinkler project; and,

**WHEREAS** the above mentioned projects have been administered in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, and Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act and all other pertinent statutes and rules:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the contracting for the refuse



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**Resolution No. 06.6/2: Purchases of \$500,000 or More (Continued)**



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**Resolution No. 06.6/5: New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities (Continued)**

Student Programs and Services	\$354,100	\$ 55,061	\$ 45,900	\$400,000
Instructional Resources and Services	\$425,000	\$ 3,149	\$ 50,000	\$475,000
University Stores and Service Centers	\$850,000	\$ 96,340	\$ 0	\$850,000
University Publications	\$ 26,625	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,625
Sponsored Credit	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Parking Operations	\$ 40,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 40,000
University Services	\$ 70,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$100,000
Transit	\$ 32,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 32,500

**Parking Lots**

Parking Operation	\$1,600,000	\$102,423	\$ 0	\$1,600,000
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Funded Amount  
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**Resolution No. 06.6/6: Request for New Depository**

**WHEREAS** requests for the approval of new depositories may be submitted to the Board of Trustees at any Board meeting; and,

**WHEREAS** approval of a new depository named First Federal Bank, Macomb, Illinois is being requested by the University; and,

**WHEREAS** approval for the following University positions to withdraw funds is being requested: Vice President for Administrative Services and Director of Business Services; and,

**WHEREAS** guidelines established by the President were followed:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the new depository First Federal Bank as presented.

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/7: Revision to Regulations II.C.7.c. Employee Benefits-First Reading**

**WHEREAS** the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Regulations* describe the eligibility for, and provisions of employee holidays; and,

**WHEREAS** Section II.C.7.c. of the *Regulations* describes the application of holidays to Civil Service Employees; and,

**WHEREAS** Section II.C.7.c. of the *Regulations* provides that prevailing rate craft employees will be excused for all holidays designated in their area agreements and compensated as stipulated in their area agreements, resulting in most prevailing rate craft employees not being granted holiday pay on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; and,

**WHEREAS** extending these holidays with pay to the prevailing rate craft employees would provide similar holiday benefits granted to all other Civil Service employees:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved to provide prevailing rate craft employees paid holidays on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day by revising Section II.C.7. of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Regulations*.

**Resolution No. 06.6/8: Tenure Recommendations for 2006-2007**

**WHEREAS** the attached tenure recommendations are in accordance with Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with UPI Local 4100 and applicable Board *Regulations*:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves as presented the tenure recommendations for 2006-2007.

**Resolution No. 06.6/9: New Degree Program—B.S. in Telecommunications Management**

**WHEREAS** Goal 1 of *The Illinois Commitment* states that "Illinois higher education will help Illinois sustain strong economic growth by providing students with up-to-date skills, knowledge, and learning traits to succeed in the workplace;" and,

**WHEREAS** Goal 4 of *The Illinois Commitment* states that "Illinois will increase the number and diversity of residents completing training and education programs;" and,

**WHEREAS** the University Strategic Plan, "Higher Values in Higher Education: A Plan for Western Illinois University," calls for excellence in undergraduate programs through expanded degree programs; and,

**WHEREAS** there is an occupational demand for telecommunications managers in the United States:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the request to offer the B.S. in Telecommunications Management.

**ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

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**Resolution No. 06.6/9: New Degree Program—B.S. in Telecommunications Management  
(Continued)**

**Resolution No. 06.6/9  
New Degree Program—B.S. in Telecommunications Management**

Western Illinois University proposes to offer the B.S. in Telecommunications Management. The program will be administered by the Department of Computer Science, which is housed in the College of Business and Technology.

The objective of the B.S. in Telecommunications Management degree program is to provide students with the theory, tools, technical expertise, and management know-how required to be successful in planning, designing, and managing a telecommunications environment. A foundation in computing principles, computer security, local area networks, wide area networks, network performance analysis, and distributed systems are the cornerstones of the curriculum. The Telecommunications Management degree program requires 120 semester hours to complete: 43 s.h. of general education course work, 54 s.h. of major course work in telecommunications management/computer science; a 16 s.h. minor; and 7 s.h. of open electives.

As individuals, organizations, and businesses increasingly depend on the stability and reliability of telecommunications networks and systems, the demand for individuals with a background in telecommunications management will increase. The United States Department of Labor has listed network systems and data communications analysts as being the second fastest growing occupation covered in the 2006-07 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. In addition, the Department of Labor lists the most significant source of postsecondary education or training for this occupational area to be a bachelor's degree. A

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**Resolution No. 06.6/10: Naming of New Hall (Continued)**

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote residence hall was the oldest residence hall on campus; and,

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote residence hall was razed in 1991; and,

**WHEREAS** Caroline Grote residence hall was a significant part of our residence hall and campus culture; and,

**WHEREAS** the recommendations of the University Housing and Dining Services and Inter-Hall Council, with concurring recommendation from Vice President W. Garry Johnson to President Al Goldfarb; and,

**WHEREAS** Board Regulations Section VI.C.1-5 address the naming of University property, and the naming of the residence hall for Caroline Grote is appropriate within those guidelines:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the residence hall be named the *Caroline Grote Hall*.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Resolution No. 06.6/11 Presidential Assessment**

Trustee Nelson moved to approve Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment with second by Trustee Ehlert.

Trustee Houston moved to amend the Presidential Assessment resolution with the following language that would be added to the current resolution.

**WHEREAS** the consensus of the evaluation of goal success and constituency input is that Dr. Alvin Goldfarb is providing exceptionally sound and strong leadership as President of Western Illinois University:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees formally commends Dr. Goldfarb for his diligent, innovative and proven efforts, especially during a particularly frustrating budget year, and extends to Dr. Goldfarb congratulations and appreciation for his past and continuing outstanding leadership, and accordingly, hereby authorizes the following:

**THEREFORE** be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees wishes to extend the contract with President Goldfarb, the Legal Counsel is directed to draft the extension, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute the contract with President Goldfarb. President Goldfarb is to receive an annual salary of \$243,350 per year effective July 1, 2006.

Trustee Nelson seconded the amendment.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

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### **Resolution No. 06.6/11 Presidential Assessment (Continued)**

Trustee Ehlert as Chair of the ad hoc Presidential Assessment Committee noted that the constituent groups were asked for their input in terms of Presidential performance in March. That was received and their input considered by the Board. The President also submitted to the Board his annual report on his efforts this year. The Board of Trustees has unanimously, and with great pleasure, approved the Committee's recommendation in terms of President Goldfarb's salary and contract. He has once again done a fine job and the Board is very appreciative.

Chair Houston stated that the Board is extremely pleased with the job President Goldfarb has done. He has moved the University forward. We see one result of that today with our *Vision 2020* plan for the Quad Cities Riverfront campus. We also see it on the Macomb campus as well. We see it in terms of the faculty and staff and within the students. He has been here four years and the "bloom is off the rose" so to speak. It is difficult to be in a situation that he is in and be able to maintain the leadership and get the type of feedback that our assessment committee received from all areas of the campus and community. He is an outstanding individual and has done an outstanding job for the institution. Elaine Goldfarb also has done an outstanding job in terms of coming into the community and embracing and getting involved. Thank you both for all that you have done and continue to do for the University. You have moved us forward to a degree that those of us around four years ago could not have dreamed of. We look forward to you continuing to do that.

President Goldfarb thanked the Board for the very kind words. Most of you know that I get embarrassed and, although not usually at a loss for words, at these times I really am at a loss. I want to thank for Board for the work that they do with me and for the University and for their great support. I also want to say that the things that are occurring on the campus would not be occurring without the outstanding team in place who are really willing to work together to make things happen. That includes all of our faculty, staff, and the administrative team who have a great desire to move this University forward.

The Board also knows that I have always indicated that I hope my salary increases are not any different than what we do for employees. Should there be any difference I'll donate the difference back to the institution. I really do appreciate the support and look forward to continue the progress. Elaine is an unsung hero. She deal

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**Resolution No. 06.6/11 Presidential Assessment (Continued)**

Chair Houston asked for a motion to pass the resolution as amended.

Trustee Nelson moved to approved Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment as amended. Trustee Ehlert seconded.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 06.6/11: Presidential Assessment**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees is responsible for Presidential assessment; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board Chair appointed in March, 2006, a two-member Board committee to address Presidential assessment; and,

**WHEREAS** constituency input was sought and received:

**WHEREAS** the consensus of the evaluation of goal success and constituency input is that Dr. Alvin Goldfarb is providing exceptionally sound and strong leadership as President of Western Illinois University:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees formally commends Dr. Goldfarb for his diligent, innovative and proven efforts, especially during a particularly frustrating budget year, and extends to Dr. Goldfarb congratulations and appreciation for his past and continuing outstanding leadership, and accordingly, hereby authorizes the following:

**THEREFORE** be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees wishes to extend the contract with President Goldfarb, the Legal Counsel is directed to draft the extension, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute the contract with President Goldfarb. President Goldfarb is to receive an annual salary of \$243,350 per year effective July 1, 2006.

**Resolution No. 06.6/12: Vision 2020: Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Master Plan**

Chair Houston asked for a motion to approve.

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**Resolution No. 06.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas (Continued)**

President Goldfarb presented Chris with a plaque commemorating his time on the Board. As Chair Houston pointed out, you make us all very proud to be at WIU—it is outstanding students such as yourself who make us happy to do what we do.

Roll Call

Trustee Cook	Yes
Trustee Ehlert	Yes
Trustee Epperly	Yes
Trustee Griffin	Yes
Trustee Guzzardo	Absent
Trustee Houston	Yes
Trustee Nelson	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes

Motion carried. The following resolution was approved.

**Resolution No. 06.6/13: Trustee Appreciation – Christopher M. Thomas**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Christopher M. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2004 and has completed work towards a Master of Arts degree from Western Illinois University; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has admirably served the students of Western Illinois University as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2005 and will continue to serve through June 30, 2006; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has conscientiously served the citizens of the State of Illinois as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for the period July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas served the Board of Trustees as a member of the Academic and Student Services Committee; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has brought pride to each the Board of Trustees and Western Illinois University as an active participant of the Student Government Association and an active supporter for WIU-QC Riverfront Development and the Performing Arts Center; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Thomas has served as a role model for fellow students and for student trustee peers:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Trustees extends its heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Christopher M. Thomas for the invaluable service he has provided to Western Illinois University, the Board of Trustees, and the State of Illinois as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees from July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**



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The following resolution was approved by action of the Board.

### **Resolution No. 06.6/15: Election of Officers of Board for July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007**

**WHEREAS** Section 35-25 of Senate Bill 241 states:

*“Members of the Board shall elect annually by secret ballot from their own number a chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Board and a secretary”*; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section VII.A.1., stipulates:

*“The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected annually by secret ballot by a majority of the voting members of the Board then serving and shall hold office until their successors are elected. Trustees who are elected to serve as the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary may be elected to those positions for one successive term, after which an intervening term must occur before re-election to the same officer position”*; and,

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<b>Report No. 06.6/4:</b>	<b>Report on Investment Activities</b>
<b>Report No. 06.6/5:</b>	<b>Report on Income Producing Grants and Contracts for the Third Quarter</b>
<b>Report No. 06.6/6:</b>	<b>Report on Academic Curricular and Administrative Changes</b>
<b>Report No. 06.6/7:</b>	<b>Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes</b>

### STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: TECHNOLOGY PLANNING

Dr. Joe Rives, Assistant to the President for Planning and Budget presented information regarding technology planning on campus in terms of integrating the strategic plan.

Our plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education*, calls for us to advance technology and utilization, acquisition and strategic planning on both campuses.

As you have seen from today's meeting agenda, it is very evident that our strategic plan is driving the budget decision at the institution. We talked about, and then you approved, the Authority to Spend and the All Funds Budget. We also reviewed the University's budget and financial data to make certain that we are spending your dollars in the areas that you approved.

Each month we are sending to the Board a Strategic Plan Update so that you know that we are accountable and are progressing in terms of implementation of the plan.

At the next Board meeting in September I'll present to you in terms of action items. You will be able to see the progress. We will look at things to see if they are moving in the desired direction. We will see if they are completed, if they have not changed at all, or if they are moving in the wrong direction.

This past year I have worked with governance groups to set up bench mark institutions for both the Quad Cities and Macomb campuses so that we can bench mark our performance to see how we are doing against peer institutions.

The remarks today will be focused on technology planning. There have been several on-going initiatives in terms of technology on both campuses. The President has reallocated Mike Dickson's time; he is from the Center for the Application of Instructional Technology (CAIT), to work very closely with him on long-term technology planning. Mike has also been an influential member of advancing the work of the President's Committee for Instruction Technology (CIT). That group has written a report and suggested that we have a committee structure or a CIO for Western Illinois University. The President has approved the route of a committee structure that links the activities of committees to the President's Cabinet.

We have a clearly articulated plan for technology that interfaces with the decision makers who allocate resources and then communicate back to th

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about their technology needs. What do we need in technology as a campus as we become the leading comprehensive university in the United States?

The second committee which Mitch Davidson chairs is the Technology Infrastructure Group. That group is made up of seven members of the WIU campus community who are the leading technologists on campus—running campus technology is their day job. That committee is saying that as the technologists on campus this is what we want to see.

Having duplicate membership on these committees is letting us look at technology from the hardware/software perspective and determine if we are advancing WIU in the direction that people across all divisions desire. Do we have a consistent vision? Are we moving ahead? Is that vision informed by users and driven by users? Does the right hand and left hand know what is happening? This model has been very successful in its early returns.

We have started to draft a strategic plan for technology needs which *Higher Values in Higher Education* called us to do. It is amazing as a participant on both committees how similar the conversations are in each group. There are themes, or values, that are coming out in our discussions. It doesn't matter who you are at Western, we are all talking about the need for speed, performance and reliability in our computing.

State-of-the-art planning includes budgeting not only for the technology, the infrastructure and the training, but to do more long-term budgeting with technology. In the past budgeting for technology at the University has relied a lot on end-of-the-year monies to advance. Technology is expensive and if we want to move toward being the leading comprehensive university we need to have some long-term budget strategies in place. Capitalization is the rotation of equipment. There is a systematic plan for replacement and purchase of technology equipment.

There have been a number of significant accomplishments in technology since we started these committees about four months ago. As we talked about what it is Western wants in terms of technology, one of the things that was clear was that we needed to purchase email backup hardware. That is very important. We notice at the end of the academic year there was a huge lag in email delivery—45 minutes—which in today's world is unacceptable. It was because we were relying on backup servers that were seven years old. Mitch Davidson has been working on purchasing new servers.

As Emeric referenced earlier, we have upgraded the video conferencing capabilities between Macomb and Quad Cities on what we call CODEC—two-way video conferencing. The old units were based on pixels and we have replaced three of the connections so that video conferencing is digital. The improvement has been amazing. That is about half of the replacements. Why didn't we do all of them at once? That is because we want to pilot this equipment and make certain that this is what we want and that it has the speed, performance and reliability we want. We will budget and move forward with the remainder of the replacements. Our feedback so far has been very positive and everyone is impressed and pleased with the improvements.

We have also emulated what is here on the Quad Cities campus in that we are moving to a total





