

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS**

November 20, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on November 20, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr., University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Mr. William O'Rourke, Chair, presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

Mr. Kratochvil	Present
Ms. Nimmons	Present
Mr. O'Rourke	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Mr. Welch	Present
Mr. Wilber	Present
Mr. Yost	(Not Present)

Also present were the following:

Dr. William L. Perry, President
Dr. Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. William Weber, Vice President for Business Affairs
Dr. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Jill Nilsen, Vice President for External Relations
Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity
Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees
Mr. Rob Miller, General Counsel
Mr. Brad Ingram, Board Counsel
Mr. Paul McCann, Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Executive Session

Mr. Welch moved that the Board convene in Executive Session to consider the employment of employees as permitted by Section 2.c.1 of the Open Meetings Act, collective negotiating matters as permitted by Section 2.c.2 of the Open Meetings Act, securities, investments, and investment contracts as permitted by Section 2.c.7 of the Open Meeting Act, pending, probable or imminent litigation as permitted by Section 2.c.11 of the Open Meetings Act, and executive

session minutes as permitted by Section 2.c.21 of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Kratochvil seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Welch moved to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

The Board of Trustees Meeting reconvened in Open Session at 1:00 p.m.

Action Items

1. Mr. Kratochvil moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meetings on September 4, 2009 and October 17, 2009. Ms. Nimmons seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

2. Ms. Nimmons moved to approve the executive session minutes for release for the sessions held in 2006 and 2007. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

3. Ms. Nimmons moved to destroy, pursuant to the statute, the verbatim record of executive sessions for which minutes have been approved and for all executive sessions that occurred prior to May 20, 2008. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

4. Mr. Wilber moved to approve the purchase of high definition digital television equipment for WEIU at a cost not to exceed \$800,000, including contingency, and the award being split among six (6) vendors: Roscor Corporation, Mt. Prospect, IL, Heartland Electronics, Plymouth, WI, Midwest Media Group, Arlington Heights, IL, Tekskil, North Vancouver, BC Canada, Duncan Video, Carmel, IN, and Conference Technologies, East Peoria, IL. The fund source is grant and appropriated funds.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

5. Mr. Kratochvil moved to approve the purchase of software licenses and maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$700,000 from Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, CA. This software stores data and interfaces with other applications to provide essential user services such as transcript and document imaging, billing services and financial recordkeeping for the period January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014. Maintenance costs will not increase more than four percent per year. The fund source is appropriated funds. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

6. Ms. Nimmons moved to approve the purchase of master planning services at a cost of \$274,115.00, including contingency, from Loeb Schlossman & Hackl, Chicago, IL. The contract will provide the University with assistance in the design and development of a sustainable master plan which will provide a framework for future development of the campus. The fund source is local funds. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

7. Ms. Nimmons moved to approve the name change of the Afro-American Cultural Center. The name will be changed to Cultural Center. The request was made by the Office of Minority Affairs and supported by the Black Student Union. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kratochvil.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes

Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

8. A revision to Board Governing *Policies* was provided as a first reading.



Policy: II.D. Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Issued: January 16, 1996

The following revisions are being presented as a first reading to Board Governing *Policy* Article II.D.:

D. Academic Freedom and Responsibility.

In adopting the following statements concerning academic freedom and responsibility, the Board affirms that academic freedom should not be abridged or abused and joins the numerous other organizations which have endorsed such principles.

1. Academic Freedom.

Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual faculty member or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for knowledge and truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to teaching, research, and publication. Academic freedom in research is fundamental to the search for knowledge and truth. Academic freedom in teaching is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the faculty member in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. Academic freedom in publication is fundamental to foster an environment of intellectual curiosity and dialogue. This freedom carries with it duties and responsibilities correlative with these rights.

- a. Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.
- b. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subjects, but they should be careful not to persistently introduce into their teaching controversial matters having no relation to their subject.

- c. College or university faculty members are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as a citizen on matters of public concern they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a person of learning and an educational officer, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence, they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should indicate that they are not institutional spokespersons.

E. Revision to Board Governing *Policies* [First Reading] (Cont.)

- d. In accordance with 110 ILCS 665/10-140, all faculty and staff members are free to communicate views on any matter of public or private concern to any branch of the state or federal government or any member thereof provided that the employee does not represent that he or she speaks for or on behalf of the university unless otherwise authorized. Faculty and staff members may also:
 - i. display political buttons, stickers, or patches provided that such display by faculty members in instructional settings is relevant to the instructional purpose;
 - ii. attend partisan political rallies provided that the faculty or staff member is not on duty; and
 - iii. display partisan bumper stickers on his or her vehicle.

- 9. Mr. Kratochvil moved to approve the new request for Citibank, Chicago, IL, as a depository for local funds. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes

Motion carried.

Information Items

President's Report

Dr. Perry introduced Ms. Barbara Burke, Athletic Director, who gave a report on the NCAA Federal Graduation Rate, and Graduation Success Rate. Ms. Burke shared that currently EIU

is right at or just above the national average in FGR and GSR. She also reported that EIU's student athletes did quite well in the NCAA Division I 08 – 09 Academic Progress Rate.

Report from Board Chair

Mr. O'Rourke reported that the Board self-assessment tool is nearly complete, and that once the evaluation is complete it will be mailed to the Board members. Completed evaluations would be returned to the President's Office for compilation, and a report of the findings would be provided at either the March or April Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – No report.

Board Relations – No report.

Finance/Audit Committee – Dr. Webb reported that he met with Ms. Sherry McRaven, Director of Internal Auditing. There was also some discussion of the new Textbook Rental Center building, and some discussion of the division of duties that will be necessary after Dr. Nilsen's retirement.

Academic & Student Affairs Committee – Mr. Welch shared that Dr. Lord gave a report on an integrated learning conference, and Dr. Nadler gave a report on the scheduled opening date of the Textbook Rental Center building. Also mentioned was the death of Coach Moore, and Mr. Welch expressed condolences to her family and friends. The committee also received an update on the H1N1 virus and its impact on campus, and a brief update on the MAP program.

Board Regulations – No Report

Earned Degrees Report

Dr. Lord reported that a record high of 3,018 degrees were awarded in FY2009. He shared that there has been a modest but steady increase in graduate programs over the past few years, and that the list of the largest majors has essentially remained unchanged with Elementary Education being the largest undergraduate major and Education Administration being the largest graduate program.

Alumni Association Report

Mr. Steve Rich, Executive Director of Alumni Services, provided a report on Alumni Association events. In FY2009, the Alumni Association hosted 40 events, with almost 3,000 people in attendance. He also mentioned some Alumni events that were held during Homecoming weekend and during the summer. In addition to Alumni events, Mr. Rich shared information on the Alumni Association magazine *Old Main Line*, which is printed and distributed twice a year, and some scholarships that are administered through the Alumni Association.

Enrollment Report, Summer and Fall 2009

Dr. Lord reported that there was a drop in summer enrollment last year, caused primarily by the economy. Many students who choose not to remain in Charleston for summer semester take classes online instead. Dr. Lord shared fall enrollment numbers of 11,966 students, which is very close to the goal of 12,000. He also mentioned a decline in freshman enrollment for this year, as fewer high school graduates are enrolling in four-year institutions.

Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Dr. John Pommier reported on several Faculty Senate initiatives, one of which was the MAP Grant resolution. Dr. Pommier also shared that the President’s Council, Representative Chapin Rose, and Senator Dale Righter were invited to attend Faculty Senate meetings recently. President’s Council & Representative Rose were able to attend, but Senator Righter was not. Dr. Pommier invited members of the Board of Trustees to attend a Faculty Senate meeting in the coming semester.

Student Government – Michelle Murphy reported that 23 of 30 Student Senate seats are up for re-election. She also shared that changes to the student body constitution are on the upcoming ballot. Ms. Murphy mentioned that membership in Panther Nation is up to 443 students. She also congratulated those involved for their work on the Renewable Energy Center.

Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TMB Productions, LLC	Styx performances for Family Weekend	a	103,000
Moorhead-Gruber Architects	Design services for the renovation of Stevenson Dining Service	b	167,200

^{a.} Approval not required per Section V.B.1.d. of the Board *Regulations*. Vendor selection made in accordance with the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Act.

Deposit and Investment Report

For the quarter ending September 30, 2009: Operating Funds Investment Performance – The University had an average daily investment balance of \$42,073,217.60 and a net average daily balance of \$40,060,201.37. The annualized average yield was .19%. Endowment Funds Investment Performance – The Portfolio Market Value as of September 30, 2009 was \$479,052.95, which was a 12.7% return on investments for the quarter.

Income Producing Contracts

Dr. Weber reported that there has been a 7% increase in growth for FY09, as compared to FY08. He also reported that in FY09, EIU lost a significant grant, as the state of Illinois discontinued the Traffic Safety Management Grant. In FY09 there were 352 awards, with a value of \$11,430,330. This was a 6.92% increase in value over FY08.

Special Recognition

Mr. O'Rourke presented the following Commendation to Dr. Jill Nilsen:

*Commendation
Presented to
Dr. Jill F. Nilsen*

WHEREAS, Dr. Jill F. Nilsen chose Eastern Illinois University as her institution of choice for earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in speech pathology and audiology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nilsen, after earning her doctorate from the University of Illinois, returned to her alma mater in 1976 as a faculty member in speech pathology and served as chairperson of that department from 1984 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nilsen served as associate dean of the Graduate School from 1990 to 1993, before moving to central administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nilsen assumed the role of acting vice president for external relations in 1998 and was permanently named to that position in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service to EIU, Dr. Nilsen has given freely of her time and talents to many community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the students, faculty and staff at Eastern Illinois University, as well as the citizens of Illinois, have greatly benefited from her years of dedication and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees, too, has greatly benefited from Dr. Nilsen's attention to detail and offers of assistance over the years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor those who serve others with such distinction, integrity and the desire to enrich the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, it's time (we reluctantly acknowledge) to let Dr. Nilsen spend more personal time with Hank Nilsen, EIU professor emeritus of botany and very patient husband;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees extends it sincere appreciation to Dr. Jill Nilsen for her outstanding public service and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

University Highlights

Dr. Perry mentioned that EIU was recognized by *HBCU Connect Magazine* as one of the top 50 employers with regard to diversity recruiting. He also recognized Dr. Sean Peebles, who received the Henry Dreyfus Teacher Scholar Award, and pointed out that WEIU received a Midwest Emmy. In addition, he shared that the Illinois Teacher of the Year is an EIU graduate, and thanked the Athletics department for their work in bringing Tony Romo back to campus for Homecoming weekend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.