

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

March 6, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on March 6, 2009, at 11:10 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr., University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Mr. Roger Kratochvil, Chair, presided.

Roll Call

Mr. Kratochvil	Present
Ms. Nimmons	Present
Mr. O'Rourke	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Mr. Welch	Not 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
Mr. Paul McCann, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Dr. Jill Nilsen, Vice President for External Relations
Dr. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Robert Miller, General Counsel
Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity
Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees
Mr. Brad Ingram, Board Counsel

Executive Session

Mr. O'Rourke 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, security procedures as permitted by Section 2.c.8 of the Open Meetings Act, student disciplinary cases as permitted by Section 2.c.9 of the Open Meetings Act, and pending, probable, or imminent litigation as permitted by Section 2.c.11 of the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Webb seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes

Mr. Wilber	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes

Motion carried.

Dr. Webb moved to reconvene in Open Session. Ms. Nimmons seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

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

Action Items

1. Ms. Nimmons moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on January 23, 2009. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Mr. Wilber moved to approve the purchase of the Self-Checkout and Automated Material Handling Systems for the new Textbook Rental Facility at a cost not to exceed \$750,000.00. The fund source is Local Funds. The recommended vendor is TechLogic of White Bear Lake, MN. The system consists of hardware, systems, application software, design, integration support, delivery, installation, training and related documentation, and ongoing software support necessary for full operations. Ms. Nimmons seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Kratochvil Yes

Motion carried.

3. Ms. Nimmons moved to approve Dr. Perry’s recommendation for the awarding of Honorary Degrees from Eastern Illinois University for four individuals: Rudolph “Rudy” G. Hlavek, Matthew Polenzani, Robert “Morrie” Reece, and Robert W. “Bob” Sterling. Mr. O’Rourke seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O’Rourke	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes

Motion carried.

4. Dr. Webb moved to authorize President Perry to offer a two-year contract extension for Bob Spoo, Head Football Coach, for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. Ms. Nimmons seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O’Rourke	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes

Motion carried.

5. Dr. Webb moved to authorize President Perry to offer a three-year contract for Alan Segal, Head Volleyball Coach, for the period February 5, 2009 through December 31, 2011. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O’Rourke	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wilber	Yes
Mr. Kratochvil	Yes

Motion carried.

6. Ms. Nimmons moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Paul McCann, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs, as Eastern Illinois University’s Representative to the

Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC). As the IPHEC representative, Mr. McCann will also serve as the State Purchasing Officer for Eastern Illinois University. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Information Items

President's Report

President Perry invited Dr. Lord to introduce two different presentations which illustrate the success of the University in two particular dimensions.

Dr. Lord presented the concept of integrative learning, which is the notion that connects skills and knowledge from multiple sources, different experiences, and different activities while it applies theory to practice in various settings and utilizes diverse points-of-view. Integrative learning can be experienced in a variety of ways, which may include study abroad, national student exchange, practica, research, creative activity, or student teaching internships. Types of integrative learning include: horizontal, vertical, global, personal, and cosmic integration. Developing integrative skills in our students helps improve cognition, critical thinking, and reflective thinking, which are skills that the University wants the students to develop and leave the institution with upon graduation.

Dr. Lord invited Dean Bonnie Irwin to present an example of a student participating in an integrative experience at the University. Dean Irwin explained an example of an English major who would begin their academic experience with the EIU Reads Program, participate in appreciative advising, start her first classes, select classes that share a connectedness with each other, and plan to participate in a larger scale learning experience off-campus. Dean Irwin explained that the University wants to encourage such a student to reflect on what she is doing, why she is doing it, and what advantage she is taking from it. The Presidential Scholars take part in a program in which they take an anchoring seminar their freshman year where they are able to make connections and devise a four-year scholarship and citizen plan. Each scholar is assigned a faculty mentor on campus and is required to do an extended learning experience off-campus.

Dean Irwin introduced, Stephani Pescitelli, a student who currently participates in the Presidential Scholars Program to present her experiences. Ms. Pescitelli is a junior Environmental Biology major at Eastern. As a Presidential Scholar, Ms. Pescitelli was assigned a mentor as a freshman and began with the Honors Seminar class, which she explained as being a great experience that allowed the students to break out of the traditional classroom model. She discussed her Honors experiences, which included Study Abroad and National Student Exchange. Other experiences include internships, undergraduate research, and service learning.

Ms. Pescitelli explained that she continues to benefit from the facilitation of faculty relationships and has acquired the ability to recognize the possibilities that surround her. She is grateful for the opportunity to participate in a program that has really high standards but is also very flexible.

Dr. Perry thanked Dean Irwin and Ms. Pescitelli and noted that all of the University's priorities were mentioned at one time or another during their presentations. He thanked the Provost for his leadership in furthering the incorporation of the integrative learning model. Dr. Perry noted the importance of understanding that the University's goal for every student is to have a defining experience and for it to be the best in the country. He commented on the pace at which things are changing and that an integrative learning approach is one of the ways that we can prepare students for the world they will enter upon graduation, enabling them to be more successful. Dr. Perry said it is critical that we provide these kinds of experiences for the students. He acknowledged that we are making great progress and that there are still more strides to come.

Dr. Lord invited Cindy Boyer, Assistant Director of the Student Success Center, to present on the progress and success of the center. Ms. Boyer shared information regarding the development, structure, and successes of the program. The University was privileged to be awarded both a Title III Institutional Planning Grant and a Title III Institutional Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The Student Success Center became fully operational in the fall of 2007. The center coordinates referrals to and from other student support services on campus and provides direct services to students designed to improve academic performance and improve retention.

Dr. Perry expressed thanks to Provost Lord and Dr. Jeff Cross for their support of the Student Success Center project.

Report from Board Chair

Mr. Kratochvil acknowledged that we are experiencing the ups and downs of the national economy, but that with each test, the University has become stronger. He explained that the University is working on replacing the power plant, which he considers a very important goal. Mr. Kratochvil explained that we will provide an effective, economical, and safe system. The progress with this situation evidenced that good things are continuing to happen at EIU.

Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Ms. Nimmons reported that the committee discussed the Textbook Rental Facility and that she feels it is outstanding that the students have been willing to accept the incremental increase on the per credit hour considering the vast majority of these students will never see the benefit of the facility. Ms. Nimmons explained that the committee also heard a presentation on online courses.

Board Relations Committee – Ms. Nimmons acknowledged Dr. Nilsen and her staff for doing such a fabulous job of keeping in touch with alumni. She presented encouraging news, explaining that the University continues to see an increase in the number of individuals giving, donors giving, and an increase in the number of alumni. Ms. Nimmons also noted that the total dollar giving to EIU is experiencing a decline, which is indicative of economic times. She asked that particular attention is paid to discussions relative to charitable giving, as the institution relies heavily upon charitable giving.

Executive/Planning Committee – Mr. Kratochvil reported that Dr. Perry provided updates on the renewable energy center, the Board of Trustees retreat, and the purchase approval for the Self-Checkout and Automated Material Handling Systems for Textbook Rental Service. The NCAA self-study and stimulus package were also mentioned, as well as an update on the Campus Master Plan.

Finance/Audit Committee – Mr. O’Rourke reported that the committee discussed the Textbook Library Retrieval System, Deposit and Investment Reports, and the upcoming budget meeting. He stated that the committee also discussed the current audit from June 2008, explaining that he does not feel that the findings are critical and acknowledging the great job done by Mr. McCann.

Board Regulations – No report.

Reports from Constituencies

Dr. Pommier reported that the faculty senate has had some grand reports from enrollment management, established integrative academic forum, and had nice reports in regards to research initiatives. He explained that there were also reports regarding facilities management, deferred maintenance, the Textbook Rental facility, and a good report from Bill Weber in regards to financial affairs. The Student Success Center was also discussed, as well as an upcoming discussion with the city and University in regards to the Master Plan and how they will work together. A presentation from the faculty advisor council member, Les Hyder, provided insight to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the public agenda.

Deposit and Investment Report

Mr. McCann commented on the report, noting that the top half of the report addressed the cash situation and explained that the University is earning year-to-date about one percent. He noted that the bottom half of the page addressed the endowment that the University has. Year-to-date, our total return on investments is approximately a negative 23.9 percent. Mr. McCann explained that we have lost almost 25 percent of the endowment and that when looking at the overall market, which is down 25.2 percent, our performance is still a little higher.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Continental Resources, Inc.	Networking equipment. This is a Fiber Channel switch for the Storage Area Network in the Student Services Building. It will facilitate the sharing of the hard drive storage between the servers in the data center.	4	\$111,000
J P Morgan Chase	Procurement card services for campus-wide use.	6	*

*Cost of purchases not expected to exceed \$30 million per each contract year for EIU

University Highlights

Dr. Perry reported on a few University Highlights in particular, presenting that Eastern has been honored again this year for our alcohol prevention efforts and is one of seven institutions in the country to receive the Prevention Excellence Award through Outside the Classroom efforts. Dr. Perry also recognized that Bill Elliott, Director of International Admissions, is serving as Chair-Elect on the 2009 Study Illinois Board of Directors. Dr. Perry also acknowledged that alum, Joe Fatheree, has received the National Education Association's top award.

Other Matters

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Mr. Wilber moved to adjourn. Ms. Nimmons seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.