

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

Hilton Garden Inn  
Effingham, IL

**Friday, July 23, 2010**

A retreat of the Board of Trustees was convened on July 23, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Effingham, Illinois. Mr. Leo Welch, Chair, presided.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called:

Mr. Kratochvil	Present
Mr. O'Rourke	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Mr. Wiessing	Present
Mr. Welch	Present
Mr. Yost	Present

Also present were the following:

Dr. William L. Perry, President  
Dr. Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mr. Paul McCann, Treasurer/Director of Business Services and Treasurer,  
Board of Trustees  
Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity  
Mr. Rob Miller, General Counsel  
Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary, Board of  
Trustees  
Dr. Derek Markley, Special Assistant to the President  
Mr. Eric Wilber, Trustee – July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010

**Academic Planning**

Dr. Blair Lord presented "A Review of Academic Priorities & Progress in AY 2009-2010." The presentation included six goals: 1) First-Choice Graduate Programs – "EIU is committed to evaluating all academic programs with an eye to having each one identified as the "first-choice" program for students considering that major at an Illinois public comprehensive university;" 2) Student Research – "EIU is committed to developing the most active and highly regarded student research/student scholarship program of any Illinois public comprehensive university;" 3)

Teaching and Learning – “EIU is committed to becoming a showcase for teaching and learning among regional comprehensive universities;” 4) Honors Programming – “EIU is committed to becoming known as the “university of choice” for Honors College programming among the state’s public comprehensive universities;” 5) Study Abroad – “EIU is committed to increasing the proportion of students participating in Study Abroad programs so that it has the highest rate of student participation in these programs among the state’s public comprehensive universities;” and 6) Fine Arts – “EIU is committed to ensuring that the Doudna Fine Arts Center becomes known as a premier provider of fine arts programming and outreach.”

Provost Lord also discussed planning for our future, protecting our priorities. He talked about five areas that will be a challenge: 1) Staffing has been reduced by 3% FTE in the current fiscal year, and there will be an additional 5% reduction in the next fiscal year. Staff in certain priority areas will be protected. 2) Operating resources have been level for the past eight years and will be reduced for the current fiscal year, except in priority areas. 3) Strategic program reductions. 4) Enrollment is a challenge that will continue to grow in the future. 5) Student profile – having the right students is important to retention, graduation, integrative learning, etc.

**Budget Planning**

Mr. Paul McCann distributed a handout and gave a presentation on “Navigating dynamic uncertainties: Sustainable budgets and strategic planning.” Topics within the presentation included the State’s economic situation, five-year outlook, basic strategy, fiscal strategies, cost containment options, alternative revenue ideas, collaborative strategic planning, and tentative planning timetable.

**Purchase Approvals:**

1. Mr. Kratochvil moved to approve the six-month lease renewal of two existing buses beginning August 4, 2010, at a cost of \$12,192.00. The recommended vendor is Midwest Transit Equipment of Indiana, Whitestown, IN. The fund source is local funds. The lease will be in place until the arrival of two new buses at which time the University will cancel the lease without penalty. Mr. Wiessing seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Mr. O’Rourke	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Wiessing	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes

Motion carried.

2. Mr. Kratochvil moved to approve a two-year lease of two new Ford Supreme Senator shuttle buses, at a cost of \$50,572.00. The recommended vendor is Midwest Transit Equipment of Indiana, Whitestown, IN. The fund source is local funds. The lease shall

be based on 40,000 miles per bus per year and paid from shuttle bus fees. Mr. Yost seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

### **University Advancement**

Mr. Martin discussed the Capital Campaign and distributed a progress report for 07/01/01 – 06/30/10. The campaign kickoff is scheduled for October 22, 2010 in Lantz Arena. The total achieved is \$30,593,318.58 which is 61.2 % toward goal.

### **Capital Projects**

Mr. McCann discussed FY 2010 Projects – projects completed, projects in progress, and coming attractions. Projects completed include: Student Service Building Tuckpointing, Landscape Improvement Study, Textbook Rental Facility, Lumpkin Water Damage Repairs, and Lantz Floor Replacement. Projects in progress include: Lincoln Hall/Stevenson Dining Remodel, Thomas Hall Remodeling, Greek Court Roof Replacement, ESCO Project, Master Plan Update, and Athletic Vision Plan. Projects listed as coming attractions include: Taylor Hall Sprinkler (summer 2011), Ford, McKinney, Weller Sprinkler Design, Old Textbook Rental Remodel, Old Main Masonry Tuckpointing, and McAfee Fire Alarm & Electrical (CDB).

### **Student Affairs Connections with Academic Affairs**

Dr. Nadler reported that Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are working very closely to create and maintain an excellent learning environment for students. He shared information on the student recruitment process, which includes open houses, campus tours, and student employment assistance. Dr. Nadler also discussed the Higher Education Veterans Services Act (SB1624), which deals with assistance to student veterans, and student community service projects. He also mentioned recruitment and employment of graduate assistants, career preparation and job placement assistance for graduates, and shared governance roles of students at EIU.

### **Diversity Data**

Ms. Cynthia Nichols distributed information and discussed a Matrix for Tenure-Track Faculty Recruitment; Administrators, Managers, and Other Professional Staff Recruitment; Civil Service Employee Recruitment; Minority Enrollment; and Diversity of Student Applicant Pool (incoming freshmen only).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.; the Retreat will reconvene on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 24, 2010**

Mr. Leo Welch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called:

Mr. Kratochvil	Present
Ms. Nimmons	Present via telephone
Mr. O'Rourke	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Mr. Wiessing	Present
Mr. Welch	Present
Mr. Yost	Present

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**Board of Trustees Self Evaluation**

The Board discussed the self evaluation document summary data. As a follow-up, the President will arrange for periodic presentations to the Board regarding academic programs.

**Goals and Metrics**

The university goals and metrics related to university priorities were reviewed. Multiple years of data are available now for most metrics. At next year's retreat, more benchmarking will be presented for the metrics.

**Planning for FY 2011 Performance Review of President**

The performance of the President was discussed including discussion of the President's letter and the 360 review results. The Board Chair will bring closure by means of a letter to the President.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.