

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
AND LAKE LAND COLLEGE
MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

April 23, 2015

A joint meeting of the Boards of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University and Lake Land College was convened on April 23, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in Webb Hall on the campus of Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois. Mr. Mike Sullivan called the meeting to order and Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Christopher Goetz presided.

Roll Call

Lake Land College Trustees Present:

Dr. Robert Luther, Secretary
Mr. Bruce Owen
Ms. Doris Reynolds
Mr. Dave Storm
Mr. Mike Sullivan, Chair
Mr. Adam Doty, Student Trustee

Lake Land College Trustees Absent:

Mr. Gary Cadwell
Mr. Carl Hart

Others Present from Lake Land College:

Ms. Ann Deters, Trustee Elect; Dr. Jonathan (Josh) Bullock, President; Ms. Jean Anne Grunloh, Executive Assistant to the President; Dr. Jim Hull, Vice President for Academic Services; Dr. Tina Stovall, Vice President for Student Services; Mr. Ray Rieck, Vice President for Business Services; EIU Board Members, members of the staff, community and media.

Roll call for the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University:

Mr. Burke	Present
Mr. Dively	Present
Dr. Gilchrist	Present
Mr. Goetz	Present
Mr. Hutchinson	Present
Mr. Kratochvil	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Ms. Witt	Present

Also present from Eastern Illinois University:

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

Dr. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. Robert Martin, Vice President for University Advancement

Mr. Rob Miller, General Counsel

Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

Ms. Cheryl Gilbert, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Brad Ingram, Board Counsel

Hearing of Citizens/Faculty/Staff

Chairman Sullivan said he had received no written requests to address the Board. There were no comments from the audience.

Presidents' Reports on Context of Lake Land and EIU Collaborations

A. Review of Student Data

Lake Land College President, Dr. Josh Bullock, presented literature to the joint board members on the Comprehensive Enrollment Assessment Report and student demographics. He spoke on the importance of interdependence, current collaborations such as 2+2 articulation agreements, and the potential for future collaborations between Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University (EIU). Dr. Bullock noted that Lake Land and EIU continue to improve the transfer relationships between the institutions. Dr. Bullock, Lake Land Trustee Mike Sullivan and EIU President Dr. William Perry spoke on the importance of collaborations between community colleges and universities.

Discussion of Current and Emerging Collaborations

A. Current Collaborations

Adoption of IAI General Education Core Curriculum

Dr. Jim Hull, Vice President of Academic Services at Lake Land, presented along with Dr. Blair Lord, EIU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, on the collaborations regarding articulation agreements, the general education curriculum at each institution and transferability of courses for students at each institution.

2+2 Articulation Agreements

Dr. Hull presented information on the Illinois Articulation Initiative and the proposal for Lake Land College Board of Trustees to continue working with EIU on proper course sequence for general education classes for students. Dr. Lord said EIU currently holds 52 articulation agreements with Lake Land College. This provides a seamless path for students to achieve educational goals and EIU Chairman Kristopher Goetz suggested follow up by both Boards regarding the articulation agreements.

Eastern Transfer Service Center at Lake Land College

Dr. Mary Herrington-Perry, EIU Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Dr. Tina Stovall, Vice President for Student Services at Lake Land, presented on the EIU Transfer Service Center at Lake Land College. Both institutions worked together to establish office hours on the Lake Land College campus. EIU Trustees offered space in the university union for Lake Land.

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Dr. Stovall and Dr. Herrington-Perry presented on the Reverse Transfer Agreement which enables students who complete coursework at both Lake Land and EIU to combine their credits to earn an associate degree from Lake Land College. Dr. Herrington-Perry said they have had approximately 50 students to date benefit from the agreement.

Eastern Student Internships/Class Visits at Lake Land College

Dr. Stovall and Dr. Lord presented on various internship opportunities at Lake Land and EIU and the ongoing interaction between staff at both institutions.

TRIO Program Collaborations

Dr. Stovall explained the various support services available to qualifying students through TRIO, a federally funded grant program. Dr. Stovall said Lake Land College currently has approximately 160 students annually involved in the program and there are opportunities to collaborate with EIU's TRIO programs.

Sustainability/Energy Programs

Dr. Austin Cheney, EIU Department Chair for the School of Technology, and Mr. Joseph Tillman, incoming Lake Land College Technology Division Chairperson, presented on the continued collaborations between their respective departments including monthly classroom visits, articulation agreements and professional development opportunities. They also spoke on future, potential endeavors such as joint club projects, competitions, an energy conference and a science fair.

B. Emerging/Potential Collaborations

Correctional Students – Post Release

Dr. Bullock presented on the educational programs provided by Lake Land College to inmates at 17 Department of Corrections' facilities throughout the State of Illinois. Dr. Bullock said EIU and Lake Land might consider innovative ways the two institutions could partner to expand educational opportunities for former inmates previously involved with Lake Land's programs.

Graduate Opportunity for High School Dual Credit Instructors

Dr. Hull informed the Trustees about new requirements by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for instructors to have a minimum of 18 credit hours of masters level course work in a particular subject in order to be qualified to teach dual credit courses.

Faculty Collaborations

Dr. Hull and Dr. Lord spoke on potential collaborations in various programs including criminal justice, nursing, agriculture and renewable energy.

Joint Privileges

Dr. Stovall and Dr. Dan Nadler, EIU Vice President for Student Affairs, presented on opportunities to improve and maximize the students' experiences between Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University. Examples might include sharing housing resources, a library exchange, athletic passes, and cultural events.

International Students

Dr. Stovall and Dr. Lord presented on Language Centers at EIU and Lake Land. They also spoke on international student recruitment.

Honors Students/Presidential Scholars

Dr. Stovall presented on the recent implementation of the Presidential Scholarship Award at Lake Land College. She noted the increased number of Lake Land students now involved with the Scholarship. Dr. Herrington-Perry presented on the transfer program with EIU for Honors students.

Path for Students Academically Dismissed from EIU

Dr. Herrington-Perry and Dr. Stovall presented on current challenges for students academically dismissed from either institution. They also spoke on the need to continually seek effective ways to promote student success.

Trustee Observations and Discussion on Future Collaborations

Lake Land Chairman Sullivan and EIU Chairman Goetz encouraged the Trustees to consider strategic, innovative ways to partner and become more efficient. This might include expansion of articulation agreements, partnering on more programs through the bachelor's degree level, developing shared services or contracts, and promoting efficiencies of scale.

Maintaining Collaboration in the Future

Chairman Goetz said that based on the day's discussions it appears the two Boards, in the near future, hope to create or expand partnerships for three academic programs including nursing, criminal justice, and renewable energy. Additionally, the two Boards appear to support hosting an annual joint Alumni event and establishing various joint privilege agreements that benefit students. EIU Chairman Goetz proposed the continuation of joint Board meetings. After discussion on the optimal method to conduct future joint meetings, Trustees from each Board agreed to select a few members to serve on a joint sub-committee. It was further agreed that representatives from the joint sub-committee will routinely provide status reports to their respective Boards during their regular Board meetings. Various Trustees commented on the need to monitor agreed-upon, collaborative goals and routinely measure progress.

How Do We Take Advantage of the Changes Occurring in Higher Education?

A. Skills shortage in the workforce

Dr. Bullock, Dr. Perry, Chairman Sullivan and Chairman Goetz spoke of the need to address area industry demand for more employees to possess manufacturing skills, vocational trades and technology skills, and leadership skills. The discussion included suggestions for enhancing educational and training partnerships with area businesses.

B. Students leaving Illinois

Dr. Bullock presented on the significant migration of students moving out of Illinois to attend colleges or universities in other states.

C. International opportunities

Dr. Perry spoke on the value of the social learning experience for international students to attend institutions of higher education in the U.S. He also spoke on the importance for U.S. students to experience interaction with international students while on campus.

Trustee Observations and Final Thoughts

Each Trustee provided his/her opinion on the value of today's joint Board meeting. Overall, Trustees shared an appreciation for the opportunity to come together and learn more about each institution. Several Trustees expressed excitement about identifying and expanding future partnerships between Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.