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From: Joe Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning

Date: August 28, 2014

Re: August 2014 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* provides information on the September 3rd Grand Opening for Phase II of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus, and for the September 14th and 24th off-campus location review from the Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Phase II Grand Opening

The Grand Opening Celebration of Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus Phase II is now set for 2:00 p.m. on September 3rd.

Guests will park at the iWireless Center with shuttle service provided every 15 minutes from Noon-4:00 p.m. The program will take place outdoors near the Quad Cities Complex Atrium (the south building along University Drive). Thank you for passing along this information to those that you wish to join us in celebrating the moment for our great University.

Higher Learning Commission Off-Campus Location Review

The Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has a federal regulatory mandate to ensure that institutions maintain quality at off-campus location(s). Commission policy requires an on-site visit every five years to any institution with more than three off-campus locations¹. In this process, a peer reviewer from the Commission visits a representative sample of an institution's off-campus locations based on the total number of additional locations, the geographic distribution of those additional locations, and the academic programs offered at different locations.

Western Illinois University is scheduled for a fall 2014 location review and currently has 12 off-campus locations in Chicago, Davenport (IA), Grayslake, Havana, Palatine, Peoria, Schaumburg, Springfield, Vernon Hills and, Washington.

Dr. Kimberly A. Johnston, President of Methodist College, Unity Point Health, in Peoria, Illinois is the University's Commission-assigned Peer Reviewer. Dr. Johnson will evaluate the quality of Western's off-campus locations at Central Intermediate School in Washington, Illinois, and at Peoria Manual High School at the direction of the Commission. Her visit will occur September 14th in Washington and September 24th in Springfield accordingly to the draft schedule below².

¹ *In some cases, institutions undergoing rapid expansion will host Multi-Location Visits more frequently than the five-year intervals.*

² *These dates and locations are different than reported at the June 2014 Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting due to changes in Dr. Johnston's schedule.*

VISIT #1
Sunday September 14, 2014
12:30PM-3:00PM
Central Intermediate School, 1301 Eagle Avenue
Washington, IL

Introductory Meeting (12:30-1:00)

- Dr. Joseph (Joe) Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning

Instructional Site Tour (1:00-1:30)

- Host TBD

Meeting with students enrolled in Educational Leadership 660, Instructional Leadership. (1:30-2:00)

- Currently eight students are enrolled in this course

Meeting with Educational Leadership Faculty Teaching in Washington during fall 2014 (2:00-2:30)

- Dr. James La Prad, Associate Professor, Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Dr. Rene Noppe, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership
- Dr. Sandra Watkins, Professor, Educational Leadership

Wrap Up and Next Steps (2:30-3:00)

- Dr. Johnston and Dr. Rives

Depart Central Intermediate School

VISIT #2
Wednesday September 24, 2014
1:30PM-8:30PM
Peoria Manual High School, 811 S Griswold St
Peoria, IL

Introductory Meeting (1:30-2:00)

- Dr. Joseph (Joe) Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning

Conference Call with the University President (2:00-2:30)

- Dr. Jack Thomas, President

Meeting with School of Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach (2:30-3:00)

- Dr. Richard (Rick) Carter, Executive Director, School of Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach

Instructional Site Tour (3:00-3:30)

- Ms. Renee McKinnon, Ed.S., Instructional Improvement Officer, Peoria Public Schools
- Dr. Susan Massey, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Conference Call with the Provost and Academic Vice President (3:30-4:00)

- Dr. Kenneth (Ken) Hawkinson, Provost and Academic Vice President
- Dr. Nancy Parsons, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs

Meeting with Curriculum and Instruction Faculty Member Teaching in Peoria and Peoria's liaison to the University (4:00-4:30 minutes)

- Dr. Susan Massey, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
- Ms. Renee McKinnon, Ed.S., Instructional Improvement Officer, Peoria Public Schools

Meeting with the Vice President for Student Services (4:30-5:00)

- Dr. Gary Biller, Vice President, Student Services

Break (5:00-5:30)

Dinner Meeting with College of Education and Human Services Administration (5:30-7:00)

- Dr. Erskine Smith, Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services
- Dr. Glora Delany-Barmann, Chairperson, Educational Interdisciplinary Studies and Educational Leadership
- Dr. Anne Gregory, Chairperson, Curriculum and Instruction

Meeting with students Enrolled in Reading 588, Leadership in Reading (7:30-8:00)

- Currently 14 students are enrolled in this class

Wrap Up and Next Steps (8:00-8:30)

- Dr. Johnston and Dr. Rives

Depart Peoria Manual High School

The expansion of Riverfront Campus and the extension of educational opportunities in underserved areas demonstrate successful implementation of the goals and priorities in *Higher Values in Higher Education*. Please contact me if you have any questions about the materials in this month's *Strategic Plan Update* and/or feedback for the continued successful implementation of the University's *Strategic Plan*.

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