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

Date: October 1, 2014

Re: October 2014 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* shows how many reports and resolutions presented at the October 3, 2014 Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting directly relate to the continued successful advancement of the priorities and goals in *Higher Values in Higher Education* and the *Long Term Plan for Western Illinois University*. In order of occurrence:

- *Report on Contributions* documents continued fundraising accomplishments following successful completion of the \$62 million Comprehensive Campaign.
- *Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999.99 Receiving Presidential Approval* and *Fiscal Year 2015 All-Funds Budget* document the allocation of fiscal resources to the University's priorities and goals.
- *Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations* and *Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations* to the Illinois Board of Higher Education seek new state resources to advance the University's priorities and goals.
- *Office of Sponsored Projects Annual Report* documents the support for and success of Western Illinois University students, faculty, and staff in demonstrating strong commitments to research, scholarly/creative activities, and grants.
- *Annual Report on Athletics* demonstrates institutional actions to support a broad-based National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I and Football Championship Series varsity intercollegiate athletics program with operating principles related to governance and rules compliance, academic integrity, equity, and student-athlete welfare.
- *Quarterly Long Tern Plan Update* identifies university progress in the Higher Learning Commission's Persistence and Completion Academy. Western was selected to the first cohort of national institutions participating in this important initiative.

This *Update* also provides background information on a scheduled Higher Learning Commission Campus Evaluation Visit (CEVs) that will occur in the Quad Cities on February 2-3, 2015. CEVs are required when an institution closes and relocates a branch campus. The Commission approved Western's closing of 60<sup>th</sup> Street and opening of Riverfront Campus on August 11, 2014. Riverfront Campus was previously designated as an off-campus location.

- *Fiscal Year 2015 Long Tern Plan Update* identifies institutional accomplishments for academic year 2013-2014, and plans for academic year 2014-2015. It also provides a cumulative summary of *Long Term Plan* accomplishments since implementation in June 2013.
- *Fiscal Year 2015 Strategic Plan Update* provides a summary of institutional accomplishments for academic year 2013-2014 and plans for academic year 2014-2015. It also provides a cumulative summary of *Strategic Plan* accomplishments since implementation in June 2012.

- *Revision to Board Regulations, Parental Leave, II.B.12.f.(2).(a)* are consistent with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission interpretation, and the University's provision of family-friendly policies and procedures.
- *Technology Security Report* documents actions taken to deliver a strong, user-centered, secure information technology infrastructure.

Actions following the Board Meeting continue to advance *Strategic Plan* goals and priorities. There is an invited luncheon with the College of Business and Technology's Executive in Residence, Mr. Kirk Hanlin at 12:30 P.M. Kirk is an 1982 graduate of Political Science who spent the majority of his career in Washington D.C. He served as an aid to President Clinton and is currently the Assistant Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Following the luncheon, there will be a 2 P.M. ribbon cutting to celebrate completion of University Union remodeling.

As the material presented in this month's *Strategic Plan Update* shows, the students, faculty, and staff continue to advance the mission, vision, values, goals, and priorities of *Higher Values in Higher Education and the Long Term Plan for Western Illinois University*. Please contact me if you have any questions about the materials presented in this month's *Update* and/or feedback for the continued successful advancement of University *Plans*.

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