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

Date: September 28, 2015

Re: September 2015 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* shows how many reports and resolutions presented at your October 2, 2015, Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting contribute 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-\$249,999.99* from all sources of funds document institutional commitments to *Master Plan* priorities (Adams Street pillar/median project, Alumni House Patio, Sherman Hall Bell Tower repair, and sidewalk repairs), technology priorities (electronic classroom upgrades and upgrades to infrastructure and software), and public service priorities (Tri-State Public Radio and WQPT programming costs).
- *Purchases of \$250,000 - \$499,999 Receiving Presidential Approval* support the academic mission of Western Illinois University (library materials/database subscriptions), affordability (continuous order for textbooks for resale), and service operations (mainframe software maintenance).
- *Purchases of Purchases of \$500,000 or more* requiring Board approval is renewal of the security contract for the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Campus.
- *Fiscal Year 2016 All-Funds Budget* documents the allocation of fiscal resources to the University's priorities and goals.
- *Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations* and *Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations* to the Illinois Board of Higher Education seek new state resources to advance the University's priorities and goals.
- *Property Easement – McDonough County – Mobile Communication Tower* advances *Master Plan* and technology priorities to improve cellular capacity and coverage for the campus and community.
- *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 award dollars increased from \$9.9 million in Fiscal Year 2014 to \$11.0 million in Fiscal Year 2015. This \$1.1 million gain represents a one-year increase of 11.1% in annual external funding.
- *Annual Report on Athletics* demonstrates institutional actions to support and student success in a broad-based National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I and Football Championship Series varsity intercollegiate athletics program committed to governance and rules compliance, academic integrity, equity, and student-athlete welfare.
- *Quarterly Long Tern Plan Update* discusses current innovations at Western Illinois University that includes successful implementation of priorities to reinvigorate dual enrollment partnerships with local high schools; articulating which WIU programs will be actively promoted as distance education

programs; developing new partnerships between institutions that have not traditionally sent students to Western Illinois University; and to increasing student internship opportunities.

- *Fiscal Year 2016 Long Tern Plan Update* identifies institutional accomplishments for academic year 2014-2015, and plans for academic year 2015-2016. It also provides a cumulative summary of *Long Term Plan* accomplishments since implementation in June 2013.
- *Fiscal Year 2016 Strategic Plan Update* provides a summary of institutional accomplishments for academic year 2014-2015 and plans for academic year 2015-2016. It also provides a cumulative summary of *Strategic Plan* accomplishments since implementation in June 2012.
- *Revision to Board Regulations, IV.C, Residency Status – Second Reading* reflect requirements of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and current practices for establishing residency. This change allows the University to continue regional and national leadership in affordability by offering Illinois instate tuition to residents of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, and Wisconsin.
- *AFSCME (Clerical Unit) Contract* represents approximately 200 employees and demonstrates a continuing university commitment to work with bargaining units in the recruitment and retention of high-achieving and diverse faculty and staff.

Actions following the Board Meeting continue to advance *Strategic Plan* goals and priorities. There will be a patio opening celebration at the Alumni House at 2:30 P.M. to celebrate this accomplishment.

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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