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From: Joe Rives, Assistant to the President, Planning, Budget, and Institutional Research

Date: December 23, 2006

Re: December 2006 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* provides you with the status of ad hoc Strategic Plan task forces, a Western Illinois University-Macomb master plan update, and a schedule of January 2007 strategic planning meetings.

Task Force Updates

The *November 2006 Assistant to the President for Planning, Budget, and Institutional Research Report* presented at your Board of Trustees meeting highlighted existing institutional task forces advancing Strategic Plan goals and priorities. Several of these task forces completed their work during the fall semester and several others, as documented below, are nearing completion.

The Integrated E-Mail, Calendaring, and Groupware; Social Security Number; File Transfer Protocol; Credit/Debit Card; and Athletics Funding Task Forces all submitted their reports prior to the end of the year. Copies of these reports are being shared with President Goldfarb. Future *Strategic Plan Updates* will keep you apprised of the status of reports and follow up actions as university decisions are made by the President and President's Cabinet.

I am currently scheduling meetings with community colleges to discuss extending a tuition plan reduction for new transfer students entering Western Illinois University with an Associates Degree. This information is on target to be included in the University's Fiscal Year 2008 All-Costs (tuition, fees, room and board) Report. This report is presented for your approval at the March 2007 Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting.

The newly developing institutional strategic plan for technology at Western Illinois University is also on target for presentation at your March meeting. In December, the draft plan was presented to faculty and staff from all of the colleges and university libraries. Based on these important discussion sessions and other campus feedback, the plan will build on technology strengths and emphasize:

- Technology infrastructure (hardware and software) for students, faculty, staff, classrooms, laboratories, and libraries.
- Distance education.
- Increased user support and services.
- Enhanced communication.
- High-speed, reliable, and secure wired, wireless, and telecommunications networks.
- Planning and budget to support the technological goals of Western Illinois University.
- Staffing to support the technological goals of Western Illinois University.

The plan will be presented to all governance groups on both Western Illinois University campuses before submitting to you for endorsement in March, 2007.

The newly developing Western Illinois University-Macomb campus master plan is also nearing completion. As noted in the next section, the campus architectural and engineering firm Goody/Clancy will be on campus one last time to make final adjustments to the plan. The plan will be presented to all Macomb campus governance groups for endorsement and all Quad Cities campus governance groups as an information item before submitting to you for endorsement in March, 2007. It is also planned that presentation of the Macomb campus master plan will be accompanied by a component institutional energy management strategy that is being prepared by the Director of the Physical Plant, Mr. Charles Darnell, and the University Utilities Committee.

Other task forces (including the Western Illinois University-University Professionals of Illinois Negotiating Team, Western Illinois University-Macomb Facilities Condition Assessment, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Master Planning, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Enrollment Planning, Foundations of Excellence in the First Year, Environmental Sustainability, and Host Community Master Planning in Macomb and Moline) continue their work. Work of these task forces will be featured in future *Strategic Plan Updates*.

Western Illinois University-Macomb Campus Master Plan Update

The last visit of the campus architectural and engineering firm Goody/Clancy will be January 24-26, 2007. A phased approach for implementing the master plan was presented to the campus community on December 7, 2006, and is available on the campus master plan Web site (www.wiu.masterplan.com). The purpose of Goody/Clancy's last visit, as shown the itinerary below, is to make final adjustments to the master plan and to ensure consistency with the newly developing comprehensive master plan for the City of Macomb. If you would like individual Trustee visits with Goody/Clancy, please contact me for scheduling purposes.

Date/Time	Activity	Location/Comments
Wednesday January 24th	Arrive in Moline and Travel to Macomb	
1:30 – 2:00	Review Master Plan with President Goldfarb	209 Sherman Hall
2:00 – 2:30	Check into University Union Hotel	University Union
2:30 – 4:30	Work Session with Bill Brewer and Joe Rives	Physical Plant Conference Room
5:30 – 6:45	Charette #1: Evening Meeting with Goody/Clancy	Tanner Hall Circle
Thursday January 25th		
9:00 – 10:00	Meeting with President's Cabinet	Sherman 205
10:30 – 11:45	Meeting with Master Planning Steering Team	Western Room, University Union
12:00 – 1:15	Charette #2: Brown Bag Lunch with Goody/Clancy (beverages and dessert provided)	Western Room, University Union
1:30 – 2:45	Charette #3: Early Afternoon Meeting with Goody/Clancy	Western Room, University Union
3:00 – 4:15	Charette #4: Mid-Afternoon meeting with Goody Clancy	Western Room, University Union
5:00 – 7:00	Attend City of Macomb Master Planning Session	Community Room, City Hall
7:00 – 8:15	Community Presentation of the Western Illinois University-Macomb Master Plan	Community Room, City Hall
8:30 – 9:30	Dinner with Bill Brewer and Joe Rives	Location to be determined

Friday January 26th		
7:00 – 8:30	Meeting with Bill Brewer, Joe Rives, City of Macomb officials and consultants on integration between the Western Illinois University and Macomb master plans.	Old Dairy
8:30	Leave for Quad Cities airport and return to Boston	

Strategic Planning Meetings

There will not be as many strategic planning meetings on my calendar as usual for the month of January. I am taking vacation after the holidays and will return to work on January 16, 2007.

Date/Time	Activity	Location/Comments
1/16, 10:30 – 11:30	Quality Based Selection meeting of the Facilities Condition Assessment Selection Committee	Physical Plant Conference Room
1/16, 3:00-4:30	President's Technology Infrastructure Group	211 Sherman Hall
1/17, 1:00 – 2:30	President's Technology Advisory Group	Room to be determined
1/19, 10:00 – 11:00	President's Quad Cities Advisory Group	205 Sherman Hall
1/24-1/26	Goody/Clancy Visit	
1/27, 8:00 – 2:00	National Advisory Group (to discuss <i>Higher Values in Higher Education's</i> successes, challenges, and opportunities)	O'Hare Hilton

If you have any questions about the material presented in this month's *Strategic Plan Update* or feedback for the continued successful implementation of *Higher Values in Higher Education*, please contact me. Thanks and I hope you all have/had a happy holiday season.

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