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

Date: January 31, 2007

Re: January 2007 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* provides you with updates on:

1. Western Illinois University Master Planning
2. Technology Planning and Task Forces
3. Recycle Mania
4. Summer Opportunities at the Infant and Preschool Center
5. February Strategic Planning Meetings

Western Illinois University Master Planning

The campus community reviewed the revised Western Illinois University-Macomb campus master plan in conjunction with open sessions moderated by Goody/Clancy January 24-25, 2007. The master plan will be presented to the Macomb governance groups for endorsement and to the Quad Cities governance groups as an information item during the month of February. A schedule of these meetings is presented in the last section of this update. The master plan will also be presented to you for approval at your March 2007 Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting.

Quad Cities master planning also continues to progress successfully. Based on campus input, the architectural/engineering firm PSA/Dewberry completed schematic design documents and forwarded them to the State of Illinois Capital Development Board and the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Users Group for review and comment by Quad Cities students, faculty, and staff.

On both Western Illinois University campuses, master planning continues to include careful consideration of renewable energy and sustainable design options as the University seeks LEED certification in new construction. For example, Physical Plant continues to pursue geothermal applications for the new Multicultural Center at Western Illinois University-Macomb and for the newly developing Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.

Technology Planning and Task Forces

Both campuses of Western Illinois University continued with strategic planning for technology. Technology strengths, opportunities, and challenges were discussed in open technology forums January 22-24, 2007. Results of the dialogues were used to triangulate technology planning recommendations and make adjustments where appropriate. As part of the master planning process for facilities, grounds, technology and infrastructure described above, the newly developing institutional strategic plan for

technology will be presented to all campus governance groups for endorsement before presentation to you for approval.

As noted in your *December 2006 Strategic Plan Update*, the Integrated E-Mail, Calendaring, and Groupware; Social Security Number; File Transfer Protocol; and Credit/Debit Card Task Forces all submitted their reports prior to the end of 2006. President Goldfarb and the President's Cabinet have reviewed recommendations and are currently forming membership and charges for a standing technology security committee, as well as task forces on extended applications to the University Identification Card; e-mail, calendaring, and groupware transition and training; and development of a Western Illinois University intranet (portal) now that the University's internet presence has and continues to be updated. Once finalized, membership and charges of these technology groups will be shared in future correspondence. Also, an announcement on the status of a new e-mail solution for the University will be made after President Goldfarb completes final reference checks.

Recycle Mania

Through the leadership of Physical Plant Director Charles Darnell and Assistant Vice President for Student Services-Student Life John Biernbaum, Western Illinois University is one of 150 colleges and universities in the country and seven in Illinois participating in RecycleMania, a 10-week national contest designed to improve waste reduction.

As part of the original RecycleMania competition, schools compete to see which can collect the largest amount of acceptable recyclables per person. A second category determines which school produces the least amount of municipal solid waste (including both recyclables and trash) per person, which is also referred to as the diversion rate from waste stream.

Consistent with *Higher Values in Higher Education*, the University's participation in RecycleMania provides a socially responsible opportunity for the campus community to renew its efforts to recycle and reduce materials in the waste stream. Throughout the contest, Physical Plant and Student Services will share information that explains the benefits of recycling and waste reduction to the campus and public. Future strategic plan updates will share University results.

Summer Opportunities at the Infant and Preschool Center

In support of both personal growth and educational opportunities, Academic Affairs reallocated funding to support expansion of the Infant and Preschool Center to an eight-week session beginning this summer. Located in Horrabin Hall, the Western Illinois University Infant and Preschool Center provides students observational and hands-on experiences with children ages six months to five years. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Center employs five master teachers who model best practices for Early Childhood majors and supervise the many students hired as teacher-assistants for the Center. Additional information on the Center is available from the program director, Ms. Ann Curtis, at 298-1250 or 298-2830.

Strategic Planning Meetings

Following is a list of strategic planning meetings for February 2007. Please contact me if you are interested in attending any of these meetings.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location/Comments</u>
February 1, 1:00	Civil Service Employee Council	Horrabin Hall 60
February 2, 11:00	Renew Moline meetings	Renew Moline
February 2, 6:00	Student Government Association	Moline campus
February 6, 11:00	Faculty Council	Moline campus
February 6, 1:00	Quad Cities Riverfront Users Group	Moline campus
February 6, 4:00	Faculty Senate	Capitol Rooms
February 7, 11:00	Energy Utility Infrastructure Committee	Sherman Hall 200B
February 9, 11:30	Foundation Quad Cities Leadership Team	Moline campus
February 13, 10:00	Council of Administrative Personnel	Moline campus

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February 14, 3:00	Renew Moline meetings	Renew Moline
February 16, 10:00	President's Quad Cities Advisory Group	Sherman Hall 205
February 20, 3:00	Technology Infrastructure Group	Sherman Hall 205
February 20, 4:00	Faculty Senate	Capitol Rooms
February 22, 3:00	Renew Moline Meetings	Renew Moline
February 23, 7:30	Campus Facility Assessment Interviews	

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.

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