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

Date: September 24, 2010

Re: September 2010 Strategic Plan Update

Higher Values in Higher Education 2008-2018 contains the priority of delivering strong, user-centered information technology under the goal of enriching academic excellence. One common request of University Technology and Quad Cities Technology is the ability for faculty and staff to have the Microsoft Office Suite available at reduced cost for personal computers. Under Western's site license with Microsoft, this service is now available. It is described in this month's *Strategic Plan Update*.

Beginning September 24, 2010, Western will participate in Microsoft's Software Assurance Home Use Program. Employees of the University will be able to purchase software at a cost of \$9.95 for each of the options below, adding \$12 plus shipping of backup DVD(s).

Current software available for purchase is: 1) Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010 with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, SharePoint Workspace, Publisher, Access, and InfoPath; 2) Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Entourage, and Messenger; and 3) Microsoft Project Professional 2010. Microsoft anticipates that Office 2011 for Mac will be available in October 2010.

To place an order, visit www.wiu.edu/utech/microsoftHomeUse/. This site provides a user agreement consistent with University Policy and contractual agreements between Microsoft and Western. After accepting the agreement, you will receive an e-mail from University Technology providing access to the ordering site.

Additional educationally discounted software, such as the Adobe Creative Suite, is available through the University contract with JourneyEd. The site www.Journeyed.com provides additional program information. Likewise, the uTech Computer Store, located on the main concourse of the University Union, provides the latest Apple and Dell products at educationally discounted prices. For those wanting online ordering, www.wiu.edu/university_technology/store.php provides this service.

As the information in this *Update* shows, Western Illinois University continues to implement priorities and goals from its institutional plans. Please contact me if you have any questions about the data presented in this *Strategic Plan Update*, and/or if you have additional feedback for the continued successful implementation of *Higher Values in Higher Education*.

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