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

Date: June 2, 2015

Re: June 2015 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* shows how many reports and resolutions presented at the June 12, 2015, Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting are directly related to successful advancement of the priorities and goals in *Higher Values in Higher Education* and other university plans.

- *Report on Contributions* documents continued fundraising accomplishments for Western Illinois University.
- *Purchases of \$100,000-499,999* support information technology, wireless equipment for the Macomb campus, and Sherman Hall bell tower repairs.
- *Purchases of \$500,000 or More* relate to efficiencies in the multi-function device program, motor coach charter services for Athletics, information technology security services, and satellite signals in university housing.
- *Fiscal Year 2016 Preliminary Spending Plan* and *Resolution Authorizing the Refunding of Certificates of Participation* relate to Western Illinois University's mission-driven, conservative fiscal management.
- *Property Easements* and *Purchase of Real Estate* relate to *Macomb Campus Master Plan* goals and priorities.
- *Annual Listing of Program Changes* and *Report on Academic Curricular and Administrative Changes* demonstrate the University's long-standing commitments to providing high-quality, in-demand, sustainable, and affordable educational opportunities.
- *Tenure Recommendations for 2015-2016* demonstrates professional growth and the University's success in recruiting, supporting, and retaining excellent faculty members who are representative of the diverse and global society.
- *Quarterly Long Tern Plan Update* apprises the Board on Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools initiatives that they have participated in with the Western Illinois University community. Namely: The Quad Cities Campus Evaluation Visit, Off-Campus Location Review, Distance Learning Request, Doctoral Degree Program Request, and the Persistence and Completion Academy.
- *Update to Western Illinois University Benchmarking Institutions* seeks Board approval to update the University's benchmarking groups for non-salary comparisons. The update is requested to support university improvement in serving students with more contemporary peer groups best suited to the current context of the University. All governance groups on both campuses approved the proposed updates.
- *Smoke Free Campus* reinforces the University's commitments to health, wellness, and state compliance.
- *Officer Appreciation* recognizes the academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility of Provost and Academic Vice President Emeritus, Dr. Ken Hawkinson.

Should you have any questions about the materials presented in this month's *Strategic Plan Update*, and/or feedback for the continued successful advancement of *Higher Values in Higher Education*, please contact me.

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