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

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Re: May 2016 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* demonstrates how many of the *Reports* and *Resolutions* presented at the June 10, 2016, Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting advance the goals and priorities of the University and our strategic planning processes. Specifically:

- *Report on Contributions* shows that Western Illinois University is approximately half way to successfully achieving its Fiscal Year 2016 \$9.0 million fundraising goal.
- *Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999.99* relate to university priorities for textbooks, distance learning, environmental consulting, medication and supplies for Beu Health Center, fire protection services, athletics, and other continuous orders.
- *Purchases of \$500,000* or more requiring the Board's approval are for digital marketing and refuse disposal.
- *Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Spending Plan* demonstrates Western Illinois University's conservative, mission-driven fiscal management.
- *Property Easement – McDonough County* is a temporary easement to the City of Macomb for underground construction/repair of sanitary sewer force main and appurtenances on Western Illinois University property.
- *Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes* is an annual report required by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The *Listing* documents expansion and contraction of educational opportunities at Western Illinois University. All of the 12 Illinois public universities complete and submit a similar report to the IBHE annually.
- *Report on Academic Curricular and Administrative Changes* is an annual report provided in accordance with Section III, Subsection D.2 of the *Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Regulations*. The *Report* includes changes for the period June 21, 2015, to June 20, 2016, which includes:
 - Converting eight existing Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) programs to 18 semester hours.
 - Phasing-out and eliminating six PBC programs and the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree program.
 - Establishing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Master of Arts in Community and Economic Development, and Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Decision Analytics.

- *Academic Program Review Recommendations* results from an Academic Program Elimination Review (APER) Committee established in January 2016 to review eight low-enrolled programs, per Article 26 of the *Western Illinois University/University Professionals of Illinois 2010-2015 Agreement* (extended through 2017).

The Academic Vice President reviewed the recommendations received from the APER Committee and desires, upon careful examination, programs in African American Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Women's Studies be eliminated. It was further recommended that programs in Bilingual/Bicultural Education, Public Health, Geography, and Musical Theatre undergo modifications.

- *Tenure Recommendations for 2016-2017* showcase the academic excellence of 21 faculty members who are recommended for tenure.
- *External Audit Report and Establishment of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Audit Committee Charter* demonstrates Western Illinois University's commitments to transparency and accountability by presenting the University's one financial and eight compliance audits findings; and codifying the purpose, authority, and scope of responsibility of the Board's Audit Committee.
- *Quarterly Long Term Plan Update* documents 64 partnerships in various forms of development as a result of successful implementation of the President's Executive Corporate Cluster that focuses on enrollment, internship, sponsored credit, future philanthropic, and other partnerships between Western Illinois University and the public and private sector.
- *Higher Learning Commission: Western Illinois University Quality Initiative Report* describes the relationship between the University's Quality Initiative required by the Higher Learning Commission, strategic planning, and intended outcomes of stabilizing enrollment, increasing retention and graduation rates, and reallocating resources to the highest university goals and priorities.
- *FY16 Quad Cities Graduate Study Center Update* updates the Board on the history of the Quad Cities Graduate Study Center (GradCenter), transitions occurring since its location change to Western Illinois University, and current collaborative efforts between member institutions in advancing the degree and certificate attainment rates of area residents.
- *Higher Values in Higher Education 2016-2026 Update* documents the fiscal, planning, and shared governance contexts for creating a new *Higher Values in Higher Education 2016-2026 Strategic Plan* for Western Illinois University. The Board of Trustees requested a new university strategic plan in April 2016.
- *Higher Values in Higher Education 2016-2026* seeks Western Illinois University Board of Trustees implementation approval for the University's new *Strategic Plan*.
- *University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) Local 4100 Memorandum of Understanding* is presented after approval from the Union. It modifies the current collective bargaining agreement between the Union and the University. It includes pay reductions for represented members under specified terms described in the *Board Resolution*.

- *Trustee Appreciation – Michael Quigley* honors Michael for his service to Western Illinois University and his academic excellence, personal growth, and social responsibility as a student, now alumnus and commissioned officer of the United States Army, and trustee of 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 *Higher Values in Higher Education*.

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