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

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Re: June 2018 Strategic Plan Update

This month's *Strategic Plan Update* provides an overview of Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2019 participation in the United States Department of Defense's (DOD) Voluntary Education Institutional Compliance Program (VEICP). Participation in this program will demonstrate and extend the University's tradition of excellence in serving military students.

In providing background, Western Illinois University is one of 250 educational institutions from across the nation selected to participate in the VEICP. This internal self-study and external validation program is based upon DOD requirements and best practices in serving military students.

The University was assigned to the Iteration 1 Assessment Cohort. As such, the VEICP Working Group (membership displayed below) is drafting answers to self-study questions in nine areas: (1) Accreditation and Credentialing Requirements, (2) Degree Plans, (3) Transfer Credits and Requirements, (4) Academic Counseling and Post-Graduation Job Opportunities, (5) Student Loans, (6) Refunds, (7) Readmissions, (8) Recruiting and Marketing Practices, and (9) Installation Access.

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Once completed, the Working Group will get/incorporate feedback from the Military Task Force, and seek President's Leadership Team approval for submission. The Department of Defense ICP Review team will conduct a remote review and validation of our responses later this summer or fall. Copy of the self-study materials and any DOD correspondence will be provided at your September 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

Some of the 250 institutions selected to participate in the VEICP were assigned to either Iteration 2 Assessment or On-Site Assessment Cohorts. The Iteration 2 cohort will complete scenario-based assessments and administer military student and Educational Service Officer surveys. The On-Site

Assessment cohort will complete additional self-study questions and host an on-site validation visit by a Department of Defense ICP Review Team.

Western was not assigned to Iteration 2 or On-Site Assessment cohorts. However, future reporting will keep you advised on the status of our Iteration 1 Assessment, and if the DOD requests additional participation from the University.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the materials presented in this *Update*, would like to join the Military Task Force, have feedback for the continued successful advancement of *Higher Values in Higher Education* and/or recommendations on the University's service to military students.

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