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The Statewide Budget Context and Western Illinois University's Mission-Driven Planning and Results Fiscal Year 2018 Update

A Power Point presentation made at today's Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting represents the fourth in a series. The Board received its first presentation on the historic and unprecedented statewide budget impasse in Fiscal Year 2016 (March 2016). This and subsequent presentations are available from the University Planning website. The materials can be accessed at www.wiu.edu/university_planning/presentations.php. Today's materials will be placed on that website after the Board meeting.

Illinois public universities entered Fiscal Year 2018 with a state appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year for the first time in two years. However, it was 10% less than FY15 appropriations for the public universities.

Therefore, materials presented at today's meeting will include historic information on institutional and state funding. It will also include a summary of mission-driven plans and results to increase revenue, decrease expenditures, and reduce reliance on state appropriations, while continuing to deliver a high-quality educational experience grounded in the core values of the University. Actions to increase enrollment and remove enrollment barriers will also be discussed.

Today's presentation will show that despite fiscally challenging times for Illinois public higher education, Western Illinois University continues to move ahead. Together, we continue to build an even stronger and better University for the future. We have done so by making necessary but difficult decisions and continuing to advocate for the restoration of fair and predictable funding for Illinois public higher education in general and Western Illinois University in particular.