Western Illinois University
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 24, 2026

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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois

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Roll Call	**Action**
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Motion to Convene to Open Session	**Action**
Break	
Motion to Convene to Open Session – 9:30 a.m.	**Action**

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(Director of Internal Audit, John Murphy)

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

December 3, 2026 - Macomb Campus, Union Capitol Room

Adjourn **Action**

- The meetings audio will be streamed live at https://www.youtube.com/user/WesternIllinoisU
- Public comments will be held to a total of 30 minutes. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes for those speaking in person and 500 words for those writing. Written comments cannot be submitted on behalf of another individual. Those who wish to have their comments read, please email them directly to Athena Brooks at AM-Brooks@WIU.edu by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.
- Trustees will meet in person.

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Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of:
June 16, 2026 Open and Closed Meeting Minutes

Minutes will be available for review at:

http://www.wiu.edu/board_of_trustees/minutes/index.php

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Report No. 26.9/1 -- Purchases of $100,000 — $499,999.99 or Exempt

Purchases of $100,000 - $249,999

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
JDHQ Hotels – Embassy Suites; East Peoria, IL	2027 Women in Criminal Justice Conference March 31-April, 2027 in East Peoria, IL	$100,000 estimated	Exempt (Grant)
Technolutions Inc; New Haven, CT	FY27 Slate information management system used for outreach and engagement (year 5 of a 5-yr agreement)	$100,000	IPHEC
Davis & Campbell LLC; Peoria, IL	FY27 continuous order labor and employment attorney.	$105,000 estimated	IPHEC
Moreland & Devitt Pharmacy Inc; Rushville, IL	FY27 tele-pharmacy services for Beu Health Center (year 2 of a 3-yr agreement).	$105,000	Exempt
The CBORD Group Inc; Atlanta, GA	FY27 CBORD software licensing, online services, and support for WIU campus ID cards.	$105,148.52	Exempt
Deisinger Consulting LLC; Midlothian, VA	Provide two-day threat assessment & management classes for ILETSBEI.	$109,000 estimated	Exempt (Grant)

American Tower Corp; Woburn, MA	FY27 tower lease for WQPT transmitter site in Orion, IL	$109,803.30	Exempt (Grant)
Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA Inc; Peoria, IL	FY27 University copier/multi-function device program. WIU BOT previously approved this award on 12/18/20.	$115,000	8
Public Broadcasting Service; Arlington, VA	FY27 annual membership and programming fees for WQPT	$121,080	Exempt
McAllister & Quinn, LLC; Washington, DC	FY27 grant consulting services for Sponsored Projects	$121,800	IPHEC
CDWG LLC; Vernon Hills, IL	FY27 Adobe Enterprise Term Licensing Agreement (ETLA).	$129,933	IPHEC
Contributor Development Partnership, PBC; Boston, MA	FY27 agreement to provide membership & gift processing services for WQPT-TV.	$145,493.60	Exempt
Teamworks Innovations, Inc; Durham, NC	FY27 Teamworks support and payment services for student-athlete compensation	$154,400	Exempt
Franczek Radelet PC; Chicago, IL	FY27 continuous order for general legal services for BOT as needed.	$180,000 estimated	IPHEC
Finxera Inc; Alpharetta, GA	FY27 revenue-sharing payments to student-athletes for 2026-27 season	$200,000 estimated	Exempt
Office of the Auditor General; Springfield, IL	FY25 audit costs for University income fund.	$201,545	Exempt
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance (dba Home Depot Pro);	FY27 continuous order for janitorial supplies, equipment, and parts (year 5 of a 5-yr award	$215,000 estimated	IPHEC

Atlanta, GA	with one 5-yr renewal option)		
D2L Ltd; Towson, MD	FY27 learning management system	$219,230.90	IPHEC
EAB Global Inc; Washington, DC	Strategic advisory services IPHEC contract – exempt from BOT approval	$222,092.80	Sole Source (IPHEC2222)
Regent Education, Inc.; Frederick, MD	FY27 financial aid software solution. WIU BOT previously approved this 5-year award on 10/13/23.	$226,000	2
BMC Software Inc; Houston, TX	FY27 BMC software maintenance	$228,395	Exempt

Purchases of $250,000 - $499,999 Receiving Presidential Approval

City of Macomb; Macomb, IL	FY27 continuous order for fire protection for Macomb campus (year 3 of a 3-year agreement)	$250,000	Intergov't Agreement
University of Illinois – CARLI; Champaign, IL	FY27 continuous order for library materials to be ordered as needed.	$254,000 estimated	Intergov't Agreement
SHI International Corp; Piscataway, NJ	FY27 software support and maintenance of CA, Inc. products for uTech/AIMS (year 2 of 3).	$261,929	IPHEC
AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp; Romeoville, IL	FY27 continuous order for pharmaceuticals for resale at Beu Health Center	$290,000 estimated	Exempt
Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services Inc; Quincy, MA	Student athletic insurance for the period of August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027. ($250 deductible)	$320,000	IPHEC Award

Ohio Valley Conference; Brentwood, TN	FY27 officiating fees and membership dues for Athletics	$352,275 estimated	Exempt
MidAmerican Energy Company; Davenport, IA	FY27 continuous order for electricity and natural gas for QC campus.	$362,000 estimated	IPHEC
Marsh USA Inc; Chicago, IL	FY27 master insurance program premiums	$404,410 estimated	IPHEC
BSN Sports LLC – Adidas Varsity Brands Inc; Dallas, TX	FY27 continuous order for athletic apparel and gear for WIU Athletics (2nd year of 5-year agreement)	$441,750 estimated	3
Carnegie Dartlet LLC; Westford, MA	FY27 digital media services - includes search, online advertising, and media buys (4th of 7 optional 1-yr renewals). WIU BOT previously approved this award on 12/2/21.	$463,535.44 estimated	9 proposals
IBM Corporation; Livermore, CA	FY27 IBM mainframe software maintenance (4th of 5 optional 1-yr renewals). Sub-capacity pricing and education discount apply.	$499,000 estimated	Sole Source

Purchases $500,000 and above Exempt from BOT Approval

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
Ameren Illinois Company (dba Ameren CIPS); St Louis, MO	FY27 continuous order for natural gas (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	$519,000 estimated	Sole Source
Kone Inc; Peoria, IL	FY27 continuous order for WIU's elevator maintenance and repair services – Macomb and Moline	$595,000 estimated	IPHEC

EBSCO Industries Inc; Cary, IL	FY27 continuous order for library materials to be ordered as needed (exempt from BOT approval)	$608,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Alliant Insurance Services; Chicago, IL	FY27 Master Property Insurance	$934,200 estimated	IPHEC
City of Macomb; Macomb, IL	FY27 continuous order for water supply for Macomb campus (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	$1,020,000 estimated	Intergov't Agreement
Health Insurance Reserve Fund; Springfield, IL	WIU's health insurance contribution for FY27 (CMS contract – exempt from BOT approval)	$1,944,800	CMS
Interstate Municipal Gas Agency; Auburn, IL	FY27 continuous order for natural gas transport for the Macomb campus (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	$2,490,000 estimated	IPHEC
Academic HealthPlans, Inc.; Colleyville, TX	FY27 student health insurance program. Student health insurance fee recommendation approved by the BOT 3/12/26. MHEC award with United Healthcare Services, Inc. Academic HealthPlans appointed WIU Broker of Record.	$2,800,000 estimated	MHEC/ IPHEC2124
NRG Energy Inc / Direct Energy Business LLC; Dallas, TX	FY27 continuous order for delivery of electricity for Macomb campus (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	$4,500,000 estimated	WIU/EIU/ ISU/SIUC consortium
Sodexo Operations LLC; Williamsville, NY	FY27 continuous order for food services (year 2 of a 5-year renewal, previously approved by the BOT on 6/12/20).	$8,366,000 estimated	1

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Report No. 26.9/2 -- Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended June 30, 2026

All Funds

	FY2026 Budget	FY2026	% of Budget	FY2025 Budget	FY2025	% of Budget
Revenue						
State Appropriations	$ 57,394,765	$ 58,531,300	102.0%	$ 56,826,500	$ 56,826,500	100.0%
Assessed Tuition	38,200,000	37,727,942	98.8%	43,000,000	46,604,114	108.4%
Assessed Room and Board	14,625,000	14,819,827	101.3%	18,641,280	18,369,873	98.5%
Sales	2,125,100	2,052,557	96.6%	2,547,800	2,376,082	93.3%
Assessed Student Fees	3,878,050	3,931,951	101.4%	4,315,934	4,561,283	105.7%
Other	59,639,770	55,910,494	93.7%	61,536,786	60,706,467	98.7%
Total Revenue	$175,862,685	$172,974,072	98.4%	$186,868,300	$189,444,319	101.4%
Expenditures						
Personnel Services	$ 91,600,000	$ 85,698,165	93.6%	$ 98,100,000	$ 94,207,894	96.0%
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	6,645,000	6,690,892	100.7%	2,360,000	6,643,767	281.5%
Commodities	2,450,000	2,326,651	95.0%	2,825,000	2,290,373	81.1%
Operation of Automotive Equip	515,000	471,902	91.6%	400,000	481,106	120.3%
Travel	2,005,000	2,034,797	101.5%	515,000	1,810,630	351.6%
Contractual Services	37,700,000	39,299,980	104.2%	41,600,000	36,913,584	88.7%
Permanent Improvements	750,000	2,659,494	354.6%	630,000	628,470	99.8%
Equipment	2,230,000	2,313,759	103.8%	3,220,200	1,578,004	49.0%
Telecommunication Services	250,500	194,596	77.7%	300,850	191,545	63.7%
Awards/Grants & Matching Funds	29,450,000	24,534,964	83.3%	33,900,000	30,221,101	89.1%
CMS Health Insurance	1,969,800	2,050,709	104.1%	3,294,800	1,951,903	59.2%
Other	13,834,700	9,941,175	71.9%	13,754,150	12,927,139	94.0%
Total Expenditures	$189,400,000	$178,217,084	94.1%	$200,900,000	$189,845,518	94.5%

The Board of Trustees approved the Western Illinois University Fiscal Year 2026 All Funds Budget by source of funds and estimated object of expenditure on September 26th, 2025 (see Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Resolution No. 25.9/1).

Following the approval of institutional spending plans, the Western Illinois Board of Trustees shall receive quarterly revenue and expenditure reports to review the University's financial status and compliance with institutional spending plans.

The table above outlines the approved All Funds Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026, along with year-to-date revenue and expense data. Fiscal Year 2025 data is also provided for comparative purposes.

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Report No. 26.6/3 -- Internal Audit Report

Internal Audit Plan FY 27-28

	FY 2027	FY 2028
Type		
Audit	ERP Colleague - Accounts Payable and Purchasing	ERP Colleague - TBD
Audit	Contract Management System Implementation (Cobblestone)	Admissions - Fraud Controls Review
Audit	Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs	Deferred Maintenance
Audit	Data Security/Cybersecurity Review	Slate CRM Implementation
Audit	Unplanned Audit(s)	Unplanned Audit(s)
Type	Audit Project Support	
Consulting	Consulting Projects	Consulting Projects
Audit	Follow-Up on Outstanding Action Plans	Follow-Up on Outstanding Action Plans
IL OAG	External Financial and Compliance Audit Assistance	External Financial and Compliance Audit Assistance
IL OAG	Facilitate FCIAA Questionnaire and Certification	Facilitate FCIAA Questionnaire and Certification
Type	Other Audit Activities	
Governance	President/Audit Committee Meetings	President/Audit Committee Meetings
Quality	Quality Assurance Review - Full QAR	Quality Assurance Review - Internal Assessment
Audit	Risk Assessment and Audit Planning-Annual	Risk Assessment and Audit Planning-Annual
Advisory	WIU Leadership/Steering Committees	WIU Leadership/Steering Committees

Approved By:

WIU President Date WIU Audit Committee Chair Date

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Report No. 26.9/4 -- Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 4th Quarter

Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP)

First Quarter FY 27

Amy Crosby started as the new Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects on July 1st. The first quarter of FY27 has been one of transition and learning. The office has moved to a new location in Sherman Hall 310. We are actively recruiting to fill the vacant pre-award grant specialist position, with a target of having it filled by the end of the second quarter of FY27. In the interim, Shannon Sutton (former OSP Director) has returned on a part-time basis to work on special projects and support the transition, providing continuity in proposal review and training. Having Shannon available to review submissions, answer questions in real time, and talk through issues has greatly aided Amy's transition.

The office is currently evaluating grants management software to improve tracking of proposal submissions, awards, and compliance deadlines across the University. A grants management system is expected to improve reporting accuracy and reduce administrative burden on OSP staff.

I. Proposal Activity

10 **New Proposals submitted FY27**	**$10,551,999** **Funds Awarded FY27**	**$19,800,741** **Total Outstanding Proposals (FY26 & FY27, including M&Q submissions)**

Submitted and awarded proposals first quarter FY 27

(July 1 to September 18, 2026)

Project Title	**Funding Level**	**Status**
Illinois SBDC-CY26	112,500	Awarded
Illinois STARNET Northwest Region I and Central Region III FY27	$1,076,350	Awarded
WIU GenCyber Cybersecurity FY27	$90,000	Awarded
DCFS- Web Based Training FY27	$389,820	Pending
RIS FY27	$47,947	Awarded

Project Title	Funding Level	Status
CONNECTED STORIES subaward	$35,020	Pending
Building an Entrepreneurship Support Organization	$100,000	Awarded
Lowering the Barrier to Patient Safety: A Practical Root Cause Analysis Toolkit for Frontline Leaders	$15,000	Awarded
FY26 AIM High	$1,904,000	Awarded
AMERICORPS FY27-28	$125,000	Awarded
DCFS FY27	$237,108	Pending
GYO-Illinois FY27	$170,000.00	Pending
BLE Admin FY27	$100,000	Awarded
ILEEI ADMIN FY27	$2,000,000	Awarded
ILEEI PROGRAM FY27	$2,200,000	Awarded
ASSIST PROGRAM FY27	$1,800,000	Awarded
BLE Programs FY27	$100,000	Awarded
I-PATHWAYS FY27	$190,000	Awarded
AMOC FY27	$86,838	Awarded
Rural Cooperative Development Grants at WIU	$488,627	Pending
WACS Building Trades FY27	$22,380.00	Awarded
Mental Health Early Action on Campus FY27	$415,100.00	Awarded
GAST FY27	$30,000	Awarded
AG ED FY27	$13,120	Awarded
DOJ COPS Safer Outcomes	$262,573	Pending
Illinois SBDC-CY27	$232,900	Pending
Stress, Affect, & Autonomic Responding in Daily Life Among Rural Older Adults	$2,000	Awarded
Evaluation and support of invasive carp management sub award FY27	$6,764	Awarded

II. McAllister & Quinn

The University's working relationship with McAllister and Quinn (M&Q) remains strong. The M&Q team will conduct their first-ever on-campus site visit this fall and has been a steady partner during a period of change in OSP. We have worked together since September 2020 and have secured a total of $6,891,299 ($756,042 in indirect costs) in funding. The current WIU and M&Q contract period runs from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2027, and includes a total of four projects per year (eight projects over the full contract period).

So far under this contract, M&Q has submitted requests totaling $7,722,768 to federal agencies or for congressional appropriations.

Agency	**Project Title**	**Completion Date**	**Funding Level**
HRSA NEPQR	Rural Opportunity, Outcomes, Training, and Student Success (ROOTS)	July 2026	$1,650,638
Department of Education	Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program	May 2026	$1,999,706
Earmark Request, CJS OJP – Byrne, Rep. Sorensen	Critical security technology, equipment, and staffing	March 2026	$772,700
Earmark Request, LHHS HRSA, Sen. Duckworth & Sen. Durbin	Rural Healthcare and Nursing Workforce Development Equipment Initiative	March 2026	$1,300,000
National Science Foundation	Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) Program, Track 2	March 2026	$1,999,724

II. Research Compliance

The Institutional Review Board reviews and approves all human subjects research conducted at WIU. The IRB processes exempt, expedited, and full board protocols and amendments. The office is grateful to the IRB members, who perform this service in addition to their regular teaching, research, and service responsibilities.

IRB Activity	Count
New approved exempt	3
Exempt amendments approved	2
New approved expedited	1
Expedited amendments approved	4
Full Board approved	0
Non-Human Subjects Research Determination	2
Protocols in review process	4
Total IRB workload	**16**

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Report No. 26.9/5 -- Report on Contributions

Western Illinois University
FOUNDATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising Progress Report
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Pledges Made	Planned Gifts (FV)*	Total Pledges
$ 807,587	$ 375,000	**$ 1,182,587**

Cash Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Total Receipts
$ 5,148,736	$ 186,170	**$ 5,334,905**

	Overall Total	Goal	% to Goal
Fiscal Year	**$ 6,517,493**	$10,000,000	65.2%
Campaign	**$ 74,201,182**	$ 100,000,000	74.2%

*Discounted Present Value for the 3 planned gift pledge(s):
$ 224,820

Deferred gifts not included in totals:

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year goals and progress
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members
NOTES: Cash Gifts do not include pledge payments.
Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.
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Fundraising Progress Report
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

COLLEGE/UNIT	PLEDGES	GIFTS	GIFTS-IN-KIND	PLANNED GIFTS	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	PREVIOUS FY TOTAL
CAS	154,770	669,016	1,149	275,000	**1,099,935**	779,967
CBT	12,418	277,963	123,924	0	**414,305**	1,896,754
COEHS	10,312	283,359	100	0	**293,771**	1,621,829
COFAC	107,724	761,746	5,388	0	**874,857**	1,242,770
LEJA	3,427	268,055	0	0	**271,482**	24,119
ATHLETICS	50,602	512,826	34,611	0	**598,039**	716,813
STUDENT SUCCESS	15,823	173,127	14,250	0	**203,200**	163,275
LIBRARY	229	19,131	1,269	0	**20,629**	8,051
HONORS	260	63,575	0	100,000	**163,835**	45,670
GLOBAL STUDIES	1,345	6,470	0	0	**7,815**	7,580
QC	924	33,020	0	0	**33,944**	34,881
ALUMNI	559	23,648	0	0	**24,207**	44,471
BGS	150	3,545	0	0	**3,695**	4,605
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	42,985	629,248	0	0	**672,233**	326,798
TRI-STATES RADIO	161,719	321,684	0	0	**483,403**	312,192
WQPT	11,887	911,264	5,479	0	**928,630**	699,174
OTHER	232,453	191,058	0	0	**423,511**	1,142,874
UNIVERSITY TOTALS:	**807,587**	**5,148,736**	**186,170**	**375,000**	**6,517,493**	9,071,823

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year progress by unit
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members
NOTES: Gifts do not include pledge payments.
Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Success.
Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.
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Annual Fund Report
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

COLLEGE/UNIT	TOTAL PLEDGE AMT	PREV FY PLEDGE AMT	AVERAGE PLEDGE AMT	PLEDGES PAID	OUTRIGHT GIFTS	*TOTAL RECEIVED	*PREV FY RECEIVED
CAS	6,119	10,781	91	4,788	100,641	105,430	75,760
CBT	5,650	15,751	84	4,295	100,604	104,899	67,625
COEHS	5,749	8,360	88	4,524	51,105	55,629	71,375
COFAC	4,382	17,348	112	3,927	128,878	132,805	144,459
LEJA	927	2,150	66	588	20,805	21,393	16,864
ATHLETICS	21,317	93,871	444	28,050	473,315	501,365	423,098
STUDENT SUCCESS	2,594	2,764	118	2,189	80,879	83,068	71,229
LIBRARY	229	524	76	229	15,381	15,610	6,760
HONORS	50	0	50	50	18,325	18,375	210
GLOBAL STUDIES	125	420	63	50	1,120	1,170	3,215
QC	0	2,030	0	0	1,900	1,900	514
ALUMNI	200	2,170	67	100	16,183	16,283	24,443
BGS	150	2,200	75	100	3,045	3,145	3,715
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	11,943	12,935	239	11,448	74,938	86,386	111,412
TRI-STATES RADIO	161,719	137,645	352	154,832	320,592	475,424	310,407
WQPT	11,887	15,616	107	5,674	809,094	814,768	668,493
OTHER	23,122	32,993	198	20,612	80,134	100,746	71,500
Total	256,164	357,558	239	241,457	2,296,940	**2,538,397**	2,071,079

****Total Annual Fund: $2,553,104**

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Annual Fund totals by Unit; includes Phonathon and President's Scholarship totals.
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.
NOTES:
*Total Received equals Income (Pledges Paid + Cash).
**Total Annual Fund equals sum of Pledges and Cash.
Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Success.
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Phonathon Report
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COLLEGE/UNIT	TOTAL PLEDGE AMT	PREV FY PLEDGE AMT	AVERAGE PLEDGE AMT	PLEDGES PAID	OUTRIGHT GIFTS	*TOTAL RECEIVED	*PREV FY RECEIVED
CAS	5,015	8,961	80	3,685	260	3,945	6,285
CBT	5,000	12,051	78	3,895	405	4,300	7,315
COEHS	4,659	6,980	73	3,434	206	3,640	4,025
COFAC	1,380	4,975	53	875	60	935	1,400
LEJA	927	2,150	66	588	0	588	670
ATHLETICS	938	2,083	134	813	20	833	1,275
STUDENT SUCCESS	905	835	70	500	160	660	405
LIBRARY	120	415	60	120	0	120	115
HONORS	50	0	50	50	0	50	0
GLOBAL STUDIES	125	420	63	50	50	100	75
QC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALUMNI	150	2,120	75	50	0	50	1,495
BGS	150	2,200	75	100	0	100	1,860
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	9,085	9,485	193	8,590	1,225	9,815	8,845
TRI-STATES RADIO	1,120	0	373	1,120	0	1,120	200
WQPT	200	130	100	100	0	100	0
OTHER	6,663	4,450	61	4,153	260	4,413	1,205
Total	36,488	57,255	87	28,123	2,646	**30,769**	35,170

****Total Phonathon: $39,134**

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Phonathon totals by Unit.
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.
NOTES:
*Total Received equals Income (Pledges Paid + Cash).
**Total Phonathon equals sum of Pledges and Cash.
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Western Illinois University
FOUNDATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising Progress Report
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Pledges Made	Planned Gifts (FV)*	Total Pledges
$ 252,485	$ 0	**$ 252,485**
Cash Gifts	**Gifts-in-Kind**	**Total Receipts**
$ 1,027,083	$ 36,989	**$ 1,064,072**

	Overall Total	Goal	% to Goal
Fiscal Year	**$ 1,316,557**	$12,500,000	10.5%
Campaign	**$ 75,517,739**	$ 100,000,000	75.5%

*Discounted Present Value for the 0 planned gift pledge(s):
$ 0

Deferred gifts not included in totals:

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year goals and progress
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members
NOTES: Cash Gifts do not include pledge payments.
Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.
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Western Illinois University
FOUNDATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising Progress Report
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

COLLEGE/UNIT	PLEDGES	GIFTS	GIFTS-IN-KIND	PLANNED GIFTS	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	PREVIOUS FY TOTAL
CAS	5,500	239,601	0	0	**245,101**	1,099,935
CBT	7,093	34,750	0	0	**41,843**	414,305
COEHS	4,794	18,770	0	0	**23,564**	293,771
COFAC	17,512	148,763	12,000	0	**178,275**	874,857
LEJA	0	225	0	0	**225**	271,482
ATHLETICS	21,814	318,466	21,849	0	**362,129**	598,039
STUDENT SUCCESS	13,858	11,660	0	0	**25,518**	203,200
LIBRARY	109	200	0	0	**309**	20,629
HONORS	210	0	0	0	**210**	163,835
GLOBAL STUDIES	1,320	120	0	0	**1,440**	7,815
QC	1,224	5,000	0	0	**6,224**	33,944
ALUMNI	399	4,785	0	0	**5,184**	24,207
BGS	0	225	0	0	**225**	3,695
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	3,846	19,640	0	0	**23,486**	672,233
TRI-STATES RADIO	150,217	31,746	0	0	**181,963**	483,403
WQPT	2,510	119,748	0	0	**122,258**	928,630
OTHER	22,078	15,304	3,140	0	**40,522**	423,511
UNIVERSITY TOTALS:	**252,485**	**969,003**	**36,989**	**0**	**1,258,477**	6,517,491

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year progress by unit
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members
NOTES: Gifts do not include pledge payments.
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Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.
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Western Illinois University
FOUNDATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Annual Fund Report
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

COLLEGE/UNIT	TOTAL PLEDGE AMT	PREV FY PLEDGE AMT	AVERAGE PLEDGE AMT	PLEDGES PAID	OUTRIGHT GIFTS	*TOTAL RECEIVED	*PREV FY RECEIVED
CAS	1,020	6,119	340	170	24,410	24,580	105,430
CBT	1,500	5,650	750	250	190	440	104,899
COEHS	1,620	5,749	405	315	11,105	11,420	55,629
COFAC	2,420	4,382	202	564	9,070	9,634	132,805
LEJA	0	927	0	0	225	225	21,393
ATHLETICS	750	21,317	750	5,498	75,712	81,209	501,365
STUDENT SUCCESS	1,629	2,594	204	397	4,255	4,652	83,068
LIBRARY	109	229	109	27	200	227	15,610
HONORS	0	50	0	0	0	0	18,375
GLOBAL STUDIES	0	125	0	0	20	20	1,170
QC	300	0	300	50	0	50	1,900
ALUMNI	50	200	50	0	4,335	4,335	16,283
BGS	0	150	0	0	0	0	3,145
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	2,920	11,943	973	195	16,550	16,745	86,386
TRI-STATES RADIO	150,217	161,719	365	31,463	29,746	61,209	475,424
WQPT	2,510	11,887	179	317	118,748	119,065	814,768
OTHER	16,449	23,122	2,742	759	3,194	3,953	100,746
Total	181,495	256,163	389	40,005	297,760	**337,765**	2,538,396

****Total Annual Fund: $479,255**

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Annual Fund totals by Unit; includes Phonathon and President's Scholarship totals.
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.
NOTES:
*Total Received equals Income (Pledges Paid + Cash).
**Total Annual Fund equals sum of Pledges and Cash.
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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2026

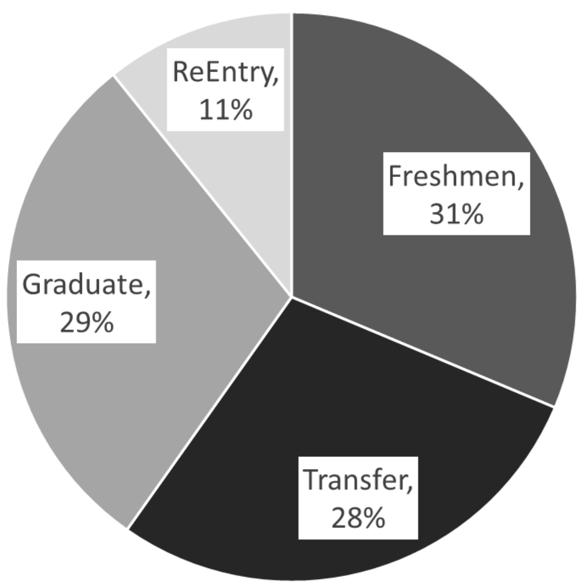
Report No. 26.9/6 -- Enrollment Report

Fall 2026 Enrollment Summary

Western Illinois University's total enrollment decreased by 16.68 percent (-890) from 5,337 in fall 2025 to 4,447 in fall 2026. Overall, undergraduate enrollment decreased by 17.36% (-673), and graduate enrollment decreased by 14.85% (-217).

This fall, 1,407 started as Leathernecks, with 441 new-entering freshmen, 400 new-entering transfer students, 415 new-entering graduate students, and 151 students reentering after stepping away from their studies. New-entering freshmen decreased by 6.37 percent (-30), new-entering transfer students decreased by 14.16 percent (-66), and new-entering graduate students increased by 4.01 percent (+16). Among these, new international students increased by 29.79% (+14).

Incoming Students, Fall 2026



Incoming Freshman Class

The incoming freshman class is 59.4 percent female and 40.6 percent male. 47 percent of the freshman class is from an underrepresented group, up 4.2 percent from the previous year. 35.3 percent of the freshman class identify as first-generation. The incoming freshman class is academically motivated, with the average high school GPA being 3.41.
23.1 percent of the freshman class are admitted through the Reach Program.

Average High School GPA	
Year Admitted	Average GPA
2022	3.38
2023	3.40
2024	3.48
2025	3.44
2026	3.41

Applications

Western Illinois University's overall acceptance rate increased to 72.1% this year.
The university accepted 76.8% of freshman applications, the highest percentage in over 15 years.
Freshman applications rose 2.29% from the previous year, and freshman accepted applications rose 7.84%.
At the same time, freshman applications rose 13.56% among applicants with a 3.0 high school GPA or higher. More high-performing high school students are applying to Western Illinois University than before.

Table 1. New Student: Applications, Acceptances, and Enrollments by Gender, Fall 2022-Fall 2026

	New Freshmen			New Transfer			New Graduate			New Student
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Total
2025										
# Completed Applications	2,889	4,459	7,348	552	802	1,354	1,013	1,161	2,174	10,876
# Accepted Applications	2,006	3,348	5,354	342	502	844	604	726	1,330	7,528
# Enrolling Fall 2025	173	298	471	204	262	466	118	280	398	1,335
% Students Accepted	69.4%	75.1%	72.9%	62.0%	62.6%	62.3%	59.6%	62.5%	61.2%	69.2%
% Students Accepted That Enrolled	8.6%	8.9%	8.8%	59.6%	52.2%	55.2%	19.5%	38.6%	29.9%	17.7%
2026										
# Completed Applications	2,936	4,580	7,516	524	684	1,208	862	974	1,836	10,560
# Accepted Applications	2,183	3,591	5,774	367	432	799	464	580	1,044	7,617
# Enrolling Fall 2026	179	262	441	192	208	400	158	257	415	1,256
% Students Accepted	74.4%	78.4%	76.8%	70.0%	63.2%	66.1%	53.8%	59.5%	56.9%	72.1%
% Students Accepted That Enrolled	8.2%	7.3%	7.6%	52.3%	48.1%	50.1%	34.1%	44.3%	39.8%	16.5%

Table 11. Headcount Enrollment by Gender, Full-Time/Part-Time, Class Level and Location, Fall 2025 and Fall 2026

FALL 2025	Full-Time			Part-Time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Headcount
MACOMB									
Freshmen	224	367	591	42	81	123	266	448	714
Sophomores	239	292	531	13	21	34	252	313	565
Juniors	328	459	787	47	74	121	375	533	908
Seniors	448	594	1,042	116	169	285	564	763	1,327
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	1,239	1,712	2,951	218	345	563	1,457	2,057	3,514
TOTAL GRADUATE	217	294	511	247	514	761	464	808	1,272
MACOMB TOTAL	**1,456**	**2,006**	**3,462**	**465**	**859**	**1,324**	**1,921**	**2,865**	**4,786**
QUAD CITIES									
Freshmen	7	8	15	12	18	30	19	26	45
Sophomores	15	12	27	3	5	8	18	17	35
Juniors	21	40	61	10	18	28	31	58	89
Seniors	41	86	127	28	38	66	69	124	193
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	84	146	230	53	79	132	137	225	362
TOTAL GRADUATE	24	47	71	33	85	118	57	132	189
QUAD CITIES TOTAL	**108**	**193**	**301**	**86**	**164**	**250**	**194**	**357**	**551**
TOTAL ENROLLMENT									
Freshmen	231	375	606	54	99	153	285	474	759
Sophomores	254	304	558	16	26	42	270	330	600
Juniors	349	499	848	57	92	149	406	591	997
Seniors	489	680	1,169	144	207	351	633	887	1,520
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	1,323	1,858	3,181	271	424	695	1,594	2,282	3,876
TOTAL GRADUATE	241	341	582	280	599	879	521	940	1,461
GRAND TOTAL	**1,564**	**2,199**	**3,763**	**551**	**1,023**	**1,574**	**2,115**	**3,222**	**5,337**

FALL 2026	Full-Time			Part-Time			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Headcount
MACOMB									
Freshmen	212	316	528	33	66	99	245	382	627
Sophomores	187	218	405	11	23	34	198	241	439
Juniors	310	354	664	32	56	88	342	410	752
Seniors	382	533	915	97	142	239	479	675	1,154
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	1,091	1,421	2,512	173	287	460	1,264	1,708	2,972
TOTAL GRADUATE	170	235	405	219	421	640	389	656	1,045
MACOMB TOTAL	**1,261**	**1,656**	**2,917**	**392**	**708**	**1,100**	**1,653**	**2,364**	**4,017**
QUAD CITIES									
Freshmen	4	2	6	4	3	7	8	5	13
Sophomores	4	11	15	4	5	9	8	16	24
Juniors	16	23	39	8	9	17	24	32	56
Seniors	31	58	89	11	38	49	42	96	138
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	55	94	149	27	55	82	82	149	231
TOTAL GRADUATE	21	65	86	31	82	113	52	147	199
QUAD CITIES TOTAL	**76**	**159**	**235**	**58**	**137**	**195**	**134**	**296**	**430**
TOTAL ENROLLMENT									
Freshmen	216	318	534	37	69	106	253	387	640
Sophomores	191	229	420	15	28	43	206	257	463
Juniors	326	377	703	40	65	105	366	442	808
Seniors	413	591	1,004	108	180	288	521	771	1,292
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	1,146	1,515	2,661	200	342	542	1,346	1,857	3,203
TOTAL GRADUATE	191	300	491	250	503	753	441	803	1,244
GRAND TOTAL	**1,337**	**1,815**	**3,152**	**450**	**845**	**1,295**	**1,787**	**2,660**	**4,447**

Note: Campus totals include on-campus and off-campus enrollments.

Fall 2025-to-Fall 2026 Undergraduate Student Retention Details

First-time, full-time freshman student retention rose to the highest in four years at 62.19%, up from 60.30% in the previous cohort. This follows a rise in freshman fall-to-spring retention last January, the first such increase in six years.

Latinx freshman-to-sophomore fall-to-fall retention rose to 74.46%, up from 56.5%. Black freshman-to-sophomore fall-to-fall retention rose 1.95% from 36.31% to 38.26%.

The first-time full-time (freshmen) retention rate for females decreased to 60.9 percent from 64.1 percent last fall, while the retention rate for males in this cohort increased significantly to 64.5 percent from 54.9 percent the previous year.

Fall-to-fall transfer student retention rose from 73.5 percent to 73.6 percent.

Historical First Time Full-Time (FTFT) Student Retention Rate

	Fall to Spring	Fall to Fall
2018	89.7%	67.5%
2019	89.3%	77.0%
2020	89.4%	71.9%
2021	88.4%	66.9%
2022	85.0%	58.7%
2023	83.1%	61.4%
2024	78.1%	60.3%
2025	78.8%	62.2%

Historical Full-Time Transfer Student Retention Rate

	Fall to Fall
2018	80.2%
2019	82.3%
2020	77.9%
2021	74.9%
2022	73.3%
2023	79.2%
2024	73.5%
2025	73.6%

Full details on fall-to-fall retention and graduation rates of new full-time freshmen can be found in Table 36 from our factbook and below. Transfer details are found in Table 41 of our factbook and are included following the freshmen table.

Table 36. Retention and Graduation Rates of New Full-Time Freshmen by Ethnicity, Fall 2019-Fall 2025

			Continuation Rates (%)		Cumulative Graduation Rates (%)		
Year Enrolled	Race/ Ethnicity	Number Enrolled	Continued to 2nd Year	Continued to 3rd Year	Graduated in 4 Years	Graduated in 5 Years	Graduated in 6 Years
2020	American Indian	4	50.0%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
	Asian	15	86.7%	71.4%	42.8%	50.0%	50.0%
	Black	380	58.2%	45.2%	15.6%	24.6%	28.3%
	International	15	86.7%	86.7%	86.6%	86.6%	86.6%
	Hispanic	151	78.0%	69.5%	39.3%	55.6%	56.9%
	Pacific Islander	2	100.0%	50.0%	-	-	-
	White	453	80.5%	69.9%	49.7%	60.0%	61.6%
	Two or More	25	68.0%	52.0%	32.0%	36.0%	40.0%
	Total	**1,052**	**71.9%**	**60.5%**	**35.5%**	**45.8%**	**48.2%**
2021	American Indian	-	-	-	-	-	
	Asian	8	100.0%	100.0%	25.0%	50.0%	
	Black	317	53.0%	34.4%	10.8%	21.3%	
	International	18	77.8%	50.0%	44.4%	50.0%	
	Hispanic	106	64.2%	54.7%	26.6%	40.0%	
	Pacific Islander	2	50.0%	50.0%	-	-	
	White	419	76.8%	68.1%	44.1%	57.4%	
	Two or More	27	77.8%	70.7%	40.7%	48.1%	
	Total	**905**	**66.9%**	**55.4%**	**29.8%**	**42.0%**	
2022	American Indian	3	33.3%	33.3%	-		
	Asian	11	90.9%	81.8%	36.3%		
	Black	401	35.0%	19.3%	8.5%		
	International	17	52.9%	35.3%	35.2%		
	Hispanic	137	59.9%	48.2%	21.8%		
	Pacific Islander	2	-	-	-		
	White	444	79.5%	66.6%	48.2%		
	Two or More	35	60.0%	42.9%	34.2%		
	Total	**1,062**	**58.7%**	**44.9%**	**28.9%**		
2023	American Indian	1	100.0%	100.0%			
	Asian	9	77.8%	66.7%			
	Black	347	38.3%	23.6%			
	International	14	85.7%	85.7%			
	Hispanic	110	72.5%	58.7%			
	Pacific Islander	2	100.00%	50.0%			
	White	402	76.1%	65.3%			
	Two or More	39	69.2%	48.8%			
	Total	**951**	**61.4%**	**48.8%**			
2024	American Indian	-	-	-			
	Asian	8	75.0%	75.0%			
	Black	202	36.3%	19.9%			
	International	8	87.5%	62.5%			
	Hispanic	69	56.5%	39.1%			
	Pacific Islander	1	100.00%	100.0%			
	White	295	76.3%	65.4%			
	Two or More	25	64.0%	48.0%			
	Total	**615**	**60.3%**	**46.9%**			
2025	American Indian	1	100.0%				
	Asian	3	66.7%				
	Black	115	38.3%				
	International	11	72.7%				
	Hispanic	47	74.5%				
	Pacific Islander	-	-				
	White	254	70.4%				
	Two or More	17	64.7%				
	Total	**456**	**62.2%**				

Note: Unknown ethnic groups are not included in the breakdown, but are included in the total.
Students who are deceased, no shows, or active military are not included in the percentages.

Table 41. Retention and Graduation Rates of New Full-Time Transfers by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2019-2025

Year Enrolled	Race/ Ethnicity	Number Enrolled	Cumulative Graduation Rates and Continuation Rates (%) Continued to 2nd Year	Graduated in 2 Years	Continued to 3rd Year	Graduated in 3 Years	Graduated in 4 Years	Graduated in 5 Years	Graduated in 6 Years
2020	American Indian	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Asian	7	83.3%	16.7%	66.7%	83.3%	83.3%	83.3%	83.3%
	Black	72	60.6%	26.8%	23.9%	40.8%	43.6%	49.2%	50.7%
	International	4	75.0%	50.0%	25.0%	50.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
	Hispanic	70	81.4%	21.4%	50.0%	51.4%	55.7%	60.0%	60.0%
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White	406	81.0%	37.9%	35.6%	62.6%	68.2%	69.4%	69.9%
	Two or More	25	68.0%	16.0%	44.0%	40.0%	52.0%	52.0%	52.0%
	Total	**594**	**77.9%**	**33.6%**	**36.2%**	**57.6%**	**63.1%**	**65.2%**	**65.7%**
2021	American Indian	1	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
	Asian	4	75.0%	0.0%	75.0%	50.0%	75.0%	100.0%	
	Black	68	58.2%	17.9%	25.4%	35.8%	38.8%	43.2%	
	International	35	65.7%	8.5%	48.6%	34.2%	57.1%	57.1%	
	Hispanic	53	75.5%	24.5%	45.3%	49.0%	60.3%	66.0%	
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	White	351	79.8%	30.7%	41.6%	57.8%	67.2%	70.9%	
	Two or More	22	63.6%	31.8%	31.8%	40.9%	50.0%	54.5%	
	Total	**539**	**74.9%**	**27.1%**	**40.0%**	**52.0%**	**61.7%**	**65.6%**	
2022	American Indian	1	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
	Asian	4	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	50.0%	75.0%		
	Black	70	65.7%	25.7%	32.9%	41.4%	48.5%		
	International	39	57.9%	5.2%	50.0%	36.8%	50.0%		
	Hispanic	57	84.2%	33.3%	36.8%	57.8%	66.6%		
	Pacific Islander	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
	White	322	75.7%	30.8%	39.9%	57.0%	63.2%		
	Two or More	11	72.7%	18.1%	36.4%	54.5%	63.6%		
	Total	**512**	**73.3%**	**28.0%**	**39.0%**	**53.1%**	**60.3%**		
2023	American Indian	-	-	-	-	-			
	Asian	6	83.3%	33.3%	50.0%	66.6%			
	Black	59	72.9%	13.5%	47.5%	33.8%			
	International	30	79.3%	17.2%	55.2%	44.8%			
	Hispanic	52	75.0%	30.7%	44.2%	59.6%			
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-			
	White	310	81.6%	36.0%	43.0%	66.3%			
	Two or More	16	75.0%	18.7%	43.8%	43.7%			
	Total	**487**	**79.2%**	**31.1%**	**44.5%**	**59.3%**			
2024	American Indian	-	-	-					
	Asian	2	100.0%	50.0%					
	Black	48	60.4%	18.7%					
	International	40	57.5%	12.5%					
	Hispanic	49	68.8%	22.9%					
	Pacific Islander	1	0.0%	0.0%					
	White	308	79.9%	37.6%					
	Two or More	19	63.2%	15.7%					
	Total	**480**	**73.5%**	**30.8%**					
2025	American Indian	-	-						
	Asian	2	100.0%						
	Black	53	50.9%						
	International	11	72.7%						
	Hispanic	51	78.4%						
	Pacific Islander	1	0.0%						
	White	234	76.4%						
	Two or More	15	86.7%						
	Total	**376**	**73.6%**						

Note: Unknown responses are not reported in the breakdown, but are included in the total.
No-shows are not included in the headcounts. Students that are deceased or active veterans are not included in the percentages.

Enrollment Initiatives and Actions

We continue implementing and retooling new initiatives, approaches, and tactics to improve overall enrollment by focusing on new student recruitment and retention efforts. The following highlights relate to our current student success and retention efforts and focus on the upcoming recruitment cycle.

Select Highlights Related to Student Success and Retention Efforts

- Our Connections Mapping continues to be a strong indicator for our early intervention effort. Since fall 2018, we have developed, assessed, and implemented the program to identify and focus our efforts on students who may be at risk of not persisting at WIU. We collect information from multiple campus partners for our Connections Mapping Program at the end of the 5th week of the semester and launch outreach and intervention starting in week 6. We compiled around 20 data sets and applied a formula to identify students we should be highly, mildly, or minimally concerned about. The program will launch in the coming days to identify students struggling to connect with campus.
- Planning for continued retention-focused initiatives is underway, with embedded tutors, career readiness instruction, and "30 To Finish" being rolled out throughout spring and fall 2027.
- This year we will continue to expand the highly successful campus-wide Purple and Gold Points program. Last year, the program ended with students earning over 1 million points, and student attendance and engagement on campus increased meaningfully. Last year, 2,830 students checked in to events 27,855 times, a 63% increase from the previous academic year.
  Looking at point earnings, 77% of freshmen who earned one point or more returned for the fall 2026 semester. 23% of freshmen who earned zero points returned this fall.
- Our Rocky-Bot proactive and reactive texting tool remains popular with students. Freshman students have a 99% opt-in rate, and transfer students have a 95% opt-in rate. Students can text Rocky 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to get questions answered about campus resources, support, and activities. Rocky also reaches out proactively to check in on students and alert staff if students are struggling. In the past year, Rocky received over 16,000 texts from our students.
- Western Illinois University's First Year Experience Program has evolved to meet the needs of our current students into the First Four Program. First Four encompasses the programming, education, and events that support students during their first four days of the semester, first four weeks of the academic year, and first four months of their academic experience with us. This fall, the First Four Program includes a revamped first-four-week activity schedule, the launch of the First Four Fellows program, a newsletter focused on faculty and staff education on student needs, and enhanced academic support.

Select Highlights Related to Student Recruitment

- The University's Strategic Recruitment Plan is now finalized, with implementation beginning immediately across a range of areas to positively impact recruitment in both the short and long term. In addition, supplements to the plan highlighting transfer, military-affiliated, and international student recruitment are being developed and will be finalized by December 2026.
- The Office of Admissions has launched the use of Slate as our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solution. Slate is allowing for focused, individualized communication to applicants in ways

we have not previously been able to produce. This fall, new student applications are running through Slate, as we continue to roll out and utilize the full system over the next year.

- Dr. Jim McQuillan serves as Director of the School of Graduate Studies and has plans to increase domestic and adult learners by enhancing existing online programs. This focus will help create more creative and accessible entry points for graduate students seeking professional development and additional credentials.
- Following the successes with RockyBot for current student success efforts, the Office of Admissions launched RockyBot via EdSights with incoming prospective students this past cycle. 93% of admitted students who texted remained opted in to receive messages, and we received over 10,000 texts and questions. We will continue to expand our use of RockyBot to personalize student follow-up and support throughout the recruitment process.
- Western Illinois University's relationship with EAB Apply saw a successful increase in applications compared to the previous year. With support from the WIU Foundation, the Office of Admissions is expanding our relationship with EAB and has launched Cultivate, which focuses on outreach and communication to high school sophomores and juniors. The WIU Foundation investment will have a lasting impact on our recruitment efforts as we build relationships with younger prospective students.
- Recognizing the impact financial decisions have on student yield, we have developed six new scholarship efforts that enhance WIU's competitiveness in the market. These focuses include WIU Dual Enrollment Scholarship, Purple and Gold Engagement Scholarship, JRTOC Achievement Scholarship, a Geographic Yield Scholarship pilot, an Emerging Majors Scholarship Pilot, and a Community College Partnership Scholarship pilot program. These focused programs help WIU strategically grow areas of interest while not disrupting our aid ratios.
- In collaboration with the Alumni Office, the Office of Admissions will be hosting 6 Leatherneck Takeover events during the fall semester. These events are designed to bring together prospective students and alumni in various regions throughout the state.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 24, 2026

Report No. 26.9/7 – Report on External Audits

This is a report of the activity and the results of the FY 2025 Annual External Financial Audit, Compliance Examination, and other outsourced audits.

Annual External Financial Audit and Compliance Examination FY 2025

A. Financial Audit – 0 findings

B. Compliance Examination – total findings 9:

1. Inadequate Internal Control over Student Enrollment Reporting (repeat)
2. Inadequate Internal Control over Return of Title IV Funds (repeat)
3. Inadequate Internal Control over Subrecipient Payments (new)
4. Inadequate Controls over State Property (repeat)
5. Noncompliance with the Cannabis Control Act (new)
6. Noncompliance with Western Illinois University Law Related to Reporting Requirements (new)
7. Lack of Adequate Controls over the Review of Internal Controls over Service Providers (repeat)
8. Weakness in Cybersecurity Programs and Practices (repeat)
9. Noncompliance with the Student Transfer Reform Act (new)

Full detail of these audits may be found on the State of Illinois Auditor General's Website:

http://www.auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/WESTERN-ILLINOIS-UNIVERSITY.asp

Other External/Outsourced Audits, Regulatory Reviews, or Agreed-Upon Procedures:

1. NCAA – Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures – June 30, 2025
2. Western Illinois University Foundation Financial Statements & Independent Auditors' Report – June 30, 2025
3. SURS Compliance Examinations of Census Data – June 30, 2025

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 24, 2026

Resolution No. 26.9/1 -- FY 2027 All-Funds Budget

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University must prepare an annual all-funds budget for Appropriated Funds, University Income Funds, and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature and the Governor; and,

WHEREAS the Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget requires Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approval prior to submission; and,

WHEREAS the Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget presented today advances the goals of the University's Strategic Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education*, on both Western Illinois University campuses and statewide strategic planning goals for higher education, as identified in *IBHE 2021, A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability and Growth*; and,

WHEREAS the Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget presented today maintains Western Illinois University's public commitments to conservative fiscal management and public accountability to students, their families, and state taxpayers:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget as presented in the Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget document and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

To ensure full budgetary disclosure within Illinois public universities, the Illinois Board of Higher Education requires each public university Board of Trustees to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The plan must include all sources of university funds categorized by State Appropriated Funds, University Income Funds, Auxiliary Services Funds, and All Other Non-Appropriated Funds. The budget approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees is submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature, and the Governor.

The following table presents Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget to be approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees. This budget is presented with FY2027 state appropriation of $59.1 million. This budget was passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor on June 16th, 2026.

	State Appropriated	University Income	Auxiliary Facilities System	Other Non-Appropriated	Total
Personnel Services	$ 56,371,800	$ 10,128,200	$ 8,200,000	$ 13,000,000	$ 87,700,000
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	800,000	3,900,000	145,000	2,100,000	6,945,000
Contractual Services	-	11,545,200	13,100,000	14,100,000	38,745,200
Travel	-	200,000	225	1,850,000	2,050,225
Commodities	-	525,000	240,000	1,675,000	2,440,000
Equipment	-	1,100,000	155,000	875,000	2,130,000
Awards/Grants/Matching Funds	-	5,750,000	900,000	15,500,000	22,150,000
Telecommunication Services	-	70,000	150	165,000	235,150
Operation of Auto Equipment	-	165,000	60,000	260,000	485,000
Permanent Improvements	-	75,000	200,000	525,000	800,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	10,000	1,954,800
Other	-	975,000	6,399,625	3,500,000	10,874,625
Total FY2027 Operating Budget	$ 59,116,600	$ 34,433,400	$ 29,400,000	$ 53,560,000	$ 176,510,000

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved a preliminary spending plan for Fiscal Year 2027 on June 16, 2026 (*Resolution No. 26.6/2).*

Table 1 presents the All-Funds Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027. Differences in values budgeted for the *Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Spending Plan* and the *Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget* are due to the following factors:

- The *Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Spending Plan*, approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in June 2026, was based on projected student enrollment. The *Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget*, presented today, is based on actual Fall 2026 enrollment.
- Western Illinois University bases institutional budgets on previous fiscal year expenditures. The *Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Spending Plan*, approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in June 2026, was based on estimated Fiscal Year 2026 expenditures. The *Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget*, presented today, is based on actual Fiscal Year 2026 expenditures.

Fiscal Year 2027 Spending Priorities

Following a fiscally conservative model, Western Illinois University's annual budget preparation process uses the previous year's budget and Strategic Plan priority and resource allocation decisions as a base. This practice supports the advancement of the *University Mission Statement* and attainment of institutional goals and priorities stated in *Higher Values in Higher Education.*

As guided by *Higher Values in Higher Education,* funds will be applied to the University's highest priorities, including increasing faculty and staff salaries to meet and exceed the average of peer institutions, closing equity gaps and increasing student access, support for student scholarships, academic program alignment, workforce development, Quad City operations initiatives, and deferred maintenance infrastructure needs.

Pending Board approval, the University will continue to aggressively pursue Strategic Plan priorities. Personnel services, Medicare, and CMS health insurance expenditures totaling $96.6 million represent 55.0 percent of the University's Fiscal Year 2027 planned all-funds budget expenditures, followed by items supporting the academic mission of the University such as awards and grants (student financial aid), contractual services (primarily utilities and food service), and commodities.

Integrated Planning, Budgeting, and Accountability Reporting Processes

Because Western Illinois University engages in integrated planning, budgeting, and accountability reporting processes, the *Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Budget* should be read in conjunction with The *Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Operating and Capital Budget Recommendations* to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, identifying how funding will create sustainability for instructional, research, and service activities that directly contribute to Illinois' knowledge-based economy through successful implementation of *Higher Values in Higher Education*.

Table 1
Western Illinois University
Fiscal Year 2025 Through 2027 All-Funds Budget

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non-Appropriated Funds	Total
			Fiscal Year 2025		
Personnel Services	$ 54,081,700	$ 20,118,300	$ 9,700,000	$ 14,200,000	$ 98,100,000
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	800,000	500,000	110,000	950,000	2,360,000
Contractual Services	-	12,100,000	14,000,000	15,500,000	41,600,000
Travel	-	100,000	15,000	400,000	515,000
Commodities	-	725,000	500,000	1,600,000	2,825,000
Equipment	-	1,520,200	100,000	1,600,000	3,220,200
Awards/Grants/Matching Funds	-	14,500,000	1,200,000	18,200,000	33,900,000
Telecommunication Services	-	95,000	850	205,000	300,850
Operation of Auto Equipment	-	115,000	60,000	225,000	400,000
Permanent Improvements	-	110,000	50,000	470,000	630,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	1,350,000	3,294,800
Other	-	290,000	9,464,150	4,000,000	13,754,150
Total FY2025 Operating Budget	$ 56,826,500	$ 50,173,500	$ 35,200,000	$ 58,700,000	$ 200,900,000
			Fiscal Year 2026		
Personnel Services	$ 54,649,965	$ 14,450,035	$ 8,700,000	$ 13,800,000	$ 91,600,000
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	800,000	3,700,000	145,000	2,000,000	6,645,000
Contractual Services	-	10,700,000	13,000,000	14,000,000	37,700,000
Travel	-	200,000	5,000	1,800,000	2,005,000
Commodities	-	550,000	300,000	1,600,000	2,450,000
Equipment	-	1,100,000	130,000	1,000,000	2,230,000
Awards/Grants/Matching Funds	-	11,000,000	1,200,000	17,250,000	29,450,000
Telecommunication Services	-	75,000	500	175,000	250,500
Operation of Auto Equipment	-	175,000	65,000	275,000	515,000
Permanent Improvements	-	75,000	100,000	575,000	750,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	25,000	1,969,800
Other	-	380,200	9,454,500	4,000,000	13,834,700
Total FY2026 Operating Budget	$ 57,394,765	$ 42,405,235	$ 33,100,000	$ 56,500,000	$ 189,400,000
			Fiscal Year 2027		
Personnel Services	$ 56,371,800	$ 10,128,200	$ 8,200,000	$ 13,000,000	$ 87,700,000
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	800,000	3,900,000	145,000	2,100,000	6,945,000
Contractual Services	-	11,545,200	13,100,000	14,100,000	38,745,200
Travel	-	200,000	225	1,850,000	2,050,225
Commodities	-	525,000	240,000	1,675,000	2,440,000
Equipment	-	1,100,000	155,000	875,000	2,130,000
Awards/Grants/Matching Funds	-	5,750,000	900,000	15,500,000	22,150,000
Telecommunication Services	-	70,000	150	165,000	235,150
Operation of Auto Equipment	-	165,000	60,000	260,000	485,000
Permanent Improvements	-	75,000	200,000	525,000	800,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	10,000	1,954,800
Other	-	975,000	6,399,625	3,500,000	10,874,625
Total FY2027 Operating Budget	$ 59,116,600	$ 34,433,400	$ 29,400,000	$ 53,560,000	$ 176,510,000

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2026

Resolution No. 26.9/2 -- FY 2028 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University prepares annual appropriated operating recommendations for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature and the Governor; and,

WHEREAS fiscal year 2028 appropriated operating budget recommendations require Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approval prior to submission; and,

WHEREAS the *Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations* presented today advance the goals of the University's Strategic Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education,* on both Western Illinois University campuses, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education's statewide strategic plan for higher education, *IBHE 2021, A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability and Growth*;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the fiscal year 2028 appropriated operating budget recommendations as presented in the *Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations* and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in the operating budget recommendations if necessary.

Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations
Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University recommends a $28.5 million general revenue increase in funding for fiscal year 2028 operations.

Through meaningful state support, internal reallocations, and successful implementation of the University's Strategic
Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education*, Western Illinois University continues to advance the three goals of The Illinois Board of Higher Education's *IBHE 2021, A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability, and Growth*;

Goal One: Close the equity gaps for students who have been left behind.

Goal Two: Build a stronger financial future for individuals and institutions.

Goal Three: Increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth.

Illinois Board of Higher Education guidelines divide operating recommendations into two categories: salary and cost increases and support for program priorities. Salary and cost increases represent 19.0 percent of the University's budget increase recommendation. This includes funding for salary increases, related Social Security contributions, and other inflationary increases associated with University operations (utilities, library materials, and all other institutional operations). The remaining 81.0 percent of the University's recommendation supports programs identified in *Higher Values in Higher Education.*

Western Illinois University
Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Funds Operating Budget Request

	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	Priority
Salary and Cost Increases			
Salaries	$3,790,000	5.70%	
Other General Costs	1,500,000	5.55%	
Total Salary and Cost Increases	$5,290,000	5.65%	
Program Priorities			
Closing Equity Gaps and Increasing College Access	1,035,000		1
Program Alignment - *A Thriving Illinois*	1,035,000		2
Student Financial Aid	4,140,000		3
Workforce Development	1,035,000		4
Quad Cities Operations	7,200,000		5
Permanent Improvements and Campus Infrastructure Enhancements	8,797,500		6
Total Program Priorities	$23,242,500		
Total All Increases	$28,532,500		

Salary Increases for Faculty and Staff. As outlined in *Higher Values in Higher Education,* Western Illinois University's top priority is bringing faculty and staff compensation to and above the mean of peer institutions. Salary erosion poses a critical challenge; benefits alone can no longer attract and retain top-tier, diverse talent. Because our academic quality depends directly on the caliber of our workforce, this request for additional salary support goes beyond fulfilling contractual obligations to actively combat wage erosion and restore our competitive edge.

Support for Program Priorities. Western Illinois University is seeking $23.2 million in funding for program priorities identified in *Higher Values in Higher Education*. These include:

- **Closing Equity Gaps and Increasing College Access ($1,035,000)** to support staffing and programming to further enhance the University's initiatives in places that provide crucial assistance for students, from their initial enrollment at Western through graduation, further enrich the student experience, both in and out of the classroom and ensure students' academic success.
- **Program Alignment – *A Thriving Illinois* ($1,035,000)** funding to fill faculty and staff positions and develop curriculum to support historically underserved and underrepresented students.
- **Student Financial Aid ($4,140,000)** to support affordable access to higher education.
- **Workforce Development ($1,035,000)** to support and further enhance workforce development initiatives in advanced manufacturing and materials.
- **Quad Cities Operations ($7,200,000)** to support staffing, programming, and facilities enhancements vital to fostering new and in-depth partnerships between Western Illinois University, private sector businesses, public state and federal agencies, and other institutions of higher education.
- **Permanent improvements and campus infrastructure enhancements ($8,797,500)** to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog of over $500 million and improve operational efficiencies.

Changes from Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Recommendation Request

Updated operating recommendations reflect increased funding for salaries, the largest portion of the budget, as well as general cost adjustments. General cost projections were adjusted upward using the Higher Education Price Index to benchmark the ongoing impact of inflation.

Western Illinois University is also requesting $23.2 million in state funding to support its Strategic Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education.* Funds will be used to support closing equity gaps and increasing college access, program alignment with the Illinois Board of Higher Education's statewide strategic plan, (*A Thriving Illinois)*, support for student scholarships, support for workforce development, new initiatives and relationships in the Quad Cities and deferred maintenance needs will improve economic development, educational partnerships, access, diversity, affordability, productivity, and accountability in Illinois public higher education.

Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2028 Operating Recommendations
To the Illinois Board of Higher Education

Western Illinois University's fiscal year 2028 operating budget request will be submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education pending board approval on September 24, 2026.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS
AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Faculty and Staff Salaries

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $3,790,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

Higher Values in Higher Education, Western Illinois University's Strategic Plan, displays the University's goals, priorities, and contributions to the statewide strategic plan for higher education, *A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability and Growth.* Consistent with these plans, Western Illinois University seeks funding for our highest institutional priority: meeting and exceeding average faculty and staff salaries at peer institutions.

At the core of any great university and system of higher education is a dedicated, diverse, and high-achieving employee base. Implementation and the ultimate success of the goals and priorities of *Higher Values in Higher Education* and *A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability and Growth* are the direct responsibility of Western Illinois University's faculty and staff. Compensation is a critical element to the recruitment and retention of a university community dedicated to economic development, educational partnerships, access, quality, productivity, and accountability.

Recruiting and retaining high-achieving and diverse faculty and staff are directly related to improving the quality of academic and co-curricular programs and services. Such actions in the competitive job market necessitate faculty and staff salaries that meet and exceed the mean of peer institutions.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

Illinois' strengths include its diverse economy, rich natural resources, strategic location, and well-trained workforce. Illinois owes much of its economic success and stability to the strong system of higher education. Continued prosperity is contingent upon statewide partnerships committed to investment in fair, equitable, market value faculty and staff salaries. The resources requested in this partnership proposal will be combined with other University funds to advance the highest priority actions in *Higher Values in Higher Education,* which will help provide faculty and staff salaries that meet and exceed the mean of peer institutions.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS
AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Closing Equity Gaps and Increasing College Access

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $1,035,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:</u>

Higher Values in Higher Education, Western Illinois University's Strategic Plan, outlines the goals in areas of student recruitment, student health and wellness, student retention and graduation, and student preparation. Western Illinois University is committed to focusing on these areas as we close equity gaps related to access and college completion. To help further these efforts, funds are being requested to support staffing, operating, and aid in order to support our most vulnerable student populations. Operating needs related to admissions, student counseling, student academic advising, financial aid services, and student programming will provide direct assistance to underserved student populations. The number of budgeted positions critical to supporting these areas has declined by almost 50 percent due to the lack of funding. These positions include student support and programming positions, University Counselors, Financial Aid staff, and academic support team members, all of which are critical to the mental well-being and academic success of our students. Additional operating needs related to student transition, like summer bridge programming and targeted transition programs for special populations, have found success in the past but no longer have funding.

<u>JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:</u>

Western Illinois University has been classified as an Opportunity University by the Carnegie Classification of Higher Education Institutions. This classification identifies the extent to which institutions provide access to students from lower socioeconomic and historically underrepresented backgrounds, along with the degree to which the institution's students go on to earn competitive wages in the context of their geographic location.

The two major factors used to determine this classification include the institution's ability to provide access to undergraduate students who receive Pell Grants, and then those students' earnings compared to their peers after they graduate from the institution.

Western is among the 16% of colleges and universities in the US that have received this classification, and the number one public institution in the state of Illinois for "opportunity." The University is committed to ensuring our students have adequate services to support them academically, mentally, and professionally to not only increase retention, but more importantly, to commit to their future success.

These funds will be used to continue to recruit diverse applicants to restore student programming and support, Counselor, Financial Aid, and academic support positions to provide superior services to our students and enhance the retention and success of our students. These positions will allow the University to target personnel support toward vulnerable student populations. Funds will also be used to increase Admission recruitment positions and activities with a focus on enhancing access for underrepresented groups. Funds will be utilized to implement student transition support programming, like bridge programming efforts and special population support, as well as aid for students participating in positive academic activities. Further increasing enrollment and retention efforts remain top University priorities.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS
AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Program Alignment – *A Thriving Illinois*

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $1,035,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:</u>

To ensure that Western Illinois University has sufficient academic programs and support available for historically underserved and underrepresented students, as highlighted by the Illinois Board of Higher Education's statewide strategic plan, *IBHE 2021*, *A Thriving Illinois*: *Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability, and Growth*, some changes must be made to current academic program offerings and support structure. Support for specialized course development for our underrepresented students, support for the development of peer models, and support to implement University consolidation for a scholarly center will aid in decreasing equity gaps and increasing completion rates for these students.

<u>JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:</u>

First-generation students are our bedrock. We are committed to excellence for our students, who deserve nothing short of the best. It is imperative that we provide as much support to these first-generation students who are often underserved and underrepresented. Funds will be utilized for the development of courses for all first-semester, first-year students to achieve higher levels of cultural sensitivity and tolerance, which will lead to a better learning environment for all students. Funds will also be used to centralize some University student support functions and to hire diverse faculty and staff, all aimed at improving retention initiatives for underserved and underrepresented student populations.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Student Financial Aid

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $4,140,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

Higher Values in Higher Education, Western Illinois University's Strategic Plan, states:

"Western Illinois University also emphasizes affordability because a college education is essential in today's global and highly technological community. We firmly believe that higher education, and the benefits that it accords, is an investment, and that no student should be denied a college education because of financial need. We provide access and affordability to a high-quality educational experience that is responsive to student needs and circumstances."

Funds are being requested to provide students with financial aid opportunities to support access and affordability to higher education. Western Illinois University students have benefited and will continue to benefit from the increased investment in the MAP grant and provision of POW/MIA funds. These funds are greatly appreciated. Many students are still experiencing a gap between cost and the ability to pay due to the recent changes in aid. This gap creates an increased need for financial assistance and has forced marginalized students to borrow at high levels, utilizing federal student loans. Even with higher levels of borrowing, a majority have insufficient funds to pay their college expenses. Providing new and enhanced strategies for reducing the amount of student indebtedness upon graduation is consistent with the University's Strategic Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education,* and statewide strategic planning goals for higher education, identified in The Illinois Board of Higher Education's *A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability and Growth.*

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

As the model behind the state's Truth in Tuition law, Western Illinois University continues to ensure that no student is denied access to higher education because of financial need. Funding will be used to provide scholarship dollars to high-need, academically talented students to help reduce student indebtedness upon graduation. Funding will also allow Western Illinois University to sustain its AIM High match commitment of institutional support to incoming students.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS
AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Workforce Development

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $1,035,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

To address workforce needs and the needs for graduates that would serve our region, Western Illinois University launched a collaboration in 2024 between educational institutions and industry that will drive technological advancements and nurture a highly skilled workforce for the Quad Cities region and beyond. The Quad Cities Manufacturing Institute (QCMI) was launched as a catalyst for the defense and manufacturing sectors across the Midwest. QCMI is a partnership between Western Illinois University, the University of Illinois System and Iowa State University and will focus on research and development and workforce development in advanced manufacturing and materials. The institute, which will be housed on the WIU Quad Cities campus, will focus on cutting-edge research and development in advanced and additive manufacturing and materials. QCMI will work closely with defense and industry partners to transition breakthroughs into the public realm, while also training and nurturing a skilled workforce. Private-sector partners and community organizations will also be worked with closely to create a dynamic regional innovation ecosystem.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

Funds will be used to ensure that QCMI has the appropriate facilities, equipment, technology, and infrastructure to seamlessly launch the collaboration with all partners. Academic programming and training will also be enhanced through the QCMI. Funds will also be used to support academic program expansion, additional faculty and staff needs and general operations.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS
AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Quad Cities Operations

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $7,200,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

Since 1913, WIU has offered programs and courses in the Quad Cities. The first phase of the current campus location on the Mississippi Riverfront opened in 2012 and the second phase in 2014. Western Illinois University's riverfront campus in Moline provides a vital service to the Quad Cities region as the only public, regional comprehensive university. Over the past 10 years, Western Illinois University - Quad Cities has expanded its facilities by 100,000 square feet, relocated the campus to align with community plans, and has also evolved from a two-year upper division completion campus into an institution that offers 4-year bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs.

Western Illinois University's Quad Cities campus continues to evolve by recently facilitating new and in-depth partnerships with private sector businesses, public state and federal agencies, and other institutions of higher education. This partnership focuses specifically on the healthcare, manufacturing, and education industries, all of which are vital to the growth of the entire Western Illinois region. The WIU Quad Cities campus is the place in the Quad Cities to build and implement the industry-wide paradigm shift, the larger community-wide solution; it is the place where imaginative approaches meet old-fashioned hard work; it is the place where collaboration and shared community values yield significant economic results and improved quality of life.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

Illinois public universities are catalysts of community and economic development. Western Illinois University is committed to advancing statewide and regional priorities to recruit and retain top talent, contribute to the statewide economy, and lower out-of-state migration rates. Western Illinois University's Quad Cities campus location on the immediate border of Illinois and Iowa positions the bi-state region as a destination for quality, applied academic programs that meet the region's workforce demands through emphasis on practical, hands-on experiences, research, workforce preparation, and future employment.
With the funding outlined in this request, the Quad Cities campus will be positioned to support current operations and also grow and expand services through the modified vision or collaborative initiative by forging innovative, strategic connections between WIU students and employers, businesses, and non-profit organizations throughout the region.

FY2028 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS

DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Permanent Improvements and Campus Infrastructure Enhancements

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $8,797,500

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

Higher Values in Higher Education, Western Illinois University's Strategic Plan, states:

"Provide safe, accessible, responsible campus environments that meet the needs of University constituencies and reflect the core values of the University."

It is crucial to provide a safe, accessible, and responsive campus environment conducive to learning in a community of learners. The physical building structure, components, and technology used to run the buildings, as well as the accessibility of technology on campus, are the backbone of this environment. The university estimates a total appropriated deferred maintenance backlog in excess of $500 million. This large backlog of projects negatively impacts the campus learning environment and operational efficiencies.

In addition to funds requested for deferred maintenance needs, capital renewal funds are also used to address deferred maintenance priorities on campus. Renewal funds released in recent years are greatly appreciated and will continue to be used to address the most critical campus needs. Western Illinois University will continue to advocate for additional capital renewal releases to assist with bringing campus infrastructure as up to date as possible. It is much more cost-effective to maintain needs regularly rather than on an emergency basis. The reactionary response on an emergency-only basis often leads to outages that negatively affect learning and other campus operational activities.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

The university is strongly committed to improving both the physical and technological environment on campus. This investment aims to meet or exceed the expectations of today's students with modern technology and upgraded building spaces, which will enhance the overall student experience, helping with recruitment and retention. Reducing the deferred maintenance liability is seen as integral to achieving this objective. The funds will be used for lab and classroom modernization, cybersecurity enhancements, server and networking infrastructure upgrades, internal maintenance (including building controls, mechanical and system upgrades), and external maintenance (such as sidewalks, drives, and exterior stairs). In situations where a building has been determined to be beyond repair and is taken offline, these funds will be used to assist in building decommissioning and demolition.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 24, 2026

Resolution No. 26.9/3 -- FY 2028 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University must prepare annual appropriated capital budget recommendations for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature, and the Governor; and,

WHEREAS Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2028 budget recommendations advance institutional progress and sustainability for the University's Strategic Plan, *Higher Values in Higher Education,* Campus Master Plans on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education's statewide strategic plan for higher education, *IBHE 2021, A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability and Growth*; and,

WHEREAS the Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations require Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approval prior to submission:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations as presented in the *Fiscal Year 2028 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations* document, and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in the capital budget recommendations if necessary.

Western Illinois University recommends $476.1 million for capital projects to support high-quality academic programs, co-curricular services, and a supportive learning community for fiscal year 2028. All of the requested funds will support construction and renovations on the Macomb campus to address the need for space for premier academic programs. A total of $45.1 million in capital renewal funds is also requested to support critical deferred maintenance needs.

Background

Composition of the Recommendation

Western Illinois University operates two distinct campuses, and each has unique capital priorities and needs. The University has prioritized the overall needs of the University into the recommendation below.

Fiscal Year 2028 Capital Recommendation

(Dollars in Thousands)

Priority	Description	Project Type	Requested Amount
1	WIU - Science and Innovation (Macomb Science Phase II)	Renovation	$104,725
2	WIU - Business and Innovation (Macomb Stipes Hall)	Renovation	$83,760
3	WIU - Education and Health Sciences (Macomb Education Building)	New Construction	$147,440
4	WIU - Macomb Malpass Library	Renovation	$140,175
		Total Recommendation	**$476,100**

A summary statement documenting need for these projects is displayed below. Additional, detailed information on the scope, design, and costs of each project begins on page three of this report.

Priority 1: Western Illinois University-Science and Innovation (Macomb Science Building Phase II) Phase II will continue with the improvements to the science programs at WIU by renovating an existing building.

Priority 2: Western Illinois University-Business and Innovation (Macomb Stipes Hall Renovation) Stipes Hall was constructed in 1968 and has had no major renovations or updates. Using the Macomb Facilities Master Plan update and Strategic Building Renovation Matrix, the University has identified this building as a priority for renovation. The building is a high profile, heavily used part of the academic programs on campus and it also has a high deferred maintenance backlog.

Priority 3: Western Illinois University-Macomb Education Building Horrabin Hall was originally constructed in 1965 as a laboratory school and encompassed K-12 grades. The needs of the University do not match the current building construction.

Priority 4: Western Illinois University-Macomb Malpass Library Renovation The Malpass Library was constructed in 1978 and has antiquated building control systems leading to poor quality heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. This problem produces extremely detrimental impacts on storage, teaching, research, and student/staff recruitment and retention. Updated research and collaborative facilities will benefit the mission of the University while supporting existing and new academic programs.

Continuing Priorities The University will continue to strongly advocate for the release of appropriated capital support for the Macomb Science Building Phase I. This will allow for the construction of a new science building and an addition and remodel to Currens Hall. The new science building will consolidate existing and support new academic programs, as Western Illinois University becomes a leading comprehensive university in the United States.

Capital Renewal The University is requesting $45.1 million in capital renewal funds to be utilized for permanent improvements and campus infrastructure enhancements.

Priority Changes from Fiscal Year 2027
The priorities for FY2027 are shown below. There are no changes to the order of priority for FY2028.

Priority Changes

Description	Project Type	FY2028	FY2027
WIU - Science and Innovation (Macomb Science Phase II)	Renovation	1	1
WIU - Business and Innovation (Macomb Stipes Hall)	Renovation	2	2
WIU - Education and Health Sciences (Macomb Education Building)	New Construction	3	3
WIU - Macomb Malpass Library	Renovation	4	4

Adhering to Illinois Board of Higher Education guidelines, the following recommendations for Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2028 capital projects will be made (pending Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approval).

PROJECT: WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (MACOMB SCIENCE PHASE II)

PRIORITY: 1

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Buildings, Additions, and/or Structures

REQUESTED FUNDING: $104,725,000 (Planning, Design and Construction)

BACKGROUND DATA

The current science facilities, Currens Hall (physical sciences, 1970), Waggoner Hall (life sciences, 1968) are obsolete in providing high-quality instructional laboratories. Tillman Hall (earth sciences, 1953) has been taken offline due to the level of deferred maintenance. These facilities were constructed before modern laboratory standards were developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. Western Illinois University science facilities fall below acceptable indoor air quality and energy-efficiency standards. The antiquated laboratory fume-hood systems and poor quality heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems yield inadequate comfort and humidity control. This problem produces extremely detrimental impacts on teaching, research, and student/faculty/staff recruitment and retention.

A modern science facility at Western Illinois University will strengthen student learning and expand the University's capacity to prepare graduates for high-demand careers that support rural economic development. Contemporary teaching and laboratory spaces will provide hands-on, technology-rich learning in fields critical to regional needs, especially in health care and related science and technology.

Western's current science facilities are pedagogically outdated and limit the integration of emerging laboratory technologies and collaborative learning. A new facility will support modern science instruction, foster interdisciplinary teaching and research, and enhance workforce development partnerships with health care providers, employers, schools, and public agencies throughout the region.

QUANTIFICATION

Western Illinois University completed a space planning and utilization study for a new state-of-the-art science facility during Fiscal Year 2007 with an update completed in Fiscal Year 2014. This project will continue the Science Facilities project by remodeling existing facilities.

DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS

This project would commence upon completion of the Macomb Science Phase I.

DESIRED COMPLETION DATE

Design will commence as soon as funds are received with total project completion estimated at 54 months.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BUILDING BUDGET ESTIMATION FORM
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2028

WIU - Science and Innovation (Macomb Science Phase II) (in thousands of $)

Space Type	Text Entry Fields	NASF	Multiplier Factor	GSF	FY26 Rates ($/GSF*)	COST
1) BASE TOTAL		**102,000**		**164,220**		**56,033.8**
a) Instructional lab (wet)		51,000	1.64	83,640	366.97	30,693.5
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	486.07	-
c) Offices		20,400	1.70	34,680	320.69	11,121.4
d) General			1.90	0	370.28	-
e) Support			1.20	0	289.32	-
f) General Classrooms		30,600	1.50	45,900	309.78	14,218.9
g) Special Use (greenhouse)			1.80	0	309.94	-
2) ADDED COSTS:						**3,922.4**
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level						3,362.0
c) Other Energy Efficiencies						
d) Seismic Design						
e) High Sophistication Piping						560.3
3) BASE COST						**59,956.2**
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						5,995.6
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)	**4.0%**					
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)	**0.33%**					
c) Expected Bid Date	5/1/2029					
d) Number of Months to Bid Date	30					
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						**65,951.8**
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						6,595.2
		SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET				**72,547.0**
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES	**10%**	*				7,254.7
a) On-Site Observation						828.0
b) Number of Months	24					24.0
c) Days Per Week	5					5.0
8) REIMBURSABLES						362.7
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						**3,025.9**
10) OTHER ADDS						20,313.2
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						**362.7**
		SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS				**32,176.2**
		GRAND TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET				$104,723.12
OTHER						
12) ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL STATE-SUPPORTED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE						**0**
a) Number of additional staff						
b) Salaries and Related						
c) Utilities						
d) Repairs and Maintenance						
e) All Other						

Provide an explanation for all deviations from cost guidelines

The FY28 GSF Rate in the 'Base Total' section has been adjusted because this is a major remodeling request rather than a new facility request.

Other adds include added costs for building commissioning, testing and balancing, and technology infrastructure (5%); FFE (18%); and Asbestos abatement (5%)

Source of Cost Estimate	
Name of Person of Contact for Further Information	Justin Griffith
Phone Number	309-298-1834

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** If adding CDB Construction Administration Fee, Public Act 93-0032 increased the fee from 1.5% to 3.0% effective July 1, 2003.

PROJECT: WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – BUSINESS AND INNOVATION (MACOMB STIPES BUILDING REMODEL)

PRIORITY: 2

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Major Remodeling

REQUESTED FUNDING: $83,760,000 (Planning, Design and Construction)

BACKGROUND DATA

Stipes Hall was constructed in 1968. Stipes Hall has not had any renovations or major remodeling since its opening over 50 years ago. The University, through its recent Macomb Campus Master Plan update and Strategic Building Renovation matrix, has identified Stipes as a high priority for renovation. Stipes Hall has over 140,000 square feet of classroom and office space.

QUANTIFICATION

In the Macomb Master Plan update, the Master Plan Steering committee identified eight renovation criteria that were used to prioritize building renovation projects. Stipes Hall is a high profile building on campus, has high critical deferred maintenance and houses University Signature programs. Updated academic facilities will benefit the academic mission of the College of Business, Health, and Community Programs and the University.

The remodeled facility will utilize green and sustainable technologies appropriately designed to meet academic needs and satisfy the University's goal to construct LEED Silver certified facilities.

DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS

These actions are consistent with the Western Illinois University-Macomb campus master plan.

DESIRED COMPLETION DATE

Design will commence as soon as funds are received with total project completion estimated at 54 months.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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2028

WIU - Business and Innovation (Macomb Stipes Hall) (in thousands of $)

Space Type	Text Entry Fields	NASF	Multiplier Factor	GSF	FY25 Rates ($/GSF*)	COST
1) BASE TOTAL		**100,000**		**158,000**		**49,411.5**
a) Instructional lab (wet)			1.64	0	366.97	-
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	486.07	-
c) Offices		25,000	1.70	42,500	320.69	13,629.2
d) General			1.90	0	370.28	-
e) Support			1.20	0	289.32	-
f) General Classrooms		65,000	1.50	97,500	309.78	30,203.5
g) Special Use		10,000	1.80	18,000	309.94	5,578.8
2) ADDED COSTS:						**2,964.7**
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level						2,964.7
c) Other Energy Efficiencies						
d) Seismic Design						
e) High Sophistication Piping						
3) BASE COST						**52,376.2**
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						5,237.6
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)	**4.0%**					
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)	**0.33%**					
c) Expected Bid Date	5/1/2029					
d) Number of Months to Bid Date	30					
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						**57,613.8**
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						5,761.4
		SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET				**63,375.2**
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES	**10%**	*				6,337.5
a) On-Site Observation						828.0
b) Number of Months	24					24.0
c) Days Per Week	5					5.0
8) REIMBURSABLES						316.9
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						**2,415.3**
10) OTHER ADDS						10,140.0
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						**316.9**
		SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS				**20,383.6**
		GRAND TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET				$83,758.82
OTHER						
12) ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL STATE-SUPPORTED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE						**0**
a) Number of additional staff						
b) Salaries and Related						
c) Utilities						
d) Repairs and Maintenance						
e) All Other						

Provide an explanation for all deviations from cost guidelines

The FY28 GSF Rate in the 'Base Total' section has been adjusted because this is a major remodeling request rather than a new facility request.

Other adds include FFE (7%); Asbestos abatement (5%); building commissioning, testing and balancing, and technology infrastructure (4%)

Source of Cost Estimate	
Name of Person of Contact for Further Information	Justin Griffith
Phone Number	309-298-1834

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PRIORITY: 3

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Buildings, Additions, and/or Structures

REQUESTED FUNDING: $147,440,000 (Planning, Design and Construction)

BACKGROUND DATA

Horrabin Hall was constructed in 1965 as a laboratory school housing K-12 grades. Horrabin has not had any major renovations or retrofits in 55 years. This building contains 150,000 square feet of classrooms and offices.

QUANTIFICATION

In the Macomb Master Plan update, the Master Plan Steering committee identified eight renovation criteria that were used to prioritize building renovation projects. Horrabin Hall was identified as a high priority for renovation due to high critical deferred maintenance, containing University signature programs and facilities not matching the current needs. Updated academic facilities will benefit the academic mission of the University.

The new facility will promote the latest in teaching styles, electronic classrooms and student/faculty interactions, as well as utilize green and sustainable technologies appropriately designed to meet academic needs and satisfy the University's goal to construct LEED Silver certified facilities.

DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS

This project would utilize existing campus space.

DESIRED COMPLETION DATE

Design will commence as soon as funds are received with total project completion estimated at 54 months.

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WIU - Education and Health Sciences (Macomb Education) (in thousands of $)

Space Type	Text Entry Fields	NASF	Multiplier Factor	GSF	FY25 Rates ($/GSF*)	COST
1) BASE TOTAL		**100,000**		**163,400**		**78,137.7**
a) Instructional lab (wet)		10,000	1.64	16,400	550.18	9,023.0
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	728.74	-
c) Offices		30,000	1.70	51,000	480.79	24,520.3
d) General			1.90	0	555.14	-
e) Support			1.20	0	433.76	-
f) General Classrooms		40,000	1.50	60,000	464.44	27,866.2
g) Special Use (greenhouse)		20,000	1.80	36,000	464.67	16,728.2
2) ADDED COSTS:						**4,688.3**
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level						4,688.3
c) Other Energy Efficiencies						
d) Seismic Design						
e) High Sophistication Piping						
3) BASE COST						**82,826.0**
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						8,282.6
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)	**4.0%**					
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)	**0.33%**					
c) Expected Bid Date	5/1/2029					
d) Number of Months to Bid Date	30					
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						**91,108.6**
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						9,110.9
					SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET	**100,219.5**
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES	**10%**	*				10,021.9
a) On-Site Observation						828.0
b) Number of Months	24					24.0
c) Days Per Week	5					5.0
8) REIMBURSABLES						501.1
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						**4,270.1**
10) OTHER ADDS						31,068.0
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						**501.1**
					SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS	**47,219.2**
					GRAND TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET	$147,438.70
OTHER						
12) ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL STATE-SUPPORTED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE						**0**
a) Number of additional staff						
b) Salaries and Related						
c) Utilities						
d) Repairs and Maintenance						
e) All Other						

Provide an explanation for all deviations from cost guidelines

Added costs include FFE (7%); Site work/building demo (15%); Asbestos abatement (5%); And building commissioning, testing and balancing, and technology infrastructure (4%)

Source of Cost Estimate	
Name of Person of Contact for Further Information	Justin Griffith
Phone Number	309-298-1834

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PROJECT: WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – MACOMB MALPASS LIBRARY REMODEL

PRIORITY: 4

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Major Remodeling

REQUESTED FUNDING: $140,175,000 (Planning, Design and Construction)

BACKGROUND DATA

Malpass Library, constructed in 1978, is obsolete in providing a high-quality research facility and archival repository. Standards developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers have improved dramatically, and the Western Illinois University library now falls well below acceptable indoor air quality and energy-efficiency standards currently in place. The antiquated building controls system leads to poor quality control of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. Building envelope leaks and poor air circulation have contributed to low indoor air quality, which further leads to respiratory and other health complaints among staff and users. These factors produce extremely detrimental impacts on learning, modern pedagogy, research, student/faculty/staff recruitment and retention, and housing of materials, some of which are old, fragile, and/or regionally significant.

The current layout of the facility does not easily allow for the integration of new technologies. Furthermore, the configuration hampers instructional innovation and reduces opportunities for learning and study. Power distribution and wireless infrastructure are inadequate for today's collaborative teaching, research, and study needs that require flexible spaces and involve using mobile devices. Academic programs will also be supported by the renovations in this space.

QUANTIFICATION

In the Macomb Master Plan update, the Master Plan Steering committee identified eight renovation criteria that were used to prioritize building renovation projects. Malpass Library is a high profile building on campus and has high critical deferred maintenance. Updated research and collaborative facilities will benefit the academic mission of the University. The remodeled facility will utilize green and sustainable technologies appropriately designed to meet academic needs and satisfy the University's goal to construct LEED Silver certified facilities.

DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS

These actions are consistent with the Western Illinois University-Macomb campus master plan.

DESIRED COMPLETION DATE

Design will commence as soon as funds are received with total project completion estimated at 54 months.

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WIU - Macomb Malpass Library Remodel (in thousands of $)

Space Type	Text Entry Fields	NASF	Multiplier Factor	GSF	FY25 Rates ($/GSF*)	COST
1) BASE TOTAL		**140,300**		**253,510**		**91,104.0**
a) Instructional lab (wet)			1.64	0	366.97	-
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	486.07	-
c) Offices		13,300	1.70	22,610	320.69	7,250.7
d) General		110,000	1.90	209,000	370.28	77,388.0
e) Support		13,000	1.20	15,600	289.32	4,513.4
f) General Classrooms		3,000	1.50	4,500	309.78	1,394.0
g) Special Use (greenhouse)		1,000	1.80	1,800	309.94	557.9
2) ADDED COSTS:						**5,466.2**
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level						5,466.2
c) Other Energy Efficiencies						
d) Seismic Design						
e) High Sophistication Piping						
3) BASE COST						**96,570.2**
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						6,759.9
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)	**4.0%**					
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)	**0.33%**					
c) Expected Bid Date	3/31/2029					
d) Number of Months to Bid Date	21					
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						**103,330.1**
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						10,333.0
		SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET				**113,663.1**

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS

7) A/E FEES	**10%**	*	11,366.3
a) On-Site Observation			828.0
b) Number of Months	24		24.0
c) Days Per Week	5		5.0
8) REIMBURSABLES			568.3
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**			**4,058.5**
10) OTHER ADDS			9,093.1
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)			**568.3**
		SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS	**26,511.5**
		GRAND TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET	$140,174.59

OTHER

12) ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL STATE-SUPPORTED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE		**0**
a) Number of additional staff		
b) Salaries and Related		
c) Utilities		
d) Repairs and Maintenance		
e) All Other		

Provide an explanation for all deviations from cost guidelines

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Other adds include FFE (3%); Asbestos abatement (5%);

Source of Cost Estimate	
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PROJECT: WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – MACOMB CAPITAL RENEWAL

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Remodeling and Rehabilitation

REQUESTED FUNDING: $45,100,000

BACKGROUND DATA

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It is crucial to provide a safe, accessible, and responsive campus environment conducive to learning in a community of learners. The physical building structure, components, and technology used to run the buildings, as well as the accessibility of technology on campus, are the backbone of this environment. The university continues to estimate a total appropriated deferred maintenance backlog exceeding $500 million. This large backlog of projects negatively impacts the campus learning environment and operational efficiencies.

QUANTIFICATION

The university is strongly committed to improving both the physical and technological environment on campus. This investment aims to meet or exceed the expectations of today's students with modern technology and upgraded building spaces, which will enhance the overall student experience, helping with recruitment and retention. Reducing the deferred maintenance liability is seen as integral to achieving this objective. The funds will be used for lab and classroom modernization, cybersecurity enhancements, server and networking infrastructure upgrades, internal maintenance (including building controls, mechanical and system upgrades), and external maintenance (such as sidewalks, drives, and exterior stairs). In situations where a building has been determined to be beyond repair and is taken offline, these funds will be used to assist in building decommissioning and demolition.

DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS

There are no other projects that this proposal is dependent of.

DESIRED COMPLETION DATE

Design would commence as soon as funds are received.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 24, 2026

Resolution No. 26.9/4 -- Income Producing Contract Approval - Regional Office of Education

<u>Resolution:</u>

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University has the authority to lease real property; and

WHEREAS the Regional Office of Education – ROE 26 wants to utilize classroom and office space on the Macomb campus of Western Illinois University; and

WHEREAS the University agrees to rent approximately 13,768 square feet located at Horrabin Hall, 950 N Western Avenue, Macomb, IL, 61455;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, pursuant to BOT Reg. Section V. Subsection C, approves the lease of such real estate subject to the following terms:

1. the lease term shall be for a period 49 months commencing on June 1, 2027, and terminating on June 30, 2032;
2. monthly lease payments for the first year shall be $9,637.60 per month;
3. the University shall be responsible for all related maintenance and repairs to the premises and any parking facilities; and
4. the Board Chair, the Board Secretary, and the President or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of this resolution and with the actions of the members, officers, agents and employees of the Board, which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken or done, which actions shall be and are ratified, confirmed and approved.

SPACE USAGE AGREEMENT

This Space Usage Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University ("WIU" or "Lessor") and the Regional Office of Education – ROE 26 set forth below ("ROE 26" or, "Lessee").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

I. PARTY INFORMATION

A. LESSEE

Entity Name:	Regional Office of Education 26
Mailing Address:	130 S. Lafayette – Suite 200, Macomb, IL 61455
Contact Person:	Dave Demler, Regional Superintendent
Contact E-mail:	ddemler@roe26.net
Contact Phone:	309-575-3226

B. LESSOR

Entity Name:	Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University
Mailing Address:	WIU, 1 University Circle, 200 Sherman Hall, Macomb, IL 61455
Contact Person:	Ketra Roselieb
Contact E-mail:	km-roselieb@wiu.edu
Contact Phone:	309-298-2073

II. TERM / DURATION

The Agreement shall begin on **June 1, 2027** and terminate on **June 30, 2032**, unless earlier terminated. Any renewal or extension must be approved by WIU in writing.

III. USE DESCRIPTION

A. WIU Building Name: Horrabin Hall

B. WIU Room Nos.: (**See Appendix A**) #1 (Conference Room), #3 (Classroom), #4 (Classroom), #5 (Offices A-D), #6 (Reception and Offices A-J, Break Room and Work Room), #7 (Classroom), #8 (Offices A-I), #9 (Storage A-B), #20 (Classroom), #21 (Classroom), #22 (Offices A-D), #24 (Kitchen), #25 (Classroom), #26 (Classroom), #27 (Classroom)

C. Purpose: WIU grants Lessee the right to occupy and use the designated space solely for classroom and office space for the ROYALS Program, the Early Beginnings Program, and other ROE grant programs.

D. No ownership interest is created by this Agreement. Lessee shall not assign, sublicense, transfer, or permit use of the space by any third party without WIU's prior written consent.

E. Occupancy Type: Lessee is granted recurring access to the space for ongoing operations during the term of this Agreement.

IV. FEES, CHARGES, AND REIMBURSEMENTS

A. Space Usage Rent & Rate:

i. ☐ N/A | ■ Square Footage Charge: $.70/per month per sq. ft. for the first year the contract with a 3% annual increase effective July 1 each year.

ii. Rent – Year 1: 13,768 sq. ft -* .70/per month per sq. ft. -- **$9,637.60/mo.**
Due on/before (date): 10th of each month

iii. Damage Deposit Due: $______ | ☐ Refundable ☐ Non-Refundable | Due on/before (date): ________

iv. Subject to a separate agreement, WIU will prepare the space for Lessee, and Lessee will reimburse WIU for costs of any alterations made to prepare the space for Lessee.

v. Lessee shall pay any applicable space usage/rental fee and damage deposit per the payment schedule above. WIU Occupants shall be charged through interdepartmental billing. External Occupants shall pay all fees and reimbursements invoiced by WIU within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice.

B. Utilities

Landlord shall be responsible for the payment of all utility bills for normal business use of the Premises by Tenant, including electricity, water, sewer, natural gas, and basic internet services. Utility bills in excess of normal business use, as solely and exclusively determined by Landlord, may result in an additional utility charge to Tenant by Landlord. The Landlord will provide written documentation and notice of excess calculations for review at least 30 days prior to implementation of charges. Tenant shall be solely responsible for maintaining and paying for telephone service for the Premises and paying for installation of any additional telecommunication jacks.

C. Furniture Options (select one)

☐ Unfurnished Space ■ Furnished Space | Fee: $______ | ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ☐ Other:

WIU shall provide furniture identified in an attached inventory (Appendix A). Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining any furniture or equipment WIU provides in good working order and condition and shall return the same to WIU in the same condition in which it was received by Lessee, normal wear and tear excepted.

D. Parking / Keys / Security

i. Parking: All Occupants (both WIU and External Occupants) must: (i) purchase and pick up permits from Mowbray Hall; and (ii) park only in authorized areas designated by WIU; and (iii) adhere to all WIU parking policies.

ii. Keys / Credentials

a. Any keys, fobs, or electronic access devices or credentials issued by WIU shall remain the property of WIU.

b. WIU may assess replacement costs, rekeying expenses, or security-related charges resulting from lost, stolen, damaged, or improperly used access devices.

c. Lessee shall promptly report lost or stolen access devices.

d. Lessee shall return all access devices upon expiration or termination of this agreement.

e. Lessee shall not duplicate or share keys or access credentials without prior written consent of WIU, and in no event with unauthorized persons.

iii. Security

a. Access to WIU facilities is limited to authorized individuals and approved purposes.

b. Lessee shall comply with all WIU security procedures and emergency protocols.

c. WIU reserves the right to suspend, relocate, restrict, or terminate access to the space, without liability, whenever necessary to protect persons, property, or WIU operations due to: force majeure; emergency conditions; severe weather; utility failures; fire, flood, or other casualty events; public health concerns; security threats; government orders; institutional emergencies; operational needs of WIU.

d. To the extent reasonably practicable, WIU shall provide notice to Lessee of any such closure, suspension, or relocation. Temporary interruptions of access resulting from emergency conditions or University operations shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement. WIU may relocate Lessee to alternative space when reasonably available and operationally feasible.

e. Any additional security personnel requested by Lessee or deemed necessary by WIU due to the nature of the occupancy or one-time event may be charged to Lessee.

V. TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORK USE

A. Any access to WIU technology resources, telecommunications systems, internet services, wireless networks, audiovisual systems, or related infrastructure shall be subject to applicable WIU policies and procedures. Any specialized technology requirements must be approved by WIU prior to installation or use. Lessee shall be responsible for costs associated with repairs, remediation, security investigations, or service restoration resulting from Lessee's actions or negligence.

B. WIU makes no guarantee regarding uninterrupted internet connectivity, telecommunications services, network performance, or technology availability.

C. Lessee shall not:

1. Use WIU technology resources for unlawful purposes;
2. Interfere with WIU networks or operations;
3. Install unauthorized hardware, software, servers, or network devices;
4. Circumvent WIU cybersecurity measures;
5. Engage in activities that compromise network security, confidentiality, or system performance.

VI. MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS & BUILDING SERVICES

A. For recurring occupancy agreements, Lessee shall maintain the space in a clean, orderly, and safe condition. WIU reserves the right to inspect the space, without notice, to verify compliance with this Agreement, applicable policies, and safety requirements; WIU will communicate any issues or deficiencies to Lessee, and Lessee shall correct within a prompt and reasonable timeframe. Lessee shall submit all maintenance and repair requests through its designated facilities management staff as outlined in Appendix A.

B. For One-Time Event Use, Lessee shall maintain the space in a clean, orderly, and safe condition, and shall return the space to substantially the same condition existing immediately prior to the event. Any additional services deemed necessary by WIU to return the space to its original condition (e.g., cleaning, teardown, waste removal, or restoration costs) will be billed to Lessee.

C. Notwithstanding WIU's coordination of maintenance and repair services, Lessee ■shall ☐ shall not (select one) reimburse WIU for costs incurred for repairs, replacements, corrective maintenance, damage remediation, or services attributable to: Lessee misuse or negligence by Lessee and/or Lessee's employees, agents, contractors, guests, or invitees; Extraordinary maintenance requests beyond normal building operations.

VII. SIGNAGE

Lessee shall not install, display, or distribute signage without WIU's prior written consent. WIU reserves the right to require modification, relocation, or removal of any signage that does not comply with University standards, policies, branding or aesthetic preferences, safety requirements, or applicable law.

Signage options include: ■WIU-produced signage | ☐ Lessee-produced signage (subject to preapproval)

VIII. ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

A. No alterations, renovations, modifications, installations, improvements, construction, or structural changes may be made to the space without WIU's prior written consent. All such alterations shall be completed through a work order submitted to Facilities Management. All charges incurred will be billed to the Lessee, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

B. Unless otherwise approved by WIU, all improvements shall become the property of WIU upon installation. WIU may require restoration of the space to its original condition, at Lessee's expense, upon termination of this Agreement; if required, WIU will timely communicate with Lessee, and allow reasonable time to complete the restoration.

IX. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND POLICIES

Lessee shall comply with all:

- Applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- University policies, procedures, and regulations;
- Fire and life-safety requirements (including but not limited to health and sanitation requirements, building occupancy limits, environmental regulations, etc.);
- Accessibility and accommodation requirements, including applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Applicable licensing and permit requirements;
- Tobacco-free and smoke-free campus policies (smoking, vaping, tobacco use are prohibited).

X. INSURANCE

A. External Organization/Entity or Individual: Lessee agrees, at its expense, to maintain during the term of this agreement, the following insurances:

i. Commercial General Liability Insurance: minimum limits of $1,000,000 per occurrence/$2,000,000 aggregate.
ii. Workers' Compensation Insurance consistent with Illinois law.
iii. If applicable, Automobile Insurance with minimum limits of $100,000 per person / $300,000 per accident.
iv. Comprehensive liability insurance (including property damage) written by insurance companies licensed to do business in Illinois, insuring Lessee against liability for injury to persons and/or property and death of any person(s), including but not limited to sexual abuse or molestation, occurring in or about the Leased Premises. Lessee shall provide WIU with copies or certificates of all such policies.
v. All insurance coverage must: name the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University as an Additional Insured; be primary and noncontributory; and include a waiver of subrogation where permissible.
vi. Certificates of Insurance for required insurances shall be provided to WIU prior to occupancy.
vii. Failure to maintain required insurance may result in suspension or termination of access to the space.
viii. WIU reserves the right to adjust insurance requirements based upon the nature of the occupancy, event, activities conducted, risk exposure, or duration of use.

B. WIU Department/Unit/Employee: Internal Occupants shall comply with applicable University risk management and safety policies and protocols.

XI. INDEMNIFICATION / ATTORNEY FEES

A. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Lessee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WIU and its officers, directors, managers, employees, agents, affiliates, successors, and permitted assigns against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, suits, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses arising out of or resulting from any claim of a third party in connection with Lessee's negligent or willful acts or omissions, including but not limited to Lessee's employees, agents, contractors, guests, and/or invitees.

B. The parties agree that, in the event of a dispute, and absent a court order, each party will bear its own cost of litigation and legal fees and/or arbitration fees.

XII. TERMINATION / AMENDMENT

A. Upon 30 days advance written notice, either party may terminate this Agreement if the other party materially defaults on its obligations hereunder, after having a reasonable opportunity to cure the default. In the event of a termination, the parties shall complete their mutual obligations for 30 days.

B. WIU may terminate for a material default, including but not limited to: failure to pay, or if Lessee's continued use is inconsistent with WIU operations, safety requirements, or legal obligations. Upon termination, Lessee shall vacate the space and remove its non-affixed property by the date specified by WIU.

C. The parties acknowledge that Lessee's obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of sufficient grant funds. Lessee has the right to terminate, with written notice as set forth above, if its grant funding for the intended Purpose is eliminated and other funding is not available. The stated Purpose is defined in Section I above.

D. The parties may amend this agreement by written agreement of the parties.

XIII. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to conflict-of-law principles.

XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the use of the space and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and understandings concerning the subject matter herein. Any amendment must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

SO AGREED:

LESSEE	**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
______________________ Business/Organization Name	______________________ Signature
______________________ Signature	__________ Date
__________ Date	______________________ Authorized Representative Name & Title
______________________ Authorized Representative Name & Title	

Please direct any questions or concerns to:

WIU - Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration | Sherman Hall 200 | (309) 298-2073

APPENDIX A

KEY: The area highlighted in yellow, as well as the sections labeled “E, F and G” are the spaces allocated for LESSEE / ROE 26.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2026

Resolution No. 26.9/5 -- Approved Depositories and Signatories

Resolution:

WHEREAS an informational listing of approved depositories shall be made annually at the fall meeting as part of the President's Report to the Board; and,

WHEREAS in accordance with Board of Trustees Regulations Section V.G.1., the following institutions have been approved as depositories of local funds:

Clock Tower Community Bank, a Division of Morton Community Bank, Macomb, Illinois;
First Bankers Trust Company, N.A., Macomb, Illinois;
United Community Bank, Macomb, Illinois;
Old National Bank (formerly First Midwest Bank), Moline, Illinois;
Fortress Bank, Macomb, Illinois;
U.S. Bank, N.A., Chicago, Illinois;
TBK Bank, East Moline, Illinois;
MidAmerica National Bank, Macomb, Illinois;
The Illinois Funds, Springfield, Illinois;
INB, N.A., Springfield, Illinois;
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Chicago, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS the Vice President for Finance and Administration is responsible for depositories and major accounts; and,

WHEREAS the following University positions and names to withdraw funds are being requested: President Kristi Mindrup and Vice President for Finance and Administration Ketra Roselieb; and,

WHEREAS guidelines established by the President were followed; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the signature authority as presented.

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Resolution No. 26.9/6 -- Approval of the Calendar Year 2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Resolution:

WHEREAS Western Illinois University is subject to the requirements of 110 ILCS 690/ which states: "Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once each quarter on the campus of Western Illinois University…;" and,

WHEREAS the Vice Presidents, Budget Director, Board Treasurer, University Attorney, Institutional Research and Planning Director, Equal Opportunity and Access Director, Internal Auditor, Alumni Director and the Director of Governmental Relations were consulted regarding the State of Illinois, IBHE and Board of Trustees deadlines and regulations:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the following meeting dates for the Calendar Year 2027:

Board of Trustees Calendar – 2027

March - Macomb

- March 25, 2027: Board of Trustees Meeting

June - QC campus

- June 17, 2027: Board of Trustees Meeting

September - Macomb

- September 29, 2027 (Retreat)
- September 30, 2027(Meeting): Board of Trustees Meeting

December - Macomb

- December 2, 2027: Board of Trustees Meeting

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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Resolution No. 26.9/7 -- Election of a Trustee to serve at the Audit Chair for Western Illinois University

Resolution:

WHEREAS the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees has a standing Audit Committee as noted in section *IX. Committees* of the *Board of Trustees Bylaws*, and a new trustee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board, and approved by the majority of the board at such other meetings as may be appropriate.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Trustee **____________** was appointed by the Chair, and is being approved by the full Board of Trustees to serve as the Chair of the Audit Committee at the September 24, 2026 meeting.