

Western Illinois University

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 26, 2025

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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois

September 26, 2025 – University Union, Capitol Room, Macomb

Motion to Convene to Open Session – 8:00 a.m. **Action**

Roll Call **Action**

Motion to Convene to Closed Session **Action**

Motion to Convene to Open Session **Action**

Break

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

Public Comments

Chairperson's Remarks

Dr. Polly Radosh, Chair

President's Remarks

President Kristi Mindrup

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of June 17, 2025 closed and open session minutes.

Advisory Groups Verbal Updates

1. Student Government Association, Jace Green (Macomb)
2. Faculty Senate, Jeremy Robinett
3. Civil Service Employees Council, Natalie Divan
4. Council of Administrative Personnel, Lorette Oden

Leadership Verbal Updates

1. Government Relations, Zach Messersmith
2. Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman
3. Vice President for Student Success, Justin Schuch
4. Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb

Agenda Topic

Reports and Discussion Items

Report No. 25.9/1

Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999.99 or Exempt
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Report No. 25.9/2

Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended June 30, 2025
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Report No. 25.9/3

Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 4th Quarter
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman)

Report No. 25.9/4

Report on Contributions
(Interim Executive Director of Development, Amy Crosby)

Report No. 25.9/5

Enrollment Report
(Vice President for Student Success, Justin Schuch)

Resolutions and Action Items

Action

Resolution No. 25.9/1

Action

FY 2026 All-Funds Budget
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb and Budget Director, Renee Georges)

Resolution No. 25.9/2

Action

FY 2027 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb and Budget Director, Renee Georges)

Resolution No. 25.9/3

Action

FY 2027 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb and Budget Director, Renee Georges)

Resolution No. 25.9/4

Action

Approval of the Calendar December 2025 and Year 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates
(Senior Executive Assistant to the President, Athena Brooks)

Resolution No. 25.9/5

Action

Approved Depositories and Signatories
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Resolution No. 25.9/6 **Action**
Authorizing Annual Presidential Performance Review
(Board Chair, Polly Radosh)

Resolution No. 25.9/7 **Action**
Income-Producing Contract Approval – Illinois Department of Human Services
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Resolution No. 25.9/8 **Action**
Income-Producing Contract Approval – Moline-Coal Valley School District
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Resolution No. 25.9/9 **Action**
Election of a Trustee to serve at the Audit Chair for Western Illinois University
(Director of Internal Auditing, Rita Moore)

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

October 17, 2025 - Retreat - 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 Thursday, September 25, 2025.
- Trustees will meet in person.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of:
June 17, 2025 Open and Closed Session

Minutes will be available for review at:

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

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Report No. 25.9/1 -- 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
Technolutions Inc; New Haven, CT	FY26 Slate information management system used for outreach and engagement (year 4 of a 5- yr agreement)	\$100,000	IPHEC
UPS; Louisville, KY	FY26 continuous order to pay University Bookstore's weekly freight bill.	\$100,000 estimated	IPHEC
National Public Radio; Washington, DC	FY26 programming fees for Tri States Public Radio	\$100,376	Exempt
Moreland & Devitt Pharmacy Inc; Rushville, IL	FY26 tele-pharmacy services for Beu Health Center (year 1 of a 3-yr agreement).	\$101,500	Exempt
Deisinger Consulting LLC; Midlothian, VA	Provide two-day threat assessment & management classes for ILETSBEI.	\$102,000 estimated	Exempt (Grant)

American Tower Corp; Woburn, MA	FY26 tower lease for WQPT transmitter site in Orion, IL	\$104,839	Exempt (Grant)
Davis & Campbell LLC; Peoria, IL	FY26 continuous order labor and employment attorney.	\$105,000 estimated	IPHEC
Sports Trip LLC; Lincoln, NE	Charter flight for WIU Football for 9/20/25 game at Eastern Washington University.	\$108,546	3
Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA Inc; Peoria, IL	FY26 University copier/multi-function device program. WIU BOT previously approved this award on 12/18/20.	\$110,000	8
McAllister & Quinn, LLC; Washington, DC	FY26 grant consulting services for Sponsored Projects	\$119,500	IPHEC
CDWG LLC; Vernon Hills, IL	FY26 Adobe Enterprise Term Licensing Agreement (ETLA). Year 3 of 3.	\$120,955.35	IPATHE Agreement
Cordogan Clark and Associates, Inc; Aurora, IL	FY26 continuous order for architectural/ engineering services for various projects as needed (3 rd of 3 optional one-year renewals)	\$130,000	QBS 12 responses
American Precision Supply Inc; Hampshire, IL	FY26 continuous order for plumbing supplies as needed (BEP-certified vendor)	\$145,000 estimated	IPHEC

Sunbelt Rentals Inc; East Peoria, IL	FY26 continuous order for portable chiller rental as needed.	\$150,000 estimated	IPHEC
Two Rivers Young Men's Christian Association Inc; Moline, IL	FY26 continuous order to provide meals to WIU Bilingual Early Learning and Family Center.	\$150,749 estimated	Exempt
MacMillan Holdings LLC (dba Holtzbrinck Publishers LLC); New York, NY	FY26 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed.	\$154,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Contributor Development Partnership, PBC; Boston, MA	FY26 portion of a 4-year agreement (4/1/22-5/31/26) to provide membership & gift processing services for WQPT-TV.	\$168,975	1
Public Broadcasting Service; Arlington, VA	FY26 annual membership and programming fees for WQPT	\$188,434	Exempt
EAB Global Inc; Washington, DC	Strategic advisory services (year 3 of a 3-year agreement) IPHEC contract – exempt from BOT approval	\$215,624.06	Sole Source (IPHEC2222)
Regent Education, Inc.; Frederick, MD	FY26 financial aid software solution. WIU BOT previously approved this 5-year award on 10/13/23.	\$218,000	2
Franczek Radelet PC; Chicago, IL	FY26 continuous order for general legal services for BOT as needed.	\$220,000 estimated	IPHEC

SHI International Corp; Piscataway, NJ	FY26 software support and maintenance of CA, Inc. products for uTech/AIMS (year 1 of 3).	\$225,803.11	IPHEC
D2L Ltd; Towson, MD	FY26 learning management system (year 3 of a 3-year agreement).	\$227,170.80	IPHEC
Amp Electrical Services Inc; Galesburg, IL	FY26 continuous order to provide electricians to supplement University personnel (4th of four optional one-year renewals)	\$249,000 estimated	5
H & S Mechanical Inc; Bartonville, IL	FY26 continuous order to provide plumbers/pipefitters to supplement University personnel (3 rd of four optional one-year renewals)	\$249,000 estimated	1

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

City of Macomb; Macomb, IL	FY26 continuous order for fire protection for Macomb campus (year 2 of a 3-year agreement)	\$250,000	Intergov't Agreement
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance (dba Home Depot Pro); Atlanta, GA	FY26 continuous order for janitorial supplies, equipment, and parts (year 4 of a 5-yr award with one 5-yr renewal option)	\$258,000 estimated	IPHEC
Waste Management of Illinois Inc; Macomb, IL	FY26 refuse disposal for Macomb, IL campus. (5th year of a 5-year renewal option, previously approved by BOT on June 10, 2016)	\$260,300 estimated	1
University of Illinois – CARLI; Champaign, IL	FY26 continuous order for library materials to be ordered as needed.	\$277,000 estimated	Intergov't Agreement
Core Construction Services; Peoria, IL	Renovation of the Credit Union Building (322 University Dr) to accommodate IDHS. Monthly lease to offset renovation costs.	\$281,160	IPHEC

AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp; Romeoville, IL	FY26 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, 2025 through July 31, 2026. (\$250 deductible)	\$320,000	IPHEC Award
McGraw Hill Global Education (Georgia Holdings Inc); East Windsor, NJ	FY26 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed.	\$325,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Ohio Valley Conference; Brentwood, TN	FY26 officiating fees and membership dues for Athletics	\$330,530 estimated	Exempt
MidAmerican Energy Company; Davenport, IA	FY26 continuous order for electricity and natural gas for QC campus.	\$362,000 estimated	IPHEC
Marsh USA Inc; Chicago, IL	FY26 master insurance program premiums	\$379,700 estimated	IPHEC
Ameren Illinois Company (dba Ameren CIPS); St Louis, MO	FY26 continuous order for natural gas (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	\$432,500 estimated	Sole Source

BSN Sports LLC – Adidas Varsity Brands Inc; Dallas, TX	FY26 continuous order for athletic apparel and gear for WIU Athletics (1st year of five-year agreement)	\$451,000 estimated	3
Carnegie Dartlet LLC; Westford, MA	FY26 digital media services - includes search, online advertising, and media buys (3 rd of seven optional 1-yr renewals). WIU BOT previously approved this award on 12/2/21.	\$463,535.44 estimated	9 proposals
MBS Service Company, Inc; Columbia, MO	FY26 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed.	\$465,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Cordogan Clark and Associates, Inc; Aurora, IL	Architect/Engineer services for the Emergency Operations Center part two consisting of the design of the space, and construction administration through final completion.	\$474,050 estimated IEMA Grant	QBS 4 responses
City of Macomb/MCPT; Macomb, IL	FY26 continuous order for transit services for Macomb campus	\$485,000 estimated	Intergov't Agreement

Cengage Learning; Florence, KY	FY26 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed (resale – exempt from BOT approval)	\$495,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Pearson Education Inc; Old Tappan, NJ	FY26 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed (resale – exempt from BOT approval)	\$495,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Peoria Charter Coach Co; Peoria, IL	FY26 continuous order for motor coach charter services as needed by WIU Athletics.	\$497,000 estimated	2
IBM Corporation; Livermore, CA	FY26 IBM mainframe software maintenance (3rd of five 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
EBSCO Industries Inc; Cary, IL	FY26 continuous order for library materials to be ordered as needed (exempt from BOT approval)	\$597,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Kone Inc; Peoria, IL	FY26 continuous order for WIU's elevator maintenance and repair services.	\$615,000 estimated	IPHEC
Carahsoft Technology Corporation; Reston, VA	FY26 Ellucian Colleague ERP software and services. IPHEC contract – exempt from BOT approval	\$641,341.05	IPHEC
City of Macomb; Macomb, IL	FY26 continuous order for water supply for Macomb campus (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	\$1,020,000 estimated	Intergov't Agreement
Alliant Insurance Services; Chicago, IL	FY26 Master Property Insurance	\$1,295,400 estimated	IPHEC

Health Insurance Reserve Fund; Springfield, IL	WIU's health insurance contribution for FY26 (CMS contract – exempt from BOT approval)	\$1,944,800	CMS
Interstate Municipal Gas Agency; Auburn, IL	FY26 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	FY26 student health insurance program. Student health insurance fee recommendation approved by the BOT 3/20/25. MHEC award with United Healthcare Services, Inc. Academic HealthPlans appointed WIU Broker of Record.	\$3,000,000 estimated	MHEC/ IPHEC2124
NRG Energy Inc / Direct Energy Business LLC; Dallas, TX	FY26 continuous order for delivery of electricity for Macomb campus (utilities exempt from BOT approval)	\$3,865,000 estimated	WIU/EIU/ ISU/SIUC consortium
Sodexo Operations LLC; Williamsville, NY	FY26 continuous order for food services (year 1 of a 5-year renewal, previously approved by the BOT on 6/12/20).	\$10,750,000 estimated	1

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Report No. 25.9/2 -- Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended June 30, 2025

	All Funds					
	FY2025 Budget	FY2025	% of Budget	FY2024 Budget	FY2024	% of Budget
Revenue						
State Appropriations	\$ 56,826,500	\$ 56,826,500	100.0%	\$ 55,712,200	\$ 55,712,200	100.0%
Assessed Tuition	43,000,000	46,604,114	108.4%	46,414,600	48,622,910	104.8%
Assessed Room and Board	18,641,280	18,369,873	98.5%	20,014,614	21,214,109	106.0%
Sales	2,547,800	2,376,082	93.3%	3,563,700	3,465,980	97.3%
Assessed Student Fees	4,315,934	4,561,283	105.7%	4,658,254	5,166,076	110.9%
Other	61,536,786	60,706,467	98.7%	59,968,613	63,900,029	106.6%
Total Revenue	\$186,868,300	\$189,444,319	101.4%	\$190,331,981	\$198,081,304	104.1%
Expenditures						
Personnel Services	\$ 98,100,000	\$ 94,207,894	96.0%	\$104,000,000	\$102,530,127	98.6%
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	2,360,000	6,643,767	281.5%	1,970,000	\$ 2,073,122	105.2%
Commodities	2,825,000	2,290,373	81.1%	3,560,000	\$ 2,684,179	75.4%
Operation of Automotive Equip	400,000	481,106	120.3%	620,000	\$ 407,681	65.8%
Travel	515,000	1,810,630	351.6%	695,000	\$ 776,483	111.7%
Contractual Services	41,600,000	36,913,584	88.7%	41,500,000	\$ 42,063,845	101.4%
Permanent Improvements	630,000	628,470	99.8%	430,000	\$ 1,192,008	277.2%
Equipment	3,220,200	1,578,004	49.0%	4,300,000	\$ 2,355,060	54.8%
Telecommunication Services	300,850	191,545	63.7%	325,000	\$ 253,111	77.9%
Awards/Grants & Matching Funds	33,900,000	30,221,101	89.1%	38,600,000	\$ 36,186,354	93.7%
CMS Health Insurance	3,294,800	1,951,903	59.2%	3,044,800	\$ 3,257,055	107.0%
Other	13,754,150	12,927,139	94.0%	10,950,000	\$ 15,151,734	138.4%
Total Expenditures	\$200,900,000	\$189,845,518	94.5%	\$209,994,800	\$208,930,758	99.5%

The Board of Trustees approved the Western Illinois University Fiscal Year 2025 All Funds Budget by source of funds and estimated object of expenditure on September 27th, 2024 (see Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Resolution No. 24.9/1).

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 2025, along with year-to-date revenue and expense data. Fiscal Year 2024 data is also provided for comparative purposes.

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Report No. 24.9/3 -- Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 4th Quarter

Executive Summary:

This report reflects externally sponsored grants and income-producing contracts received by the University and provided to the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. Information for the fourth quarter (April 1 – June 30, 2025) follows. Comparative information will be included in the December report.

Research Grants and Contracts Update

The Office of Research Grants and Contracts faced staffing challenges during the last two quarters of the fiscal year, operating with minimal personnel until the appointment of a new interim director on August 15th. Despite these constraints, several dedicated individuals worked tirelessly to ensure continuity of operations and support for our research community. Special recognition should be given to Athena Brooks, Charlene Greuel, Holly Sutton, and Dr. Kristine Kelly for their exceptional efforts in filling department gaps during this transition period. Their commitment ensured that faculty support and grant administration continued without interruption.

During this fourth quarter, faculty have demonstrated remarkable dedication to advancing their research endeavors. They have invested considerable time and effort in developing well-written, competitive grant proposals that reflect the high caliber of scholarship at WIU. Additionally, faculty members have been proactive in cultivating contractual relationships with external partners, efforts that have further strengthened WIU's portfolio of extramural funding and expanded opportunities for collaborative research.

As we move forward with new leadership in place, we are well-positioned to build upon this foundation of resilience and continue growing our research enterprise. Our goals for the coming year include developing a larger research-related portfolio and securing additional contractual agreements. We will undertake significant grant prospecting efforts by enhancing WIU's utilization of its grant database partners, ensuring faculty have access to the most current and relevant funding opportunities. Furthermore, we will launch a robust faculty development schedule that will provide comprehensive training related to grant development and management, equipping our researchers with the tools and knowledge needed to successfully compete for external funding.

On August 15th, WIU hired Dr. Mary Pat Wohlford as the director of the office and recently hired Preston Miller who will focus on pre-award activities. Dr. Wohlford brings a wealth of experience to the office, having worked in research development positions for the past 25 years. The goals of the office moving forward include streamlining operations, offering grant development workshops for faculty and actively prospecting in order to enhance WIU's extramural funding portfolio.

Quarter to Date

<u>Grants Submitted</u>	<u>Dollars Requested</u>	<u>Grants Awarded</u>	<u>Dollars Awarded</u>
16	\$6,866,310.	3	\$51,379.

Fiscal Year to Date

Quarterly comparative data and end of year comparative data will be available soon. Database inquiries are in process.

Grant Proposals Submitted during FY25 Fourth Quarter

Last Name	WIU Department	Proposal title	Amount requested	Date Submitted	Current Status	Indirect Cost Request
Merrett	IIRA	WIU Innovation Campus-Business Incubator and Additive Manufacturing Center	\$1,000,000.00	4/8/2025	Pending	\$0.00
Phippen	Agriculture	WIU-ISU Soybean Maturity Group Trial Following Pennycress (<i>Thlapsi arvense</i>)	\$10,460.00	4/23/2025	Pending	\$0.00
Phippen	Agriculture	Assessing Diverse Crops for N Efficiency, C Sequestration, and Economic Impact on Illinois Crop Rotation	\$241,282.50	5/9/2025	Pending	\$21,707.50
Robinett	Athletics	WIU Student Athlete Success and Support	\$78,456.00	5/29/2025	Pending	\$0.00
Nepal	Biology	Trophic niche overlap of Grass Carp and Silver Carp in the Illinois and Mississippi river basins	\$15,997.00	4/21/2025	Pending	\$4,235.00
Sweet	CAIT	DCFS- Web Based Training FY26	\$471,972.00	5/12/2025	Pending	\$61,562.00

Sweet	CAIT	IDEC i-Pathways Digital Literacy Courses	\$321,670.00	4/30/2025	Pending	\$53,612.00
Sweet	CAIT	Alternative Methods of Credentialing FY26	\$75,982.00	5/12/2025	Pending	\$5,628.00
Shugart	CBPECE	Illinois STARNET Northwest Region I and Central Region III FY26	\$1,076,350.00	4/10/2025	Pending	\$79,285.00
Averbeck	Communications	Western Illinois Digital Equity Network (WIDEN)	\$869,828.00	5/8/2025	Pending	\$144,971.00
<u>Maymi-Sugranes</u>	Library	Engaged and Digital Humanities in Rural Illinois Initiative (ENDURE)	\$148,425.60	5/1/2025	Pending	\$37,965.60
<u>Eathington</u>	Nursing	Nursing and Healthcare Workforce Development Center at Western Illinois University	\$1,000,000.00	4/7/2025	Pending	\$0.00
Watts	OPS	Western Illinois University Office of Public Safety Senator Durbin Grant	\$1,114,472.00	4/8/2025	Pending	\$0.00
Maher	Sociology & Anthropology	DCFS FY26	\$364,104.00	5/9/2025	Pending	\$47,492.00
Cox	Speech Pathology & Audiology	Minds in Motion: An Intergenerational, Multicomponent Brain Health Program	\$28,364.00	4/7/2025	Pending	\$0.00
Dean	WIUM	WIUM/WIUW Radio Information Service	\$47,947.00	5/13/2025	Pending	\$4,359.00
Total			\$6,866,310.10			

Grant Proposals Awarded during FY25 Fourth Quarter

LAST NAME	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT TITLE	SPONSOR No	AMOUNT AWARDED	AWARD DATE	INDIRECT DOLLARS REQUESTED
Norman	WIUM_FM	One Small Step Radio Station Hubs FY25	6941	\$38,000.00	5/20/2025	\$0.00
Nepal	Biology	Evaluation and support of invasive carp management	5985	\$9,379.00	4/8/2025	\$2,483.00
Wittig	IIRA	Supplemental for 516280-Canton Impact Analysis	VARI	\$4,000.00	5/27/2025	\$ 1,000.00
Total				\$51,379.00		

Questions related to this report may be directed to:

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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Report No. 25.9/4 -- Report on Contributions



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

Pledges Made	Planned Gifts (FV)*	Total Pledges
\$ 295,334	\$ 250,000	\$ 545,334
Cash Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Total Receipts
\$ 1,296,141	\$ 35,423	\$ 1,331,563

	Overall Total	Goal	% to Goal
Fiscal Year	\$ 1,876,898	\$10,000,000	18.8%
Campaign	\$ 69,560,587	\$ 100,000,000	69.6%

*Discounted Present Value for the 1 planned gift pledge(s):
\$ 129,048

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	7,839	52,867	0	250,000	310,706	779,967
CBT	5,043	13,732	0	0	18,775	1,896,754
COEHS	5,357	6,790	0	0	12,147	1,621,829
COFAC	27,151	257,143	0	0	284,294	1,242,770
LEJA	0	221,250	0	0	221,250	24,119
ATHLETICS	44,262	300,453	26,295	0	371,009	716,813
STUDENT SUCCESS	14,653	7,131	9,108	0	30,892	163,275
LIBRARY	109	125	0	0	234	8,051
HONORS	210	30,000	0	0	30,210	45,670
GLOBAL STUDIES	1,270	0	0	0	1,270	7,580
QC	924	10,000	0	0	10,924	34,881
ALUMNI	409	3,764	0	0	4,173	44,471
BGS	0	10	0	0	10	4,605
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	3,964	41,318	0	0	45,282	326,798
TRI-STATES RADIO	147,952	84,945	0	0	232,897	312,192
WQPT	5,703	188,000	20	0	193,722	699,174
OTHER	30,487	78,614	0	0	109,101	1,142,874
UNIVERSITY TOTALS:	295,334	1,296,141	35,423	250,000	1,876,898	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	1,540	10,781	308	278	3,667	3,945	75,760
CBT	375	15,751	188	50	1,540	1,590	67,625
COEHS	1,340	8,360	335	235	1,990	2,225	71,375
COFAC	2,560	17,348	197	603	7,280	7,883	144,459
LEJA	0	2,150	0	0	250	250	16,864
ATHLETICS	1,200	93,871	400	4,201	78,425	82,625	423,098
STUDENT SUCCESS	2,149	2,764	154	437	1,045	1,482	71,229
LIBRARY	109	524	109	27	125	152	6,760
HONORS	0	0	0	0	0	0	210
GLOBAL STUDIES	50	420	50	0	0	0	3,215
QC	0	2,030	0	0	0	0	514
ALUMNI	50	2,170	50	50	2,860	2,910	24,443
BGS	0	2,200	0	0	10	10	3,715
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	2,908	12,935	727	203	23,436	23,639	111,412
TRI-STATES RADIO	147,952	137,645	344	23,485	84,445	107,930	310,407
WQPT	5,703	15,616	163	578	88,493	89,071	668,493
OTHER	17,104	32,993	1,425	225	7,457	7,682	71,500
Total	183,040	357,558	349	30,372	301,022	331,394	2,071,079

****Total Annual Fund: \$484,062**

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).

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Phonathon 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	20	8,961	20	0	0	0	6,285
CBT	75	12,051	75	0	0	0	7,315
COEHS	200	6,980	100	0	0	0	4,025
COFAC	10	4,975	10	0	0	0	1,400
LEJA	0	2,150	0	0	0	0	670
ATHLETICS	0	2,083	0	0	0	0	1,275
STUDENT SUCCESS	280	835	56	0	100	100	405
LIBRARY	0	415	0	0	0	0	115
HONORS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLOBAL STUDIES	50	420	50	0	0	0	75
QC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALUMNI	0	2,120	0	0	0	0	1,495
BGS	0	2,200	0	0	0	0	1,860
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	0	9,485	0	0	0	0	8,845
TRI-STATES RADIO	500	0	500	0	0	0	200
WQPT	0	130	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	320	4,450	53	0	0	0	1,205
Total	1,455	57,255	81	0	100	100	35,170

****Total Phonathon: \$1,555**

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Phonathon totals by Unit.

AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.

NOTES:

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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Report No. 25.9/5 – Enrollment Summary

Fall 2025 Enrollment Summary

- Western Illinois University's total enrollment decreased by 15.72 percent (-995) from 6,332 in fall 2024 to 5,337 in fall 2025.
- The Macomb campus enrollment sits at 4,786 students, including online students.
- The Quad Cities campus enrollment sits at 551 students, including online students.
- A total of 1,527 students (freshman, transfer, graduate, reentry) began at Western Illinois University in fall 2025.
- Fall-to-fall retention of new first-time full-time freshmen students is 60.3 percent.
- The average high school GPA of the incoming freshman class sits at 3.45.
- Fall-to-fall retention of new first-time, full-time transfer is 73.5 percent.

Fall 2025 Enrollment Details

Western Illinois University's total enrollment decreased by 15.72 percent (-995) from 6,332 in fall 2024 to 5,337 in fall 2025. Overall, undergraduate enrollment decreased by 14.4% (-649), and graduate enrollment decreased by 19.15% (-346).

This fall, 1,527 started as Leathernecks, with 471 new entering freshmen, 466 new entering transfer students, 398 new entering graduate students, and 197 students reentering after stepping away from their studies. New entering freshmen decreased by 25.7 percent (-163), new entering transfer students decreased by 21.8 percent (-130), and new entering graduate students declined by 20.2 percent (-101).

The incoming freshman class is comprised of 63.3 percent females and 36.7 percent males. 50.3 percent of the freshman class is from an underrepresented group. The incoming freshman class is academically motivated, with the average high school GPA being 3.45.

Average High School GPA

2008	2.98	2017	3.22
2009	3.01	2018	3.31
2010	3	2019	3.4
2011	2.99	2020	3.49
2012	3.04	2021	3.45
2013	3.11	2022	3.38
2014	3.15	2023	3.4
2015	3.2	2024	3.48
2016	3.21	2025	3.45

15 percent of the enrolled freshman class join WIU with a 4.0 or above high school GPA. 30 percent of the enrolled freshman class join WIU with a high school GPA between 3.5-3.99. 33 percent of the freshman class had a high school GPA of 3.0-3.49. 22 percent of the enrolled freshman class join WIU with a high school GPA below 3.0 and are admitted through the Reach Program. Students with 2.75-2.99 on a 4.0 GPA scale were automatically admitted to the Reach Program. Applicants below 2.75 were reviewed for admission for consideration into the Reach Program.

High school students dually enrolled at Western Illinois University increased 4 percent (+5) from 115 in fall 2024 to 120 in fall 2025.

Incoming New Students, Fall 2025

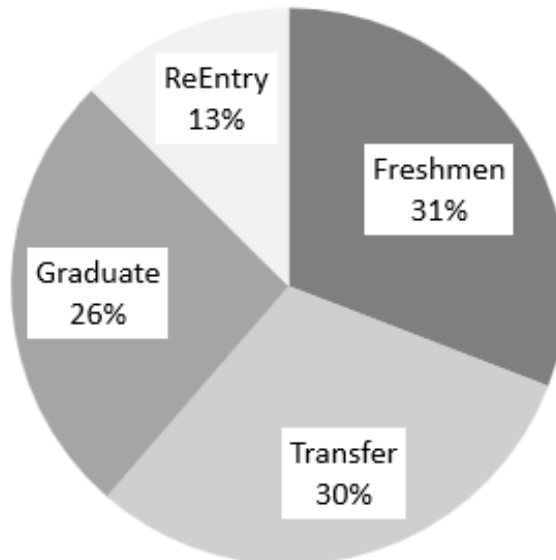


Table 11. Headcount Enrollment by Gender, Full-Time/Part-Time, Class Level and Location, Fall 2024 and Fall 2025

FALL 2024											
	Full-Time				Part-Time				Total		
	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Headcount
MACOMB											
Freshmen	347	467	814		36	66	102		383	533	916
Sophomores	271	365	636		13	17	30		284	382	666
Juniors	385	472	857		48	91	139		433	563	996
Seniors	403	648	1,051		137	168	305		540	816	1,356
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	1,406	1,952	3,358		234	342	576		1,640	2,294	3,934
TOTAL GRADUATE	339	362	701		305	571	876		644	933	1,577
MACOMB TOTAL	1,745	2,314	4,059		539	913	1,452		2,284	3,227	5,511
QUAD CITIES											
Freshmen	19	34	53		20	36	56		39	70	109
Sophomores	20	36	56		7	11	18		27	47	74
Juniors	39	62	101		11	17	28		50	79	129
Seniors	66	102	168		36	75	111		102	177	279
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	144	234	378		74	139	213		218	373	591
TOTAL GRADUATE	24	63	87		43	100	143		67	163	230
QUAD CITIES TOTAL	168	297	465		117	239	356		285	536	821
TOTAL ENROLLMENT											
Freshmen	366	501	867		56	102	158		422	603	1,025
Sophomores	291	401	692		20	28	48		311	429	740
Juniors	424	534	958		59	108	167		483	642	1,125
Seniors	469	750	1,219		173	243	416		642	993	1,635
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	1,550	2,186	3,736		308	481	789		1,858	2,667	4,525
TOTAL GRADUATE	363	425	788		348	671	1,019		711	1,096	1,807
GRAND TOTAL	1,913	2,611	4,524		656	1,152	1,808		2,569	3,763	6,332

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

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

Table 1. New Student: Applications, Acceptances, and Enrollments by Gender, Fall 2021-Fall 2025

	New Freshmen			New Transfer			New Graduate			New Student
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Total
2024										
# Completed Applications	3,475	5,199	8,674	664	884	1,548	1,776	1,581	3,357	13,579
# Accepted Applications	2,333	3,841	6,174	459	579	1,038	1,118	1,032	2,150	9,362
# Enrolling Fall 2024	266	368	634	267	329	596	188	311	499	1,729
% Students Accepted	67.1%	73.9%	71.2%	69.1%	65.5%	67.1%	63.0%	65.3%	64.0%	68.9%
% Students Accepted That Enrolled	11.4%	9.6%	10.3%	58.2%	56.8%	57.4%	16.8%	30.1%	23.2%	18.5%
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%

Fall 2024-to-Fall 2025 Undergraduate Student Retention Details

First-time full-time (freshmen) student retention was 60.3 percent. The first-time full-time (freshmen) retention rate of females increased to 64.1 percent, up from 62.9 percent last fall, while the retention rate of males fell to 54.9 percent from 59 percent the previous year.

Sophomore to junior retention rate rose to 48.8 percent from 44.9 percent the previous year.

Fall-to-fall transfer student retention was 73.5 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	79.3%	60.3%

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%

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 included following the freshmen table.

Table 36. Retention and Graduation Rates of New Full-Time Freshmen by Ethnicity, Fall 2018-Fall 2024

Year Enrolled		Number Enrolled	Continuation Rates (%)		Cumulative Graduation Rates (%)		
			Continued to 2nd Year	Continued to 3rd Year	Graduated in 4 Years	Graduated in 5 Years	Graduated in 6 Years
2018	American Indian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Asian	12	75.0%	58.3%	25.0%	50.0%	50.0%
	Black	297	54.4%	39.9%	14.1%	21.9%	26.0%
	International	10	80.0%	70.0%	30.0%	70.0%	70.0%
	Hispanic	138	64.7%	63.2%	25.7%	39.7%	42.6%
	Pacific Islander	2	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
	White	414	77.5%	68.3%	45.0%	57.8%	60.1%
	Two or More	32	62.5%	40.6%	18.7%	25.0%	28.1%
	Total	923	67.5%	57.1%	30.7%	42.2%	45.2%
2019	American Indian	2	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	Asian	10	80.0%	90.0%	30.0%	50.0%	60.0%
	Black	222	67.7%	43.2%	11.8%	25.0%	28.0%
	International	6	100.0%	83.3%	50.0%	66.6%	66.6%
	Hispanic	122	77.7%	63.9%	37.5%	52.0%	53.7%
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White	467	81.1%	68.4%	41.7%	55.6%	58.3%
	Two or More	20	75.0%	50.0%	35.0%	40.0%	40.0%
	Total	884	77.0%	61.0%	33.2%	46.8%	49.3%
2020	American Indian	4	50.0%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%	
	Asian	15	86.7%	71.4%	42.8%	50.0%	
	Black	380	58.2%	45.2%	15.6%	24.6%	
	International	15	86.7%	86.7%	86.6%	86.6%	
	Hispanic	151	78.0%	69.5%	39.3%	55.6%	
	Pacific Islander	2	100.0%	50.0%	-	-	
	White	453	80.5%	69.9%	49.7%	60.0%	
	Two or More	25	68.0%	52.0%	32.0%	36.0%	
	Total	1,052	71.9%	60.5%	35.5%	45.8%	
2021	American Indian	-	-	-	-		
	Asian	8	100.0%	100.0%	25.0%		
	Black	317	53.0%	34.4%	10.8%		
	International	18	77.8%	50.0%	44.4%		
	Hispanic	106	64.2%	54.7%	26.6%		
	Pacific Islander	2	50.0%	50.0%	-		
	White	419	76.8%	68.1%	44.1%		
	Two or More	27	77.8%	70.7%	40.7%		
	Total	905	66.9%	55.4%	29.8%		
2022	American Indian	3	33.3%	33.3%			
	Asian	11	90.9%	81.8%			
	Black	401	35.0%	19.3%			
	International	17	52.9%	35.3%			
	Hispanic	137	59.9%	48.2%			
	Pacific Islander	2	-	-			
	White	444	79.5%	66.6%			
	Two or More	35	60.0%	42.9%			
	Total	1,062	58.7%	44.9%			
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%				
	Black	202	36.3%				
	International	8	87.5%				
	Hispanic	69	56.5%				
	Pacific Islander	1	100.00%				
	White	295	76.3%				
	Two or More	25	64.0%				
	Total	608	60.3%				

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 Ethnicity, Fall 2018-2024

Year Enrolled	Ethnicity	Cumulative Graduation Rates and Continuation Rates (%)							
		Number Enrolled	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
2018	American Indian	1	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	Asian	15	86.7%	26.6%	46.7%	66.6%	73.3%	80.0%	80.0%
	Black	69	69.6%	10.1%	55.1%	33.3%	47.8%	52.1%	53.6%
	International	14	50.0%	28.5%	21.4%	35.7%	35.7%	35.7%	35.7%
	Hispanic	74	90.5%	32.4%	45.9%	71.6%	78.3%	78.3%	79.7%
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White	438	81.9%	39.1%	38.0%	67.7%	74.8%	76.6%	77.3%
	Two or More	24	62.5%	12.5%	54.2%	50.0%	54.1%	54.1%	58.3%
	Total	653	80.2%	33.1%	41.1%	62.3%	69.9%	71.7%	72.6%
2019	American Indian	2	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Asian	9	77.8%	44.4%	44.4%	66.6%	77.7%	88.8%	88.8%
	Black	49	69.4%	18.3%	38.8%	40.8%	44.8%	46.9%	46.9%
	International	11	63.6%	27.2%	45.5%	63.6%	72.7%	72.7%	72.7%
	Hispanic	42	85.0%	32.5%	40.0%	52.5%	62.5%	65.0%	67.5%
	Pacific Islander	2	100.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
	White	404	84.2%	37.2%	40.0%	65.0%	71.7%	73.9%	74.1%
	Two or More	14	71.4%	50.0%	21.4%	71.4%	71.4%	71.4%	71.4%
	Total	544	82.3%	35.1%	39.9%	61.7%	68.2%	70.6%	71.1%
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%	28.8%	23.9%	40.8%	43.6%	49.2%	46.9%
	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%	69.4%
	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%	
2021	American Indian	1	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
	Asian	4	75.0%	0.0%	75.0%	50.0%	75.0%		
	Black	68	58.2%	17.9%	25.4%	35.8%	38.8%		
	International	35	65.7%	8.5%	48.6%	34.2%	57.1%		
	Hispanic	53	75.5%	24.5%	45.3%	49.0%	60.3%		
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	White	351	79.8%	30.7%	41.6%	57.8%	67.2%		
	Two or More	22	63.6%	31.8%	31.8%	40.9%	50.0%		
	Total	539	74.9%	27.1%	40.0%	52.0%	61.7%		
2022	American Indian	1	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%			
	Asian	4	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	50.0%			
	Black	70	65.7%	25.7%	32.9%	41.4%			
	International	39	57.9%	5.2%	50.0%	36.8%			
	Hispanic	57	84.2%	33.3%	36.8%	57.8%			
	Pacific Islander	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
	White	322	75.7%	30.8%	39.9%	57.0%			
	Two or More	11	72.7%	18.1%	36.4%	54.5%			
	Total	512	73.3%	28.0%	39.0%	53.1%			
2023	American Indian	-	-	-					
	Asian	6	83.3%	33.3%					
	Black	59	72.9%	13.5%					
	International	30	79.3%	17.2%					
	Hispanic	52	75.0%	30.7%					
	Pacific Islander	-	-	-					
	White	310	81.6%	36.0%					
	Two or More	16	75.0%	18.7%					
	Total	487	79.2%	31.1%					
2024	American Indian	-	-						
	Asian	2	100.0%						
	Black	48	60.4%						
	International	40	57.5%						
	Hispanic	49	68.8%						
	Pacific Islander	1	-						
	White	308	79.9%						
	Total	480	73.5%						

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.

Undergraduate 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 Rocky-Bot proactive and reactive texting tool continues to be popular with students. Freshman students have a 98% opt-in rate, and transfer students have a 99% 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 has received over 22,200 texts from our students.
- After a successful year with Rocky's Wellness Challenge, offered by our Health and Wellness area, the program has expanded to be campus-wide and encompasses social, wellness, academic, and other events. Purple and Gold Points give students a chance to earn points for attending events and connecting with our campus. Students can utilize points to win prizes and experiences.
- Our Connections Mapping program will launch in the coming days to identify students struggling to connect with campus. Connections Mapping is our early intervention program designed around the decision's students make during the first weeks of the fall semester. Since the fall of 2018, we have developed, assessed, and created the program to allow us to identify and focus our efforts on students who may be at risk of not persisting here 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 week 6. Around 20 data sets are compiled, and a formula is applied to identify students we should be highly, mildly, or minimally concerned.
- The New Student and Family Programs team continues our relationship with the Chicago College Compact, which is providing \$30,000 for student success efforts focused on our Chicago Public School alumni. Initiatives include an incentive program to encourage positive academic behavior as well as a work-study-like program.
- Our Connection and Engagement area has been focused on redeveloping our First Four Day, Week, and Month programming, focusing on the experience's students should have during their first time with us on campus. Our goal is to ensure students have the resources and experiences needed within the first four days, first four weeks, and first four months in order to graduate in four years from Western Illinois University.
- Our Communications and Marketing team is working through how we best communicate with our current students and developing a more streamlined and intentional approach to campus-wide emails, important announcements, and event communication.

Select Highlights Related to Student Recruitment

- The Undergraduate Admissions team is working with and on the implementation of a number of tools to enhance our communication with prospective students.
 - Slate is being implemented as our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solution. Slate will allow for strategic communication with prospective students throughout the recruitment funnel and give staff the ability to track message patterns and student needs.
 - ZeeMee is a social app focused on helping upper-level high school students find the right college. Our team has been active with this tool over the past year and grown our presence, seeing success in virtual attendance, activities, and interactions.
 - Following the success and high use of EdSights by our current students, our Undergraduate Admissions team is partnering with EdSights, which offers RockyBot, to implement the same bot with our accepted students. This tool will allow prospective students to ask questions about WIU 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and drastically enhance our ability to form connections with students. RockyBot will actively reach out and engage students throughout the recruitment cycle and give our team insight into who we should follow up with for more information about the opportunities here at WIU.
- The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has partnered with Alumni Programs, offering Leatherneck Takeover events that are focused on recognizing our outstanding alumni, while also offering the opportunity to connect with prospective students. Events occur throughout the fall semester across the state.
- Western Illinois University's relationship with EAB Apply has launched with a focus on fall 2026 freshman applications. EAB is assisting in identifying new populations for freshman recruitment and drastically increasing our communication to prospective students.
- Last spring, Undergraduate Admissions and Marketing and Communications hosted a "Insights and Innovation" session focused on our recruitment efforts. Over 50 faculty and staff attended, sharing thoughts on how we can improve our processes throughout the recruitment funnel.
- Undergraduate Admissions executed a full array of on-campus visit options, including 6 Discover Western Preview Days, 4 Rocky's Transfer Preview Days, 3 Spring Saturday Showcases, and 5 Spring Saturday visits. Along with, 1:1 in-person and academic program partnering events. Several Virtual Events were held, as well as counselors doing individual virtual visits with students, both during the day, evening, and Saturday hours.
- We added Rock Island County to our Local Leatherneck scholarship, given that they are a large feeder county.
- WIU solidified our relationship with the City College of Chicago as a Star Partner, offering foundation-supported aid to students who transfer from City College of Chicago to WIU.
- The Office of Undergraduate Admissions led improvements in transfer strategies and tactics that led to receiving the 2025 Transfer Honor Roll designation from Phi Theta Kappa for excellent work with transfer students, an exclusive honor only awarded to 250 colleges and universities nationwide.
- WIU is now active on ZeeMee with prospective students. Between February 2025 and July 2025, there were over 3,400 students using the app, an increase of 23% for this 2025 student cohort. There

are 700 Fall 2026 prospects (Freshman and Transfer) using the app as of 9/12/2025. We hosted our first automated live event and 64 students participated. This will become a monthly activity to encourage student connections. We will also utilize a new dashboard feature to communicate and have deeper insights into the student profile.

- The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is leading the development of transfer plans and agreements with partner community colleges and other WIU campus partners. Among the agreements are agreements with Waubensee Community College, John Wood and Carl Sandburg and Lewis & Clark. This academic year, over 100 individual transfer guides have been created upon student requests specific to their community college and major. These initiatives continue to be led by Associate Director of Admissions and Director of Transfer Services Kassie Daly.
- Undergraduate Admissions is planning onsite admissions visits at multiple high schools and community colleges where students can be accepted on-the-spot.
- The Admissions office attended over 230 college fairs last year.
- Part of the Illinois Direct Admissions One Click Admit initiative, where students can answer a few questions and will be notified if they apply to WIU and submit transcripts, if they will be admitted.
- Incorporated BGS processing staff and recruitment into Undergraduate Admissions to improve efficiencies.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/1 -- FY 2026 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 2026 All-Funds Budget requires Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approval prior to submission; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2026 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 2026 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 2026 All-Funds Budget as presented in the Fiscal Year 2026 All-Funds Budget document and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

Fiscal Year 2026 All-Funds Budget

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 2026 All-Funds Budget to be approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees. This budget is presented with FY2026 state appropriation of \$57.4 million. This budget was passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor on June 16th, 2025.

Fiscal Year 2026 All-Funds Budget					
	State Appropriated	University Income	Auxiliary Facilities System	Other Non- Appropriated	Total
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 Fun	-	11,000,000	1,200,000	17,250,000	29,450,000
Telecommunication Services	-	75,000	500	175,000	250,500
Operation of Automotive Equip	-	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

Statewide budgeting for higher education follows a two-step process. Prior to the start of the fiscal year, the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approves a preliminary spending plan for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. This plan was approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in June (*Resolution No. 25.6/2*).

Table 1 presents the All-Funds Budget approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Differences in values budgeted for the *Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Spending Plan* and the *Fiscal Year 2026 All-Funds Budget* are due to the following factors:

- The *Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Spending Plan*, approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in June 2025, was based on projected student enrollment. The *Fiscal Year 2026 All-Funds Budget*, presented today, is based on actual Fall 2025 enrollment.
- Western Illinois University bases institutional budgets on previous fiscal year expenditures. The *Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Spending Plan*, approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in June 2025, was based on estimated Fiscal Year 2025 expenditures. The *Fiscal Year 2026 All-Funds Budget*, presented today, is based on actual Fiscal Year 2025 expenditures.

Fiscal Year 2026 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 innovation campus 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 \$100.2 million represent 53.0 percent of the University's Fiscal Year 2026 planned all-funds budget expenditures, followed by items supporting the academic mission of the University: 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 2026 All-Funds Budget* report should be read in conjunction with *The Fiscal Year 2027 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 2024 Through 2026 All-Funds Budget

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non- Appropriated Funds	Total
Fiscal Year 2024					
Personnel Services	\$ 52,967,400	\$ 27,532,600	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 104,000,000
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	800,000	800,000	120,000	250,000	1,970,000
Contractual Services	-	12,250,000	15,750,000	13,500,000	41,500,000
Travel	-	360,000	35,000	300,000	695,000
Commodities	-	975,000	1,085,000	1,500,000	3,560,000
Equipment	-	2,000,000	100,000	2,200,000	4,300,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	15,300,000	1,300,000	22,000,000	38,600,000
Telecommunication Services	-	150,000	-	175,000	325,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	235,000	85,000	300,000	620,000
Permanent Improvements	-	180,000	75,000	175,000	430,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	1,100,000	3,044,800
Other	-	-	9,550,000	1,400,000	10,950,000
Total FY2024 Operating Budget	\$ 55,712,200	\$ 59,782,600	\$ 38,100,000	\$ 56,400,000	\$ 209,994,800
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 and 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 Automotive 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 and 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 Automotive 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

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/2 -- FY 2027 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 2027 appropriated operating budget recommendations require Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approval prior to submission; and,

WHEREAS, the *Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027 appropriated operating budget recommendations as presented in the *Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations

Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University recommends a \$27.6 million general revenue increase in funding for fiscal year 2027 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 18.0 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 82.0 percent of the University's recommendation supports programs identified in *Higher Values in Higher Education*.

Western Illinois University Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriated Funds Operating Budget Request			
	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	Priority
Salary and Cost Increases			
Salaries	\$3,500,000	5.07%	
Other General Costs	<u>1,400,000</u>	5.81%	
Total Salary and Cost Increases	\$4,900,000	4.91%	
Program Priorities			
Closing Equity Gaps and Increasing College Access	1,000,000		1
Program Alignment - <i>A Thriving Illinois</i>	1,000,000		2
Student Financial Aid	4,000,000		3
Workforce Development	1,000,000		4
Quad Cities Innovation Campus	7,200,000		5
Permanent Improvements and Campus Infrastructure Enhancements	<u>8,500,000</u>		6
Total Program Priorities	\$22,700,000		
Total All Increases	\$27,600,000		

Salary Increases for Faculty and Staff. As stated in *Higher Values in Higher Education*, Western Illinois University's highest priority is to increase faculty and staff salaries to meet and exceed the mean of peer institutions. Salary erosion is a significant challenge facing Western Illinois University. Benefits alone are no longer sufficient to attract and retain high-achieving and diverse faculty and staff. Our ability to recruit and retain top talent is directly linked to maintaining educational quality. While we continue to fulfill our contractually negotiated salary commitments, our request for additional salary support aims to address overall salary erosion and enhance our competitiveness.

Support for Program Priorities. Western Illinois University is seeking \$22.7 million in funding for program priorities identified in *Higher Values in Higher Education*. These include:

- **Closing Equity Gaps and Increasing College Access (\$1,000,000)** 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 (\$1,000,000)** funding to fill faculty and staff positions and develop curriculum to support historically underserved and underrepresented students.
- **Student Financial Aid (\$4,000,000)** to support affordable access to higher education.
- **Workforce Development (\$1,000,000)** to support and further enhance workforce development initiatives in advanced manufacturing and materials.
- **Quad Cities Innovation Campus (\$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 (\$8,500,000)** to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog of over \$500 million and improve operational efficiencies.

Changes from Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Recommendation Request

Salary and cost increases are still part of the operating recommendations. Salaries, which represent the largest portion of these recommendations, have been increased from last year. General cost increases remain unchanged, using the Higher Education Price Index as a benchmark to account for the overall impact of inflation.

Western Illinois University is also requesting \$22.7 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 2027 Operating Recommendations To the Illinois Board of Higher Education

Western Illinois University's fiscal year 2027 operating budget request will be submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education pending board approval on September 26, 2025.

**FY2027 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: \$3,500,000

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.

**FY2027 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: \$1,000,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

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.

**FY2027 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: \$1,000,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS REQUESTED: Appropriated Funds

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUEST:

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.

**FY2027 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: \$4,000,000

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.

**FY2027 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: \$1,000,000

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.

**FY2027 OPERATIONS AND GRANTS
DETAIL OF RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR NEW PROGRAMS
AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Western Illinois University

TITLE OF REQUEST: Quad Cities Innovation Campus

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 initiative is the Quad Cities Innovation Campus and 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 Innovation 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, WIU – Quad Cities Innovation 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.

**FY2027 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: \$8,500,000

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 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/3 -- FY 2027 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 2027 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 2027 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 2027 Appropriated Capital Budget Recommendations as presented in the *Fiscal Year 2027 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.

Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget Recommendations
Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University recommends \$430.5 million for capital projects to support high-quality academic programs, co-curricular services, and a supportive learning community for fiscal year 2027. 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 \$34.2 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 2027 Capital Recommendation (Dollars in Thousands)			
<u>Priority</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
1	WIU - Science and Innovation (Macomb Science Phase II)	Renovation	\$94,325
2	WIU - Business and Innovation (Macomb Stipes Hall)	Renovation	\$75,460
3	WIU - Education and Health Sciences (Macomb Education Building)	New Construction	\$132,800
4	WIU - Macomb Malpass Library	Renovation	\$127,915
Total Recommendation			\$430,500

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 College of Education and Human Services 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 Currans 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 \$34.2 million in capital renewal funds to be utilized for permanent improvements and campus infrastructure enhancements.

Priority Changes from Fiscal Year 2026

The priorities for FY2026 are shown below. There are no changes to the order of priority for FY2027.

Priority Changes			
Description	Project Type	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2026</u>
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 and format, the following recommendations for Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2027 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: \$94,325,000 (Planning, Design and Construction)

BACKGROUND DATA

The current College of Arts and Sciences' facilities, Currans 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.

The basic teaching and laboratory layouts of Western Illinois University's current science facilities are pedagogically obsolete and do not easily allow for the integration of new science technologies. A new facility to house science-based programs will provide the ability to integrate new laboratory technologies with the latest in science pedagogy and will foster multidisciplinary interaction through the consolidation of departments from previously diverse locations. In addition, planning studies were completed to evaluate future projects to renovate Currans and Waggoner Halls to allow the College of Arts and Sciences to consolidate academic programs to a single campus locale and provide for additional facility improvements/enhancements for the humanities and social sciences which are critical to the mission of the College of Arts and Sciences and Western Illinois University.

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.

TABLE F-6
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BUILDING BUDGET ESTIMATION FORM
BUDGET YEAR
2027

WIU - Science and Innovation (Macomb Science Phase II)

(in thousands of \$)

Space Type	Text Entry Fields	NASF	Multiplier Factor	GSF	FY25 Rates (\$/GSF*)	COST
1) BASE TOTAL		102,000		164,220		52,842.5
a) Instructional lab (wet)		51,000	1.64	83,640	346.07	28,945.4
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	458.38	-
c) Offices		20,400	1.70	34,680	302.42	10,488.0
d) General			1.90	0	349.19	-
e) Support			1.20	0	272.84	-
f) General Classrooms		30,600	1.50	45,900	292.14	13,409.1
g) Special Use (greenhouse)			1.80	0	292.28	-
2) ADDED COSTS:						3,699.0
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level _____						3,170.6
c) Other Energy Efficiencies _____						
d) Seismic Design _____						
e) High Sophistication Piping _____						528.4
3) BASE COST						56,541.5
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						2,827.1
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)		2.0%				
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)		0.17%				
c) Expected Bid Date		5/1/2028				
d) Number of Months to Bid Date		30				
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						59,368.6
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						5,936.9
SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						65,305.5
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES						6,530.5
		10%		*		
a) On-Site Observation						
b) Number of Months		24				796.2
c) Days Per Week		5				
8) REIMBURSABLES						326.5
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						2,747.1
10) OTHER ADDS						18,285.5
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						326.5
SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS						29,012.3
GRAND TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						\$94,317.76
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 FY25 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%)						

Name of Person of Contact for Further Information John Smith
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: \$75,460,000 (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 and houses the College of Business and Technology.

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 and Technology 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.

TABLE F-6
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BUILDING BUDGET ESTIMATION FORM
BUDGET YEAR
2027

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		46,597.4
a) Instructional lab (wet)			1.64	0	346.07	-
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	458.38	-
c) Offices		25,000	1.70	42,500	302.42	12,853.0
d) General			1.90	0	349.19	-
e) Support			1.20	0	272.84	-
f) General Classrooms		65,000	1.50	97,500	292.14	28,483.3
g) Special Use		10,000	1.80	18,000	292.28	5,261.1
2) ADDED COSTS:						2,795.8
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level	_____					2,795.8
c) Other Energy Efficiencies	_____					
d) Seismic Design						
e) High Sophistication Piping						
3) BASE COST						49,393.2
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						2,469.7
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)	2.0%					
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)	0.17%					
c) Expected Bid Date	5/1/2028					
d) Number of Months to Bid Date	30					
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						51,862.9
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						5,186.3
SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						57,049.2
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES	10%	*				5,704.9
a) On-Site Observation	_____					
b) Number of Months	24					796.2
c) Days Per Week	5					
8) REIMBURSABLES						285.2
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						2,197.5
10) OTHER ADDS						9,127.9
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						285.2
SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS						18,396.8
GRAND TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						\$75,446.07
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 FY25 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%)						

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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 – EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES (MACOMB EDUCATION BUILDING)

PRIORITY: 3

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

REQUESTED FUNDING: \$132,800,000 (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. The College of Education and Human Services is housed in the 150,000 square feet of classrooms and offices in Horrabin.

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 of the College. Updated academic facilities will benefit the academic mission of the College and 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.

TABLE F-6
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BUILDING BUDGET ESTIMATION FORM
BUDGET YEAR
2027

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		73,687.5
a) Instructional lab (wet)		10,000	1.64	16,400	518.85	8,509.1
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	687.23	-
c) Offices		30,000	1.70	51,000	453.41	23,123.8
d) General			1.90	0	523.52	-
e) Support			1.20	0	409.06	-
f) General Classrooms		40,000	1.50	60,000	437.99	26,279.2
g) Special Use (greenhouse)		20,000	1.80	36,000	438.21	15,775.4
2) ADDED COSTS:						4,421.3
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level _____						4,421.3
c) Other Energy Efficiencies _____						
d) Seismic Design _____						
e) High Sophistication Piping _____						
3) BASE COST						78,108.8
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						3,905.4
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)		2.0%				
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)		0.17%				
c) Expected Bid Date		5/1/2028				
d) Number of Months to Bid Date		30				
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						82,014.2
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						8,201.4
SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						90,215.6
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES						9,021.6
		10% *				
a) On-Site Observation		_____				
b) Number of Months		24				796.2
c) Days Per Week		5				
8) REIMBURSABLES						451.1
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						3,867.1
10) OTHER ADDS						27,966.8
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						451.1
SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS						42,553.9
GRANTD TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						\$132,769.42
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%)						

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PROJECT: WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – MACOMB MALPASS LIBRARY REMODEL

PRIORITY: 4

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Major Remodeling

REQUESTED FUNDING: \$127,915,000 (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.

The renovated library building will also better support academic programs. This includes the University Writing Center and the General Studies program.

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, has high critical deferred maintenance and houses University Signature programs. 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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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BUILDING BUDGET ESTIMATION FORM
BUDGET YEAR
2027

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		85,915.3
a) Instructional lab (wet)			1.64	0	346.07	-
b) Research lab (wet)			1.67	0	458.38	-
c) Offices		13,300	1.70	22,610	302.42	6,837.8
d) General		110,000	1.90	209,000	349.19	72,980.5
e) Support		13,000	1.20	15,600	272.84	4,256.3
f) General Classrooms		3,000	1.50	4,500	292.14	1,314.6
g) Special Use (greenhouse)		1,000	1.80	1,800	292.28	526.1
2) ADDED COSTS:						5,154.9
a) Historic Preservation Considerations						
b) Green Building Design/LEED Certification Level						5,154.9
c) Other Energy Efficiencies						
d) Seismic Design						
e) High Sophistication Piping						
3) BASE COST						91,070.2
4) ADD ESCALATION COST						3,187.5
a) Escalation (Annual Statewide Average)	2.0%					
b) Escalation (Monthly Statewide Average)	0.17%					
c) Expected Bid Date	3/31/2028					
d) Number of Months to Bid Date	21					
5) ESCALATED BUILDING BUDGET						94,257.7
6) ADD 10% FOR CONTINGENCIES						9,425.8
SUBTOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						103,683.5
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ADDS						
7) A/E FEES	10%		*			10,368.4
a) On-Site Observation						
b) Number of Months	24					796.2
c) Days Per Week	5					
8) REIMBURSABLES						518.4
9) CDB CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE (3%)**						3,725.4
10) OTHER ADDS						8,294.7
11) ART IN ARCHITECTURE (As Applicable)						518.4
SUB-TOTAL, BUDGET ADDS						24,221.4
GRANTD TOTAL, BUILDING BUDGET						\$127,904.95
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						
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PROJECT: WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – MACOMB CAPITAL RENEWAL

RAMP BUDGET CATEGORY: Remodeling and Rehabilitation

REQUESTED FUNDING: \$34,200,000

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 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.

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 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/4 -- Approval of December 2025 and the Calendar Year 2026 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 December 2025 and the Calendar Year 2026:

Board of Trustees Calendar (December 2025 – December 2026)

December - Macomb

- December 10th, 2025: [Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

March - QC campus

- March 12th, 2026: [Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

June - Macomb

- June 11th, 2026: [Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

September - Macomb Retreat and Meeting

- September 23rd (Retreat) – 24th (Meeting), 2026: [Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

December - Macomb

- December 3rd, 2026: [Board of Trustees Meeting](#)

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/5 -- 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, Macomb, Illinois;
United Community Bank, Macomb, Illinois;
First Midwest Bank, Moline, Illinois;
Fortress Bank (formerly First State Bank of Illinois), Macomb, Illinois;
US Bank, Chicago, Illinois;
TBK Bank (formerly Triumph Community Bank), East Moline, Illinois;
MidAmerica National Bank, Macomb, Illinois;
The Illinois Funds, Springfield, Illinois;
Illinois National Bank, Springfield, Illinois;
JPMorgan Chase, 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 is 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.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/6 – Authorizing Annual Presidential Performance Review

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University is required by statute to perform an annual performance review of the president pursuant to 110 ILCS 690/35-195; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to conduct a presidential assessment, including seeking constituency input;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board appoints _____ and _____ to serve on its Presidential Assessment Committee to conduct a performance review consistent with university policy and the university's statutory and contractual obligations.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/7 – Income-Producing Contract Approval – Illinois Department of Human Services

Resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, acting through its Department of Central Management Services on behalf of the Department of Human Services, wants to utilize office space on the Macomb campus of Western Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, the University agrees to rent approximately 3,634 square feet located at 322 West University Drive, 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 60 months commencing on September 1, 2025, and terminating on August 31, 2030;
2. monthly lease payments shall be \$9,693.33 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.

*INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
TO UTILIZE SPACE
No.6939*

The parties, Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University, hereinafter called "University", and Central Management Services, on behalf of the Department of Human Services, hereinafter called "State", agree to the use of the premises described herein below on the following terms and conditions.

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Agreement is to allow the State use of certain space as authorized by the 1970 Illinois Constitution, (Article VII, Section 10) and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.
2. NOTICE: All notices provided to be given under this Agreement shall be given by certified mail and shall be deemed received by the party designated to receive such notice three (3) days following the date of deposit in the United States Mail and addressed to the proper party, at the following address:

Western Illinois
University Attn: Board
of Trustees
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455
Phone: 309-298-1814
Emergency: 309-298-
1949

Dept. of Central Management
Services Manager of Transactions
313 S 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62701
Phone: 217-782-9117
Fax: 217-557-1036

3. PREMISES: The University agrees to provide for use by the State certain real property consisting of approximately 3,635 square feet located at 322 W. University Dr, Macomb, 61455, hereinafter called "Premises". The State shall have available for its use parking for four (4) vehicles, including two (2) handicap accessible spaces.
4. TERM: The term of this Agreement is for sixty (60) months commencing September 1, 2025 and expiring August 31, 2030.
5. HOLDOVER: If, after expiration of the Agreement, the State retains possession of the Premises, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect on the same terms and conditions except the Agreement shall be on a month-to-month basis until terminated or renegotiated.
6. RENT: The State shall pay rent to the University in accordance with the attached Exhibit C. Rent shall be paid monthly, in arrears, subject to legislative appropriation, by State warrant. Send payment to: Western Illinois University, Attn: Board of Trustees, C/O Walt McGath, Sherman Hall 321, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455

7. **AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS; SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS:** This Agreement is contingent upon and subject to the availability of sufficient funds. The State may terminate or suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, without penalty or further payment being required, if (i) sufficient State funds have not been appropriated to the State [or sufficient Federal funds have not been made available to the State by the Federal funding source), (ii) the Governor or the State reserves appropriated funds, or (iii) the Governor or the State determines that appropriated funds [or Federal funds] may not be available for payment. The State shall provide notice, in writing, to the University of any such funding failure and its election to terminate or suspend this Agreement as soon as practicable. Any suspension or termination pursuant to this Section will be effective upon the University receipt of notice.
8. **USE OF PREMISES:** The State agrees to use the Premises solely for the purpose of conducting State business.
9. **TERMINATION:** The State has the option to terminate this Agreement at any time by giving ninety (90) days' written notice prior to termination.

10. **MAINTENANCE & OPERATING FEES:** The University shall be responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the Premises and any parking facilities. In addition to maintenance and repairs, the University will also be responsible for all utilities. The State shall be responsible for janitorial services and maintaining its own equipment.
11. **MODIFICATION:** State will not make any modifications to the Premises without the prior written consent of the University.
12. **AUDIT/RETENTION OF RECORDS (30 ILCS 500/20-65)** The University and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records relating to the performance of the Agreement and necessary to support amounts charged to the State under the Agreement. Books and records, including information stored in databases or other computer systems, shall be maintained by the University for a period of three years from the later of the date of final payment under the Agreement or completion of the Agreement, and by the subcontractor for a period of three years from the later of final payment under the term or completion of the subcontract. Books and records required to be maintained under this section shall be available for review or audit by representatives of the Procuring Agency, the Auditor General, the Executive Inspector General, the Chief Procurement Officer, State of Illinois internal auditors or other governmental entities with monitoring authority, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. The University and its subcontractors shall cooperate fully with any such audit and with any investigation conducted by any of these entities. Failure to maintain books and records required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under the Agreement for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement. The University or subcontractors shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the University books and records.
13. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** This Agreement and all related public records maintained by, provided to or required to be provided to the State, are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this Agreement.
14. **CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY:** CMS, as Lessee, shall be the only State entity responsible for payment under this Agreement, unless said Agreement is also signed by the Using Agency. In that case, the Using Agency shall be the only State entity responsible for payment under the Agreement.
15. **OPERATION OF PROGRAMS:** The parties' respective programs and operations are to function as complete separate entities, with no overlap of authority, duties, or responsibilities other than those contained in this Agreement.

16. **ASSIGNMENT:** The State shall not assign or sublease its rights under this Agreement.
17. **EXHIBITS:** The following Exhibits are appended hereto and by reference made a part of this Agreement: Exhibit G Disclosure Statement; Standard Certifications for Intergovernmental Agreements; Exhibit I Federal Taxpayer Identification Number and IRS Form W9; Exhibit K Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran.
18. **IMPROVEMENTS:** The University shall be responsible to furnish all labor and materials to complete the work as noted below, including the cost of labor to move furniture and equipment of the State if required to complete such work. The University agrees that the tenant improvements will be completed during non-business hours, weekends or holidays subject to the approval of the State. The University shall, as a condition of rent, provide the following improvements to the Premises, at the University's sole cost and expense. Work to be completed two weeks prior to September 1, 2025.
- a. Create a new office by Installing a wall between current office location 102.
 - b. Create a new office by installing a wall between the current conference room location 114.
 - c. Construct new walls In the main lobby with pass through windows.
 - d. Install cubicles (supplied by the State).
 - e. Relocate and install a small kitchen sink.
 - f. All applicable electrical/ethernet outlets, fixtures, doors, trim, carpet, paint, ceiling/ductwork, associated with scope of work.
 - g. University to assist in acquisition, but not guarantee providing furniture for space. This is to be coordinated between State and University

**EXHIBIT C-
PAYMENT OF
RENT IGA No. 6939**

RENT SCHEDULE

Year	Square Feet	Rent/ RSF (sf)	Monthly Rent	Annual Rent
Year 1 (09/01/2025- 08/31/2026)	3,635	32.00	\$9,693.33	\$116,320.00
Year 2 (09/01/2026- 08/31/2027)	3,635	32.00	\$9,693.33	\$116,320.00
Year 3 (09/01/2027-08/31/2028)	3,635	32.00	\$9,693.33	\$116,320.00
Year 4 (09/01/2028-08/31/2029)	3,635	32.00	\$9,693.33	\$116,320.00
Year 5 (09/01/2029-08/31/2030)	3,635	32.00	\$9,693.33	\$116,320.00
			Term Total:	581,600.00

HOLDOVER RENT

If, after the expiration of the Agreement, State retains possession of the Premises, monthly Holdover Rent, paid in arrears, will be \$18./RSF

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/8 – Income-Producing Contract Approval – Moline-Coal Valley School District

Resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the Moline-Coal Valley School District wants to utilize buildings on the Quad Cities campus of Western Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, the University agrees to lease property located at the Quad Cities campus at 3200 River Drive, Moline, IL, 61265, commonly known as Building A and Building B;

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

1. the lease term shall be for a period 15 months commencing on April 1, 2026, and terminating on June 30, 2027;
2. monthly lease payments shall be \$20,000 per month;
3. the University shall be responsible for all related maintenance and repairs to the premises; 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.

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease" or "Agreement") is entered into by and between THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord") and MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 40 (hereinafter referred to as "Tenant") (collectively, "the Parties").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, Landlord and Tenant agree as follows:

1. **BASIC PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS:** The following capitalized terms shall have the meaning set forth in this paragraph, unless such meanings are expressly contradicted, limited, or expanded elsewhere herein:

- (a) Date of Lease: April 1, 2026
- (b) Landlord's Address: 1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455
- (c) Tenant's Address: 1900 52nd Ave.
Moline, IL 61265

(d) **Premises:** The Premises to be leased by Tenant under this Agreement are located on Landlord's Quad Cities campus at 3200 River Drive, Moline IL, 61265, commonly known as Building A and Building B (as further illustrated in Exhibit A to this Agreement).

(e) **Permitted Use:** Tenant agrees to use the Premises exclusively for the purpose of operating an elementary school, including, but not limited to, classrooms, administrative offices, lunchroom and indoor recreation space, outdoor playground activities, pick-up and drop-off procedures, and related educational programs during the school day, after-school hours, and on weekends. Tenant must obtain the prior written approval of Landlord for any other use of the Premises. At Tenant's own expense, Tenant shall promptly comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the operation of an elementary school, including health, safety, and building codes.

(f) **Lease Term and Possession:** The term of this Lease shall run for fifteen (15) months ("Lease Term"), commencing on April 1, 2026 ("Lease Commencement Date") and terminating on June 30, 2027 ("Lease Expiration Date").

(g) **Holdover:** If Tenant retains possession of the Premises following the lease expiration date, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect on the same terms and conditions, except that the Agreement shall be on a month-to-month basis until terminated or renegotiated.

(h) **Renewal Term:** Subject to Landlord's approval and at its sole discretion, Tenant may renew this Agreement for an additional term and on conditions mutually agreed upon by the parties ("Renewal Term"). Any renewal must be in writing and signed by both Landlord and Tenant.

- (i) Assignment and Subletting: Tenant may not assign or sublease its rights under this Agreement.

2. LEASED PREMISES:

- (a) Landlord does hereby lease the Premises to Tenant for the Term stipulated above. The Premises are located in Moline, Illinois.
- (b) In addition, Landlord does hereby lease to Tenant all of the items of personal property and equipment, if any, specifically identified on the attached Exhibit A, in their present, as-is condition ("Landlord's Personal Property").

3. RENT AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED:

- (a) Tenant agrees to pay Landlord monthly rent for the Premises in the amount of \$20,000, on or before the twenty-eighth (28th) day of each month of the Term, with Tenant's first payment due on March 28, 2026. Such amount shall include utilities as described in Paragraph 11 herein.
- (b) Tenant agrees to pay a fee for monthly services, if any, provided by Landlord, including, but not limited to, technological support. The amount of such fee shall not exceed \$50 per hour. Service in excess of 10 hours per month will require the pre-approval of both parties. Any such fee shall be invoiced by Landlord within 30 days of the provision of such service and shall be paid by Tenant pursuant to the terms of Paragraph 3(a) and Paragraph 4 herein.

4. METHOD OF PAYMENT: All payments required to be paid by Tenant to Landlord shall be made via ACH, with information to be provided by Landlord's Business Services upon the execution of this Agreement.

5. PAST DUE AMOUNTS: If Tenant fails to pay rent or any other sum owed under this Agreement within ten (10) days after the same becomes due and payable, such unpaid amounts shall bear interest from the due date thereof to the date of payment at twelve percent (12%) per annum ("Default Interest Rate"), provided, however, that such Default Interest Rate shall not exceed the maximum legal rate of interest allowed to be charged to Tenant under any applicable law of the state of Illinois.

6. CONDITION OF PREMISES: Tenant's taking possession of the Premises or any portion of the Premises shall be conclusive evidence against Tenant that the Premises were in good order and satisfactory condition when Tenant took possession and that all work to be done on the Premises pursuant to the terms of this Lease, if any, has been completed in accordance with the terms of this Lease and to Tenant's satisfaction. No promise of Landlord to alter, remodel, remove, improve, redecorate, or clean the Premises and no representation respecting the condition of the Premises have been made by Landlord, or Landlord's agent to Tenant, unless the promise or representation is expressly stated herein or made a part hereof.

7. IMPROVEMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS:

- (a) All improvements in or upon the Premises, made by either party (except Tenant's personal property, furniture, and signs), including all affixed lighting fixtures, heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, and all pipes, ducts, conduits, wiring, paneling, partitions, railing, and the like,

except those identified for removal at the end of the lease term in Paragraph 7(b) herein, shall become the property of Landlord and shall remain upon and be surrendered with the Premises as a part thereof at the expiration or sooner termination of the lease term. Tenant's personal property, furniture, signs, trade fixtures, decoration, etc., with the exception of the Landlord's personal property identified in Paragraph 2(b), are to remain the property of Tenant and shall be removed by Tenant upon expiration or sooner termination of the lease term. The Premises shall be repaired by Tenant if any damage occurs from this removal, or the costs of such damage shall be charged to Tenant. In no event shall Tenant assign, lien, encumber, chattel mortgage or create a security interest in leasehold improvements which have been incorporated in the Premises, including, but not limited to, affixed lighting fixtures, heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment.

(b) Tenant may, with prior written approval of Landlord and at Tenant's own expense, modify the Premises by remodeling, painting, papering, installing alternative floor coverings, or child-proofing, provided: (i) that the structural integrity of the building shall not be affected or diminished by such modifications; (ii) that the value of the Premises is not thereby diminished; and (iii) that Tenant restores the Premises to their original state, at Tenant's own expense, at the end of the lease term. Tenant may additionally: (i) construct temporary fencing to create an outdoor playground area in the field adjacent to Building A (illustrated in Exhibit A to this Agreement) and (ii) construct temporary external bathroom facilities adjacent to the breezeway between Building A and Building B, provided that such modifications are made at Tenant's own expense and are removed at the end of the lease term.

(c) Signage. Tenant, at its own expense, shall have the right to install indoor and outdoor signs on the Premises upon prior, written approval by Landlord. Signage size and location will be dictated by applicable municipal ordinances.

(d) Key Access. Tenant may, at its own expense, install on Premises an alternate key mechanism for entry, provided that Tenant supplies Landlord with two (2) keycards for the alternate key mechanism and reinstalls the original key mechanism, at Tenant's own expense, at the end of the lease term.

8. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS:

(a) During the term of this Agreement, all costs for the maintenance and repair of the roof, building exterior, boiler, elevators, plumbing, fire alarm system, and electrical systems that are not brought about by actions of Tenant or its occupants shall be the responsibility of the Landlord. Landlord shall additionally be responsible for all exterior landscaping and grounds maintenance, including, but not limited to, the mowing of grass adjacent to the Premises.

(b) During the term of this Agreement, Tenant shall maintain the Premises in as good a state of repair and condition as the Premises existed at the commencement of this lease term. All costs for maintenance and repair created by Tenant's occupancy, except those set forth in Paragraph 8(a) herein, shall be paid by Tenant. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, the resolution of routine plumbing issues, the changing of lightbulbs, and other routine maintenance associated with daily use. Repair of damage to the Premises that is not brought about by actions of Tenant or its occupants and that is not the result of ordinary, daily use shall be the responsibility of Landlord.

(c) Tenant shall permit Landlord, its agents, and employees to enter into and upon the Premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the Premises and making any necessary repairs or alterations to electrical wiring, telecommunications infrastructure, heating and cooling systems,

plumbing, or other similar systems. Landlord shall provide Tenant reasonable notice of such entry and shall furnish proper identification for agents and employees entering the Premises.

9. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN OR REPAIR:

- (a) If Tenant fails, neglects, or refuses to perform maintenance or make repairs in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Lease, Landlord shall have the right, at its option, to perform maintenance or make repairs, so long as Landlord provides Tenant ten (10) days advance notice of such action (except in a case of an emergency). Landlord shall have the right to enter the Premises for such purposes and shall add the cost and expense thereof to the next installment of the rent due. Any cost or expense incurred by Landlord and chargeable to Tenant as herein provided shall be reduced to the extent that Landlord is reimbursed therefore under any policy of insurance. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be deemed to impose any duty upon Landlord or affect in any manner the obligations assumed by Tenant hereunder.
- (b) If Landlord fails, neglects, or refuses to perform maintenance or make repairs in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Lease, Tenant shall have the right, at its option, to perform maintenance or make repairs, so long as Tenant provides Landlord ten (10) days advance notice of such action (except in a case of an emergency). Tenant shall deduct the cost and expense thereof from future installments of the rent due. Any cost or expense incurred by Tenant and chargeable to Landlord as herein provided shall be reduced to the extent that Tenant is reimbursed therefore under any policy of insurance. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be deemed to impose any duty upon Tenant or affect in any manner the obligations assumed by Landlord hereunder.

10. COVENANT AGAINST LIENS: Tenant shall do all things necessary to prevent the filing of any mechanic's or other lien against the Premises or any other portion of the Premises by reason of any work, labor, services, or materials performed or supplied or claimed to have been performed or supplied to Tenant. If any such lien is filed, Tenant shall either cause the same to be vacated and canceled of record within thirty (30) days after the date of the filing thereof or, if Tenant in good faith determines that such lien should be contested, Tenant shall furnish such security, by surety bond or otherwise as is prescribed by law to release the same as a lien against the real property and to prevent any foreclosure of such lien during the pendency of such contest.

If Tenant fails to vacate or release such lien in the manner and within the time period aforesaid, then, in addition to any other right or remedy of Landlord resulting from Tenant's said default, Landlord may, but shall not be obligated to, vacate or release the same either by paying the amount claimed to be due or by procuring the release of such lien by giving security or in such other manner as may be prescribed by law. Tenant shall repay to Landlord, on demand, all sums disbursed or deposited by Landlord pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, including Landlord's cost and expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection therewith.

11. 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. Tenant shall be solely responsible for maintaining and paying for telephone service for the Premises and paying for installation of any additional telecommunication jacks.

12. TECHNOLOGY USE. Tenant shall have the use of technology available on the Premises, including, but not limited to, projectors, screens, cameras, phones, data ports, and access points. Landlord shall work with tenant to integrate systems. Tenant may provide additional technology services beyond current basic internet to the spaces at Tenant's own expense. At Tenant's request, Landlord may provide additional, ongoing technological support pursuant to Paragraph 3(b) herein.

13. PARKING: Tenant shall have the non-exclusive use of the parking lot commonly referred to as University Drive West Lot (as further illustrated in Exhibit A to this Agreement) at no charge on a first-come, first served basis.

14. SNOW REMOVAL: Landlord shall provide snow removal of University Drive West Parking Lot on days when Tenant's school is in session. Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal on walkways and building egress.

15. INDEMNIFICATION:

(a) Tenant agrees to defend, pay, indemnify, and hold Landlord harmless against and from all claims, charges, losses, costs, damages, or expenses which may arise out of any act or omission on Tenant's part in connection with the use of said Premises, including all claims for damage to property or injuries to persons, and any violation of law, regulation, or municipal ordinance.

(b) Tenant shall not be responsible and shall not be required to indemnify Landlord for any loss or damage sustained by Landlord which is due to structural defects in the Premises or is due to Landlord's negligence.

16. INSURANCE:

(a) Landlord's Liability Insurance. Landlord agrees to carry, or cause to be carried, during the term hereof Commercial General Liability Insurance (hereinafter, "Landlord's Liability Insurance").

(b) Tenant's Liability Insurance. Tenant agrees to carry Commercial General Liability Insurance on the Premises during the Term hereof naming Landlord as additional insured and naming any mortgagees of the Premises as "mortgagees" thereunder, with an insurance company approved by Landlord, with such coverage to provide limits of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) each occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate, combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability. Tenant shall provide Landlord certificates evidencing that adequate policies are in place and in full force and effect. Tenant may maintain the required liability and property insurance (described below) in the form of a blanket policy covering other locations of Tenant in addition to the Premises; provided, however, that Tenant shall provide Landlord with a certificate of insurance for such coverages or comparable evidence specifically naming the location of the Premises and naming Landlord as required in this Paragraph 16, the limits of which coverages applicable to the Premises are to be in the amounts set forth in this Paragraph 16.

(c) Tenant's Property Insurance. Tenant further agrees to carry all risk property insurance (hereinafter, "Tenant's Property Insurance") covering fire and extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief, sprinkler leakage, and all other perils of direct physical loss or damage for the full replacement value, all of Tenant's personal property and improvements located on or within the Premises.

Tenant shall provide Landlord certificates evidencing that Tenant's Property Insurance is in full force and effect. Landlord agrees that it shall not have any right, title, or interest in and to Tenant's Property Insurance, or any proceeds therefrom. Tenant shall keep all plate glass of the Premises insured against all risks for the benefit of Landlord and Tenant in amounts reasonably satisfactory to Landlord. Tenant shall deliver to Landlord, prior to occupancy, certificates or comparable evidence of the existence and amounts of such insurance. Tenant may use blanket insurance coverage to satisfy the requirement.

(d) Mutual Release. Landlord and Tenant, and all parties claiming under them, mutually release and discharge each other from all claims and liabilities arising from or caused by any casualty or hazard, covered or required hereunder to be covered in whole or in part by insurance on the Premises or in connection with property on or activities conducted on the Premises, and waive any right of subrogation which might otherwise exist in or accrue to any person on account thereof.

17. DEFAULT:

(a) If Tenant: (i) fails to pay any rent or other sum owed hereunder within ten (10) days after the due date thereof; or (ii) fails to perform any duty imposed by this Agreement for more than fifteen (15) days after written notice has been given to Tenant specifying the nature of such other default, Landlord may at once terminate this Agreement by written notice to Tenant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant shall not be in default under this Lease for failure to pay any fee or other charge when Tenant has not been provided a reasonable explanation for such charge or when Tenant, in good faith, disputes it is obligated to pay or reimburse Landlord for such charge. In such event, the parties shall in good faith attempt to resolve such disagreement.

(b) Upon such termination, Tenant shall surrender the Premises to Landlord and remove all personal property from the same, without requiring legal action to be taken by Landlord. Landlord may enter in and upon the Premises and take immediate possession and control of the Premises to the complete exclusion of Tenant. Personal property not removed by the Tenant from the Premises within ninety (90) days of such termination shall become the sole property of Landlord. Landlord's failure to exercise its rights after one or more defaults by Tenant shall not be construed as a waiver of Landlord's rights upon any subsequent default.

(c) No re-entry or taking possession of the Premises by Landlord shall be construed as an election on its part to terminate this Lease and Tenant hereby specifically waives any law, statute, rule, decree, or judgment of any court to the contrary. Notwithstanding any such re-entry without termination, Landlord reserves the right to elect to terminate this Lease for such previous breach.

(d) The rights and remedies herein reserved or granted to Landlord and Tenant are distinct, separate, and cumulative, and the exercise of any one of them shall not be deemed to preclude, waive, or prejudice their right to exercise any or all others.

18. IMPOSSIBILITY AND UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS: If an event occurs beyond the control of the parties that directly prevents a party from timely performing an obligation under this Agreement, the failure to perform shall be excused and shall not constitute a breach of this Lease by the party in question. Such events include strikes, lockouts or labor disputes, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes thereof, acts of God, governmental restrictions, regulations or controls, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, flooding, fire or other casualty, or other conditions similar to those enumerated in this paragraph beyond the reasonable control of the

party obligated to perform. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Tenant's obligation to pay rent or other sums when due, and lack of funds and inability to procure financing shall not be deemed to be an event beyond the reasonable control of Tenant. As a condition precedent to Tenant's claiming or relying upon such delay, Tenant shall give notice in writing describing such event to Landlord within ten (10) days after the occurrence of same.

19. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:** Nothing contained in this Lease shall be deemed, construed, or implied as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship between the parties hereto, other than the relationship of Landlord and Tenant.

20. **NO WAIVER:** The failure of Landlord or Tenant to insist upon the strict performance of any provisions of this Lease, or the failure of Landlord or Tenant to exercise any right, option, or remedy hereby reserved shall not be construed as a future waiver of any such provision, right, option, or remedy or as a waiver of a subsequent breach thereof. The consent or approval by Landlord of any act by Tenant requiring Landlord's consent or approval shall not be construed to waive or render unnecessary the requirement for Landlord's consent or approval of any subsequent similar act by Tenant. The receipt by Landlord of rent or other charges with knowledge of a breach of any provision of this Lease shall not be deemed a waiver unless such waiver shall be specific, in writing, and signed by Landlord. No payment by Tenant or receipt by Landlord of a lesser amount than the rents and/or charges then unpaid, nor any endorsement or statement on any check or any letter accompanying any check or payment, shall prejudice Landlord's right to recover the balance of such rents and/or other charges due to Landlord, and Landlord may pursue any other remedy in this Lease or by law provided.

21. **PARTIAL INVALIDITY:** If any provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be held void or invalid, then the remainder of this Lease shall not be affected thereby and the remaining provisions of this Lease shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

22. **PROVISIONS BINDING:** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Lease, all covenants, conditions, and provisions of this Lease shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors, and assigns. Each provision of this Lease to be performed by Tenant shall be construed to be both a covenant and a condition, and if there shall be more than one Tenant, they shall all be bound, jointly and severally, by the provisions of this Lease.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:**

(a) This Lease, including the Exhibits attached hereto, sets forth the entire agreement between the parties.

(b) All prior conversations or writings between the parties hereto or their representatives are merged herein and extinguished.

(c) This Lease shall not be modified except by a writing signed by the parties, nor may this Lease be canceled by Tenant or the Premises surrendered, except with the express written authorization of Landlord, unless otherwise specifically provided herein.

(d) The initial submission by Landlord to Tenant of this Lease shall be deemed submitted

solely for Tenant's consideration and not for acceptance and execution. Such submissions shall have no binding force and effect, shall not constitute an option for the leasing of the Premises, and shall not confer any rights or impose any obligations upon either party. The submission by Landlord of this Lease for execution by Tenant and the actual execution and delivery thereof by Tenant to Landlord shall similarly have no binding force and effect unless and until Landlord shall have executed this Lease and a counterpart thereof shall have been delivered to Tenant.

(e) If any provision contained in any attached Exhibit is inconsistent or in conflict with any printed provisions of this Lease, the provision contained in such Exhibit shall supersede said printed provision and shall be paramount and superior.

(f) The captions, numbers, and index appearing herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and are not intended to define, limit, construe, or describe the scope of intent of any paragraph, nor in any way affect this Lease.

24. **REASONABLE CONSENT:** Wherever in this Lease express provision is made that Tenant is required to procure Landlord's written permission, consent, or approval, such written permission, consent, or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Tenant shall not be entitled to any damages for any withholding or delay of any such permission, consent, or approval.

25. **COUNTERPARTS:** This Lease may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

26. **ARBITRATION:** Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising under or related to this Lease ("Dispute") shall be resolved by final and binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) under its Commercial Arbitration Rules, subject to the following conditions:

(a) **Demand.** Either party may demand that any Dispute be submitted to binding arbitration. The demand for arbitration shall be in writing, shall be served on the other party in the manner prescribed herein for the giving of notices, and shall set forth a short statement of the factual basis for the claim, specifying the matter or matters to be arbitrated.

(b) **Arbitrator.** The arbitration shall be conducted by an arbitrator jointly selected by the parties who shall conduct such evidentiary or other hearings as deemed necessary or appropriate and thereafter shall make a determination as soon as practicable. Any arbitration pursuant hereto shall be conducted by the Arbitrator under the guidance of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Evidence, but the Arbitrator shall not be required to comply strictly with such Rules in conducting any such arbitration. All such arbitration proceedings shall take place in Moline, Illinois.

(c) **Costs and Fees.** Each party shall bear its own arbitration costs and fees, including travel expenses, out-of-pocket expenses (including, but not limited to, copying and telephone), witness fees, and reasonable attorneys' fees. The cost and fees of the Arbitrator and all other expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration, including transcription fees, shall be borne equally by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Arbitrator shall be empowered to require either party to bear all or any portion of the costs and fees of the other party or the costs and fees of the Arbitrator in the event that the Arbitrator determines such party has acted unreasonably or in bad faith.

27. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Agreement is made and entered into in Rock Island County,

Illinois, to be performed in the state of Illinois, and any dispute arising hereunder shall be settled under the laws of the state of Illinois.

28. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: This Lease and all related public records maintained by, provided to, or required to be provided to Landlord are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this Agreement.

29. NOTICES: All notices and other communications required by this Agreement to be secured from or given by either party to the other party shall be in writing and the original of said notice shall be sent by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the recipient party at such party's address. The day upon which such notice is mailed shall be deemed the date of service of such notice.

Notices to Landlord shall be sent to the following address:

Vice President for Finance and Administration
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455

Notices to Tenant shall be sent to the following address:

Moline-Coal Valley School District
1900 52nd Ave.
Moline, IL 61265

30. AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE: Each individual signing this Agreement represents that he/she is authorized on behalf of his/her respective entity and that the entity is bound by the terms hereof.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 26, 2025

Resolution No. 25.9/9 – Appointment and Approval of Trustee to Chair the Board of Trustees Audit Committee

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 the standing Chairperson no longer will be available to fulfill these duties, 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 Erika Lowe Mullins 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 26, 2025 meeting.