

Western Illinois University

Board of Trustees Meeting

June 16, 2026

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June 16, 2026
Western Illinois University
Quad City Campus, Illinois

June 16, 2026 – River Front Hall, QC Campus

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

Chair Polly Radosh

President’s Remarks

President Kristi Mindrup

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of March 12, 2026 open session meeting minutes.

Advisory Groups Verbal Updates

Student Government Association, Jace Green

Faculty Senate, Jeremy Robinett

Civil Service Employees Council, Natalie Divan

Council of Administrative Personnel, Lorette Oden

Leadership Verbal Updates

Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman

Vice President for Student Success, Justin Schuch

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb

Government Relations, Zach Messersmith

Agenda Topic

Reports and Discussion Items

Report No. 26.6/1

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

Report No. 26.6/2

Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2026
(Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Report No. 26.6/3

Financial Aid Report
(Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Report No. 26.6/4

Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence
(Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Report No. 26.6/5

Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 3rd Quarter
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman)

Report No. 26.6/6

Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman)

Report No. 26.6/7

Report on Contributions
(Assistant Vice President for University Advancement, Thad Dohrn)

Resolutions and Action Items

Action

Resolution No. 26.6/1

Proclamation for Student Trustee James Bierman
(President, Kristi Mindrup and Chair Polly Radosh)

Action

Resolution No. 26.6/2

Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Spending Plan
(Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb, and University Budget Director, Renee Georges)

Action

- Resolution No. 26.6/3 **Action**
 Tenure Recommendations for 2026 — 2027
 (Provost and Academic Vice President, Mark Mossman)
- Resolution No. 26.6/4 **Action**
 Election of Trustee to Serve on State Universities Civil Service Merit Board
 (General Counsel, Anne Burton)
- Resolution No. 26.6/5 **Action**
 Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2026 — June 30, 2027
 (General Counsel, Anne Burton)
- Resolution No. 26.6/6 **Action**
 Purchases of \$500,000 and Over
 (Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)
- Resolution No. 26.6/7 **Action**
 UPI, Local 4100, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO ProTech – 2026-2028 Bargaining Agreement
 (Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)
- Resolution No. 26.6/8 **Action**
 Approval of the WIU Chapter of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 (UPI)
 2026-2028 Bargaining Agreement
 (Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Old Business

New Business

Next Meetings

- September 23, 2026 Retreat - Macomb, TBD
- September 24, 2026 Closed and Open Session - Macomb, University 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 Monday, June 15, 2026.
- Trustees will meet in person.

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Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of:
March 12, 2026 Open Meeting Minutes

Minutes will be available for review at:

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

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Report No. 26.6/1 -- 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
UPS; Louisville, KY	FY27 continuous order to pay University Bookstore's freight charges	\$100,000 estimated	IPHEC
Allsteel LLC (c/o Henricksen); Muscatine, IA	Allsteel furniture for Goldfarb Center for Performing Arts	\$120,025.63 (reimbursed by CDB)	IPHEC
CDWG LLC; Vernon Hills, IL	Rapid7 IT security services/ cybersecurity software for uTech	\$121,678.20	IPHEC
MacMillan Holdings LLC (dba Holtzbrinck Publishers LLC); New York, NY	FY27 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed	\$154,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Air Planning LLC; Salem, NH	Charter flights for WIU Football for 9/26/26 game at University of North Alabama – Florence, AL & 10/31/26 game at Charleston Southern University – Charleston, SC	\$175,007	3

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

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
McGraw Hill Global Education (Georgia Holdings Inc); East Windsor, NJ	FY27 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed	\$325,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
MBS Service Company, Inc; Columbia, MO	FY27 continuous order for textbooks for resale by the University Bookstore to be ordered as needed	\$465,000 estimated	IPHEC Sole Source
Cengage Learning; Florence, KY	FY27 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	FY27 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	FY27 continuous order for motor coach charter services as needed for the 2026/2027 season by WIU Athletics (year 2 of 2 with a 2-yr renewal option – athletic team travel exempt from BOT approval)	\$497,000 estimated	2

Purchases \$500,000 and above
Exempt from BOT Approval

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
Carahsoft Technology Corporation; Reston, VA	FY27 Ellucian Colleague ERP software and services (year 4 of 6) IPHEC contract – exempt from BOT approval	\$673,407.40	IPHEC

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Report No. 26.6/2 -- Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2026

All Funds						
	FY2026 Budget	FY2026	% of Budget	FY2025 Budget	FY2025	% of Budget
Revenue						
State Appropriations	\$ 57,394,765	\$ 45,531,419	79.3%	\$ 56,826,500	\$ 50,580,386	89.0%
Assessed Tuition	38,200,000	38,223,651	100.1%	43,000,000	46,135,076	107.3%
Assessed Room and Board	14,625,000	14,733,804	100.7%	18,641,280	18,303,297	98.2%
Sales	2,125,100	1,730,591	81.4%	2,547,800	2,049,202	80.4%
Assessed Student Fees	3,878,050	3,364,690	86.8%	4,315,934	4,471,207	103.6%
Other	59,639,770	42,718,143	71.6%	61,536,786	50,091,378	81.4%
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 175,862,685</u>	<u>\$ 146,302,298</u>	83.2%	<u>\$ 186,868,300</u>	<u>\$ 171,630,546</u>	91.8%
Expenditures						
Personnel Services	\$ 91,600,000	\$ 58,056,299	63.4%	\$ 98,100,000	\$ 64,551,321	65.8%
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	6,645,000	6,617,491	99.6%	2,360,000	5,505,875	233.3%
Commodities	2,450,000	1,632,889	66.6%	2,825,000	1,546,721	54.8%
Operation of Automotive Equip	515,000	310,099	60.2%	400,000	304,353	76.1%
Travel	2,005,000	1,339,247	66.8%	515,000	970,526	188.5%
Contractual Services	37,700,000	28,167,250	74.7%	41,600,000	26,153,966	62.9%
Permanent Improvements	750,000	573,314	76.4%	630,000	207,784	33.0%
Equipment	2,230,000	1,709,749	76.7%	3,220,200	1,919,912	59.6%
Telecommunication Services	250,500	136,756	54.6%	300,850	139,508	46.4%
Awards/Grants & Matching Funds	29,450,000	21,303,461	72.3%	33,900,000	29,420,787	86.8%
CMS Health Insurance	1,969,800	2,048,478	104.0%	3,294,800	3,160,047	95.9%
Other	13,834,700	7,934,415	57.4%	13,754,150	8,053,906	58.6%
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 189,400,000</u>	<u>\$ 129,829,448</u>	68.5%	<u>\$ 200,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 141,934,706</u>	70.6%

The Board of Trustees approved the Western Illinois University Fiscal Year 2026 All Funds Budget by source of funds and estimated object of expenditure on September 26th, 2025 (see Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Resolution No. 25.9/1). Per Board approval, Western Illinois University is authorized to spend up to \$189.4 million during Fiscal Year 2026, and the President is authorized to make technical adjustments in budgets if necessary.

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 current year, along with year-to-date revenue and expense data. Fiscal Year 2025 data is also provided for comparative purposes. Revenue projections are based on factors including enrollment, retention rates, occupancy numbers, and other historical data. The budgeted expenditures are mainly comprised of personnel services, contractual services, and financial aid obligations.

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Report No. 26.6/3 -- Financial Aid Report

This is an annual report on student financial aid programs at Western Illinois University (WIU) in compliance with Board of Trustee Regulations, Section IV, Subsection B.2. The mission of the WIU Office of Financial Aid is to provide all students and their families with resources for success through efficient and timely customer service, equitable disbursement of financial awards, and educational programming related to financial literacy. Through these actions, the goal is to maintain a positive environment that will create opportunities for equal access to post-secondary education and increase student retention.

The Financial Aid Office assists eligible students in meeting educational expenses while attending WIU. Assistance is provided through grants, scholarships, loans, and student employment.

Approximately 80% of students who attend WIU receive assistance through loans, scholarships, tuition waivers, and/or grants. Affordability continues to be a major factor for students and families when selecting a college. This reinforces the need to invest in the areas of financial assistance to our students that aids in recruitment and retention efforts.

Further breakdowns of significant financial aid programs are below:

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree. Below are the statistics on the number and percentages of WIU-enrolled students who receive Pell.

Federal Pell Grants	Total # of Students Receiving Pell	Unduplicated Headcount (Undergrad)	Percentage of Unduplicated Headcount
2020-21 (FY21)	2,848	6,330	45%
2021-22 (FY22)	2,586	5,798	45%
2022-23 (FY23)	2,590	5,763	45%
2023-24 (FY24)	2,509	5,469	46%
2024-25 (FY25)	2,056	4,914	42%
2025-26 (FY26)	1,893	4,253	45%

The **Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP)** is a state-funded, need-based grant awarded by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Grant recipients must be undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor’s or professional degree and are Illinois residents. Below are the statistics on the number and percentages of WIU-enrolled students who receive MAP.

Illinois MAP Grant	Total # of Students Receiving MAP	Unduplicated Headcount (Undergrad)	Percentage
2020-21 (FY21)	2,615	6,330	41%
2021-22 (FY22)	2,438	5,798	42%
2022-23 (FY23)	2,438	5,763	42%
2023-24 (FY24)	2,427	5,469	44%
2024-25 (FY25)	1,919	4,914	39%
2025-26 (FY26)	1,558	4,253	37%

If an undergraduate student is a recipient of both a full Pell and MAP award, these grants combined cover tuition, mandatory fees, and books at WIU.

Unfunded state mandates continue to be a financial liability of which the University is responsible. The table below represents the historical allocation of unfunded mandates.

Unfunded Mandates	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026 (to date)
Illinois Veterans Grant Program*	\$428,545	\$408,200	375,153	\$443,141	\$552,178
Illinois National Guard Grants*	\$1,170,747	\$1,100,448	\$900,541	\$629,703	\$518,566
POW/MIA Scholarships*	\$145,299	\$120,194	\$397,246	\$549,420	\$611,525
IL ROTC	\$343,481	\$344,950	\$335,448	\$413,790	\$314,015
ISAC (SETTW)	\$96,619	\$295,125	\$355,176	\$321,868	\$349,024
DCFS Tuition Waiver	\$16,219	\$13,937	\$19,318	\$42,213	\$46,221
DCFS Scholarship	\$62,448	\$96,807	\$148,001	\$223,759	\$224,693
TOTAL	\$2,263,358	\$2,379,661	\$2,530,883	\$2,623,894	\$2,616,222

*Receives limited state appropriations based on funding

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Report No. 26.6/4 -- Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Finance Committee established guidelines at the June 4, 2004, meeting regarding ongoing maintenance of the official residence. The Division of Finance and Administration is responsible for performing maintenance and presenting an annual report to the Board at the June meetings.

Below is a chart indicating annual historical expenditures:

Department	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26TD
Building Maintenance	\$7,241	\$5,260	\$7,151	\$2,749	\$289	\$37
Building Services	\$11,607	\$7,904	\$2,277	\$1,484	\$990	\$439
Landscape Maintenance	\$10,760	\$5,395	\$3,698	\$1,796	\$1,388	\$170
Mechanical Maintenance	\$4,206	\$5,978	\$2,509	\$2,973	\$120	\$202
Facilities Planning & Construction	\$2,112	\$94,926	\$26,642	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$35,926	\$119,463	\$42,277	\$9,002	\$2,787	\$848

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Report No. 26.6/5 -- Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and
Contracts for the 3rd Quarter

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP)

June 2026 Report to the Board

Fourth Quarter Information and End of Year Accomplishments

Prepared by

Mary Pat Wohlford, Ph.D.

Interim Director, Office of Sponsored Projects

Introduction

This report presents the work of the Western Illinois University Office of Sponsored Projects for the period beginning with the Interim Director's appointment in August 2025 and continuing through May 2026. It is, in many respects, the account of a year of rebuilding. Over these months the office moved from a transitional posture, marked by limited staffing and an incomplete operational framework, to a functioning and forward leaning enterprise capable of supporting faculty ambition and institutional strategy alike. The pages that follow document that progress across four dimensions: the proposals submitted and funded during the year, the federal appropriations and agency pipeline advanced through the University's partnership with McAllister and Quinn, the strengthening of research compliance, and the substantial body of policy, staffing, and strategic infrastructure now in place.

The results are tangible. The office now operates from a documented policy and procedures foundation, manages an active and expanding grant portfolio, and sustains a competitive proposal pipeline that, even in this partial year, has already surpassed the prior full year in requested dollars. Research compliance has been placed on firmer footing, with new policies, a steadily growing Institutional Review Board workload handled with care, and clearer lines of institutional responsibility. Behind these outcomes is a deliberate effort to build systems that will outlast any single individual and position the University to compete for external funding with confidence.

What makes this progress notable is the context in which it was achieved. For much of the year the office operated without a dedicated pre-award staff member, and the work was carried forward by a small group stretched across a wide range of responsibilities. That WIU not only sustained but expanded its sponsored programs activity under these conditions is a credit to the faculty investigators who pursued ambitious ideas, to the post-award and research compliance staff who absorbed additional responsibility without hesitation, and to colleagues across the University who treated external funding as a shared institutional priority. The accomplishments described in this report belong to all of them.

I. Proposal Activity

Submission period: July 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

51 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED	\$31,721,438 TOTAL REQUESTED	\$5,506,557 AWARDED TO DATE	\$22,164,881 PENDING IN REVIEW
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Outcome snapshot. Of the 51 proposals submitted during the period, 22 have been awarded or funded (\$5,506,557), 27 remain in active review (\$22,164,881), and 2 were not funded. Award cycle times of six to nine months mean that a large share of the year's proposals are still under review. Depending on the eventual award rate, the pending pipeline is projected to yield between **\$8.9 million and \$14.4 million in additional awards.**

Funded Proposals

Table 1. Proposals awarded or funded, July 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026 (22 proposals).

Submitted	Project / PI	Sponsor	Type	Requested
07/01/2025	IESE Personnel Development FY26 (Hollie Mason)	O500	Other	\$99,558
07/01/2025	AMOC FY26 (Paul Sweet)	ICCB		\$75,982
07/08/2025	Grocery Technology Assistance FY26 (Michael Park)	I300	State	\$109,520
08/21/2025	Mapping FY26 (Gisele Hamm)	I300	State	\$160,000
09/26/2025	I-PATHWAYS FY26 (Paul Sweet)	F190	State	\$240,000
10/09/2025	Common App FY26 (Richard Toomey)	I310	State	\$30,000
11/06/2025	LBTA TESKA FY26 (John Bannon)			\$75,000
11/19/2025	IBHE IL Nurse Fellowship Award (Penny Pollock)	IBHE	State	\$10,000
12/11/2025	IML Pension Trustee Certification System (Paul Sweet)	IML	State	\$102,632
12/17/2025	DAISI FY26 (Joseph Ryner)	ICCB	Fed Flow Thru	\$190,000
01/21/2026	Mental Health Service Professionals Grant (Leigh Fisler)	ISBE		\$3,561,094
01/22/2026	WIUM PRTV Basic FY26 (Heather Norman)	IAC	State	\$10,361
01/22/2026	WQPT PRTV Basic FY26 (Dawn Schmitt)	IAC	State	\$46,625
01/23/2026	GYO-Illinois FY26 (Lindsay Meeker)		State	\$170,000
02/03/2026	WIUM PRTV Operating Grant FY26 (Heather Norman)	IAC	State	\$11,000
02/03/2026	WQPT PRTV Operating Grant FY26 (Dawn Schmitt)	IAC	State	\$41,000
02/06/2026	Grocery Technology Assistance CY26 (Sean Park)	DCEO	State	\$319,968
02/26/2026	Grand Mere State Park FY26 (Ranessa Cooper)			\$4,090
03/09/2026	Oilseed Pennycress: New Cash Cover Crop for the Midwest (Winthrop Phippen)	USDA		\$72,639
03/11/2026	Interrogating Pennycress Variation for Bioenergy Crop Resilience (Winthrop Phippen)	ISU	Fed Flow Thru	\$30,000
03/13/2026	Climate Change Effects on Chesapeake Bay Fisheries (Vaskar Nepal)	VIMS		\$21,757
03/19/2026	Blue Catfish Fishery Establishment and Crappie Regulation FY27 (Vaskar Nepal)	IDNR	Fed Flow Thru	\$125,332
Total awarded, 22 proposals				\$5,506,557

Pending Proposals

Table 2. *Proposals in active review (27 proposals).*

Submitted	Project / PI	Sponsor	Type	Requested
09/13/2025	Illinois Cooperative Development Center (Michael Park)	USDA	Federal	\$235,453
10/23/2025	Advanced Intermediate Oilseed Breeding (Winthrop Phippen)	USDA	Federal	\$650,000
12/09/2025	First to Finish: Transforming Outcomes for First-Generation Rural Students (Mary Pat Wohlford)	Kellogg	Foundation	\$1,800,000
12/09/2025	Grow Our Own: A Rural Nursing Workforce Pipeline (Mary Pat Wohlford)	Kellogg	Foundation	\$1,500,000
12/09/2025	AI-Ready Rural Educators: Building Capacity for Technology-Enhanced Learning (Mary Pat Wohlford)	Kellogg	Foundation	\$2,000,000
12/11/2025	Enhancing Hinterland Access and Maritime Workforce Development in Rural Port Regions (Honey Zimmerman)	USDA	Federal	\$300,000
01/15/2026	Illinois SBDC at Western Illinois University FY26 (Ann Friederichs)	DCEO	Fed Flow Thru	\$225,000
01/22/2026	Quad Cities Workforce Development Project (Christopher Merrett)		State	\$30,000
01/30/2026	NeighborBot: Artificial Intelligence and Community Economic Development (Josh Averbek)	IIN	State	\$15,000
01/30/2026	K-12 Grant (Rashmi Sharma)	NSF		\$400,000
02/06/2026	Stream Surveys and Catfish Fishery Establishment in Western Illinois (Vaskar Nepal)	IDNR	State	\$134,399
02/17/2026	Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsor FY26 (Eduardo Perez)	ISBE	State	\$220,810
02/20/2026	Additive Manufacturing Material and Process Rapid Qualification (Christopher Merrett)	UOFI	State	\$30,000
02/27/2026	NSF S-STEM Track 2, WALLS (Brian Bellot)	NSF		\$1,999,724
03/13/2026	21st Century Museum Professionals Program 2026 (Heidi Lung)		State	\$249,694
03/15/2026	STAR NET Regions I and III FY27 (Connie Shugart)	ISBE	Fed Flow Thru	\$1,076,350
03/17/2026	BCA General Operating Support FY27 (Anne Leftler)	IAC	State	\$5,350
03/18/2026	WIUM General Operating Support FY27 (Heather Norman)	IAC	State	\$30,000
03/18/2026	WQPT General Operating Support FY27 (Dawn Schmitt)	IAC	State	\$45,000
03/24/2026	INCOME: Intermediate New Crop Oilseed Market Expansion (Winthrop Phippen)	USDA	Federal	\$10,000,000

Submitted	Project / PI	Sponsor	Type	Requested
03/31/2026	WIU GenCyber Cybersecurity FY27 (Tahir Khan)	NCU	Federal	\$90,000
04/17/2026	Mapping FY27 (Gisele Hamm)	I300	State	\$160,000
04/23/2026	Provider Connections FY27 (Amy Betz)	IDHS		\$538,192
05/13/2026	Digestate Land Application (Winthrop Phippen)	NREC	State	\$54,261
05/13/2026	Impact of Winter Cover Crops on Selected Ecosystem Services (Winthrop Phippen)	NREC	State	\$185,741
05/21/2026	Building an Entrepreneurship Support Organization (Sean Park)	IIN	State	\$100,000
05/21/2026	AI-Studio for Rural Illinois (Hector Maymi-Sugranes)	IIN	State	\$89,907
Total pending, 27 proposals				\$22,164,881

Proposals Not Funded

Table 3. *Proposals not funded (2 proposals).*

Submitted	Project / PI	Sponsor	Type	Requested
11/25/2025	Tourism Attraction Grant Program	DCEO	State	\$150,000
12/01/2025	FIPSE Grant, AI-Ready Rural Educators (Rashmi Sharma and Mary Pat Wohlford)	NSF	Federal	\$3,900,000
Total not funded, 2 proposals				\$4,050,000

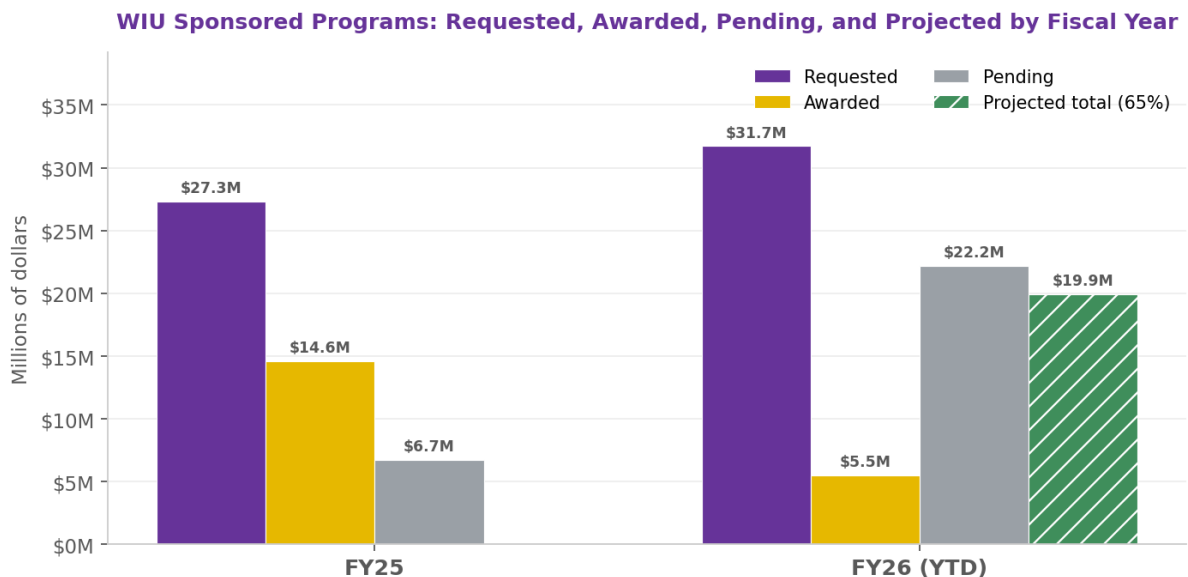
Notes on methodology

- Source: WIU OSP grant database, including proposals with a submission date from July 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.
- Awarded amounts reflect the amount requested on funded proposals; the database does not record a separate award figure, so final award amounts may differ slightly.
- Operational subawards are reported separately, in the Subawards Received section below, and are not included in these proposal totals.
- Records lacking a submission date were excluded.

Proposal Trend: FY25 Compared with FY26

The figure and tables below compare the current year with the prior full fiscal year. FY26 figures are reported year to date for the period July 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 and therefore represent a partial year, while FY25 is a full fiscal year. Even as a partial year, FY26 requested dollars already exceed the FY25 full-year total, and the pending pipeline is more than three times larger than it was a year ago.

Figure 1. WIU sponsored programs: requested, awarded, and pending dollars by fiscal year, with the FY26 projected total at WIU's typical 65 percent award rate.



Note. The FY26 projected total shown (\$19,913,730) applies WIU's typical 65 percent award rate to the \$22,164,881 in pending proposals and adds the \$5,506,557 already awarded. Under more conservative assumptions, the projected total would be \$14,372,509 at a 40 percent award rate and \$16,588,997 at a 50 percent award rate.

Table 4. Proposals submitted by fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Number Submitted	Amount Requested
FY25	88	\$27,293,254
FY26 (YTD)	51	\$31,721,438

Table 5. Proposals awarded by fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
FY25	62	\$14,617,337
FY26 (YTD)	22	\$5,506,557

Table 6. Proposals pending by fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Number Pending	Amount Pending
FY25	10	\$6,748,747
FY26 (YTD)	27	\$22,164,881

Award cycle times in sponsored programs typically range from six to nine months between proposal submission and a funding decision. This timeline is the principal reason that a substantial share of the year's proposals, more than \$22 million across 27 submissions, remained in active review at the close of the reporting period, with many decisions expected in the months ahead.

Projected awards. Because award outcomes depend on how many pending proposals are ultimately funded, the projection below applies three award rates to the \$22,164,881 now under review, each combined with the \$5,506,557 already awarded to date:

- **Conservative (40 percent):** an additional \$8,865,952 in awards, for a projected total of \$14,372,509.
- **Moderate (50 percent):** an additional \$11,082,440 in awards, for a projected total of \$16,588,997.
- **Best case, WIU’s typical award rate (65 percent):** an additional \$14,407,173 in awards, for a projected total of \$19,913,730.

The year's proposal environment was also shaped by significant change at the federal level. Shifting federal priorities and administrative changes compressed the time available to prepare and submit several proposals and introduced uncertainty into agency review processes and timelines. That WIU sustained, and in fact grew, its submission and award activity under these conditions underscores the resilience and adaptability of the faculty and staff who carried the work forward.

FY26 figures are year to date (July 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026); FY25 is a full fiscal year. Figures are drawn from the OSP grant database, and the FY26 awarded amount reflects the requested amount on funded proposals. Operational subawards are reported separately in the section below.

Subawards Received (WIU as Subrecipient)

Beyond the proposals above, WIU also holds awards as a subrecipient, where federal funding reaches the University through a pass-through entity such as another university or a state agency. The table below reports WIU’s own confirmed portion of these subawards, drawn from the University’s verified subaward records. Several of these projects also appear among the proposals listed earlier in this section; the amounts here represent WIU’s subrecipient share and are presented for completeness.

Table 7. *Confirmed subawards received by WIU as a subrecipient, WIU portion only.*

Project / Subaward	Pass-Through (Prime Source)	WIU Amount
Impact of Winter Cover Crops on Selected Ecosystem Services	ISU (IL Nutrient Research and Education Council)	\$185,741
Forecasting Climate Change Effects on Chesapeake Bay Fisheries	VIMS (NOAA)	\$62,934
Additive Manufacturing Material and Process Rapid Qualification	University of Illinois (Wichita State, U.S. Army)	\$30,000
Interrogating Pennycress Variation for Bioenergy Crop Resilience	ISU (U.S. Department of Energy)	\$30,000
Illinois Innovation Network Social Innovation and Impact Seed	SIUE (Illinois Innovation Network)	\$5,900
Confirmed WIU subaward subtotal		\$314,575

WIU additionally administers a series of operational Homeland Security subawards through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), spanning four FEMA Homeland Security Grant Program award years (EMW-2021 through EMW-2024, 40 line items). These are managed operationally and are not assigned a separate WIU dollar amount. The University also holds additional pass-through subawards through ISBE, FEMA/IEMA, the University of Illinois, and IDNR/USFWS for which WIU’s specific subrecipient amounts are still being confirmed. The large prime-award totals associated with these awards represent the full federal award to the prime recipient, not WIU’s portion, and are therefore excluded from the subtotal above.

II. Federal Appropriations and Agency Partnership

Western Illinois University and McAllister and Quinn: Partnership Overview

The WIU and McAllister and Quinn (M&Q) contract period runs from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027, and includes a total scope of four projects per year (eight projects over the full contract period). To date, five projects have been completed. An additional HRSA Network Development (1.5) project is currently active, with an RFP release anticipated on June 6, 2026.

Under this contract, five projects totaling \$6,472,117 have been submitted to federal agencies or for congressional appropriations review. Of these, three projects, representing \$2,472,687, have either advanced in the appropriations process or received follow-up questions from federal agencies. The remaining two projects were recently submitted and are expected to receive feedback by Fall 2026. To date, WIU has received no declination letters under this contract.

Project Descriptions

WIU CARES, DOJ Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Campus Program (2025)

Western Illinois University seeks funding from the OVW Campus Program to implement WIU CARES, a comprehensive initiative to strengthen prevention and response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in its rural, underserved community. The project will enhance coordinated response efforts, expand survivor-centered services, and increase student awareness through peer outreach, targeted training, and community partnerships. Together, these efforts will improve access to support, promote campus safety, and foster a culture of prevention and accountability.

WALLS, NSF S-STEM, Scholarships in STEM, Track 2 (2026)

The WALLS program will recruit and support low-income, high-achieving STEM students through scholarships, mentorship, and a cohort-based learning community. The proposed six-year program will serve three iteratively increasing cohorts of 10, 13, and 15 students, respectively, for a total of 38 scholars served and 152 individual scholarships awarded. It will enhance student success by strengthening foundational skills, expanding exposure to science literacy and artificial intelligence, and providing targeted faculty support to improve teaching practices. Together, these efforts will increase retention, graduation, and career readiness in STEM fields.

Public Safety Infrastructure, Appropriations Earmark, Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS)

Western Illinois University will enhance campus and community safety by upgrading critical public safety infrastructure, including security technology, equipment, and operational capacity. These improvements will strengthen emergency response capabilities and support more effective prevention of and response to crime across the WIU campus and surrounding community.

Clinical Simulation Center, Appropriations Earmark, Labor-HHS-Education (FY27)

The project will fund the development of a state-of-the-art clinical simulation center by purchasing high-, mid-, and low-fidelity medical training equipment and fully outfitting hospital and primary care simulation rooms. It will also support critical facility upgrades to ensure realistic, safe, and fully functional healthcare training environments.

Promoting Student Parent Success (PSPS), HHS/ED CCAMPIS

Western Illinois University proposes the Promoting Student Parent Success (PSPS) program to expand access to affordable, high-quality childcare for low-income student parents. The project will provide childcare vouchers, enhance wraparound supports, and strengthen early learning environments through community partnerships. Together, these efforts will reduce barriers to persistence, support student well-being, and improve academic and family outcomes for student parents.

HRSA Nursing Workforce / Network Development (NWD), Upcoming

The HRSA Network Development (NWD) program is a federal funding initiative through the Health Resources and Services Administration that supports the development and expansion of integrated healthcare networks, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Its primary goal is to help institutions improve access to care, strengthen care coordination, and enhance service delivery across systems such as primary care, behavioral health, and social services. NWD grants typically fund planning and implementation activities that build partnerships and expand student training and outcomes, ultimately improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations.

Project Tracker

Table 8. *McAllister and Quinn project tracker, federal proposals and appropriations requests.*

Agency	Program (and amount)	Due Date	Project Count	Notes
DOJ	Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking, 2025 (\$399,987)	Jul. 2025	1.0	WIU received questions from the agency which, while not a guarantee, is a positive sign of potential funding.
NSF	S-STEM Scholarship in STEM, Track 2, 2026 (\$1,999,724)	3/3/2026	1.0	Currently at agency review; notification likely Fall 2026.
Earmark	Appropriations Earmark, Commerce-Justice-Science, FY27 (\$772,700)	3/30/2026	1.5	CDS request was included in the House Appropriations Subcommittee bill report language.
Earmark	Appropriations Earmark, Labor-HHS-Education, FY27 (\$1,300,000)	3/30/2026	incl. above	CDS request was included on Senator Dick Durbin's FY27 priority list for \$1,300,000. WIU will continue to monitor action from the Senate Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee as the appropriations process moves forward.
HHS-ED	CCAMPIS, Promoting Student Parent Success (PSPS) (\$1,999,706)	5/29/2026	1.5	Submitted for agency review; notification by September 1, 2026.
HRSA	Nursing Workforce Programs / Network Development (NWD) (\$2,200,000)	Forecast 7/6/2026	1.5	Kicking off once the RFP is released, June 6.
Total project count			6.5	<i>Five submitted projects total \$6,472,117; HRSA NWD is forecast and not included in that total.</i>

WIU's contractual relationship with McAllister and Quinn has been fruitful.

III. Research Compliance Update

Research compliance activity during the year centered on the work of the Institutional Review Board, which reviews and approves all human subjects research conducted at Western Illinois University. The IRB carried a full and steadily growing workload, processing exempt, expedited, and full board protocols and amendments while maintaining timely, high quality review. This work was led with exceptional skill and dedication by Dr. Kristine Kelly, the University's IRB Administrator, whose stewardship has strengthened both the rigor and the responsiveness of the human subjects review process and has been central to the office's compliance progress this year.

In parallel with its review activity, the office worked to strengthen the University's broader research compliance framework. Several new policies were established during the year to clarify expectations for investigators, safeguard research participants, and align WIU's practices with federal requirements and current best practice. These policies are listed below.

New Policies

The following research compliance policies were developed and advanced during this reporting period:

- Policy prohibiting recruiting participants in a PI's own classes
- Policy on the use of class time for research procedures
- Policy on research ethics training renewal
- Policy on research misconduct
- Policy prohibiting AI bots in IRB meetings
- Policy prohibiting shared Qualtrics licenses

IRB Workload

The Institutional Review Board's activity for the reporting period is summarized in the table below, which reflects a total workload of 100 actions across new protocol approvals, amendments, and reviews.

Table 9. *Institutional Review Board activity for the reporting period.*

IRB Activity	Count
New approved exempt	42
Exempt amendments approved	8
New approved expedited	29
Expedited amendments approved	15
Full Board approved	2
Protocols in review process	3
Exempt acceptance without reliance	1
Total IRB workload	100

The Office of Sponsored Projects extends its sincere gratitude to the members of the Institutional Review Board for their dedicated service throughout the year. Their careful and timely review of human subjects research protocols, reflected in the workload summarized above, safeguards research participants and upholds the University's commitment to the highest ethical standards. This service is

performed in addition to the members' regular teaching, research, and service responsibilities, and OSP is deeply grateful for their expertise, diligence, and steadfast commitment to protecting the rights and welfare of research participants at Western Illinois University.

IV. Post-Award Operations

WIU's Post-Award Administrator Ahjenique Pinnick, who joined OSP in October 2025, led substantial improvements in post-award operations during the 2025 to 2026 year, strengthening internal processes, financial transparency, sponsor communication, and compliance, and increasing responsiveness to project directors. Her principal contributions include the following.

- **Financial support and transparency for project directors.** Regularly prepared and distributed updated trial balances for grant accounts and developed budget-to-actual reports, helping project directors understand expenditures, remaining balances, and budget activity and make more informed spending decisions across the life of their awards.
- **Post-award compliance and grant management.** Completed multiple budget revisions and amendments to maintain sponsor compliance and accurate grant budgeting, maintaining ongoing communication with sponsoring agencies, including IDHS and DCEO, on revisions, updates, and grant-related requirements.
- **Resolution of overdue compliance items.** Brought the office current on Time and Effort Reporting and Match Accounts that had remained outstanding for over a year, through extensive organization, follow-up, tracking, and review, significantly improving office compliance and internal accountability.
- **Institutional grant tracking and reporting.** Maintained weekly updates to the institutional grant database for submitted and awarded grants and prepared reports of active grants, project directors, project roles, and contact information for university departments requesting current sponsored-project information, increasing organization, accessibility, and reporting efficiency.
- **Grant-funded personnel and administration.** Created and posted multiple grant-funded job postings through Interview Exchange, processed several supplemental payment requests for project directors and grant-funded personnel, and assisted with the establishment of a URC grant account.
- **Pre-award support.** Successfully prepared and submitted the FY27 Provider Connections grant application and assisted with a significant portion of the NSF HERD Survey process and reporting requirements.
- **Project-director support.** Provided ongoing individualized support through meetings and consultations on grant budgets, expenditures, revisions, and administrative processes, improving communication and responsiveness for departments managing externally funded projects.
- **Professional development.** Completed several mandatory AmeriCorps trainings focused on sponsor expectations, compliance procedures, and grant management practices.

Collectively, these efforts produced significant gains in post-award organization, compliance tracking, financial transparency, communication, reporting efficiency, and operational accountability, while enhancing the support provided to faculty, staff, and project directors managing externally funded awards.

V. Comprehensive Accomplishments, August 2025 to May 2026

The deliverables below constitute the operational and strategic infrastructure built for OSP over the reporting period, organized by category.

Leadership and Strategic Reports

October 2025 Board of Trustees Report *(October 2025)*

Quarterly report on externally sponsored grants and contracts. The narrative acknowledged the staffing transition leading into the Interim Director's appointment and formally recognized Athena Brooks, Charlene Greuel, Holly Sutton, and Dr. Kristine Kelly for sustaining operations during the period the office was short-staffed, while highlighting faculty efforts in proposal development and extramural contracting.

December 2025 Board of Trustees Report *(December 2025)*

Sponsored-projects modernization narrative covering the elimination of paper files and conversion to an electronic records system, the October hiring of Ahjenique Pinnick as Post-Award Administrator, the development of five voiceover PowerPoint training modules (The Extramural Landscape, Grantwriting 101, Grant Budget Development, AI in Research and Proposal Development, and PI Responsibilities), planned new-faculty grant orientation, and Dr. Kelly's IRB best-practices assessment. Accompanied by a set of ten strategic goals with a 2026 timeline spanning faculty engagement, IP commercialization, export controls, pre-award hiring, research culture, teaching-and-learning grants, student success, undergraduate research, policy alignment, and foundation funding.

First Quarter 2026 Accomplishments Report *(March 2026)*

Progress report summarizing completed and in-progress work against each of the ten strategic goals established in the December 2025 report.

OSP Transformation Report *(April 2026)*

Sixteen-page narrative documenting the systematic transformation of the Office of Sponsored Projects under the Interim Director's leadership, with collaborative attribution to Dr. Kristine Kelly (IRB Administrator) and Ahjenique Pinnick (Post-Award Administrator).

F&A Rate Strategy Memo *(April 2026)*

Ten-section strategy memorandum to Provost Mossman laying out an 18-month roadmap for an indirect cost rate increase, targeting an FY 2029 effective date and recommending a Phase 1 Board authorization request in Q3 2026.

F&A Rate Impact Model *(April 2026)*

Five-tab interactive Excel model projecting recovery under Scenarios A, B, and C, showing approximately \$810K per year in additional recovery at a 45% rate and roughly \$2.1M in cumulative incremental recovery across FY26 to FY30.

Year-End Board of Trustees Report *(June 2026)*

Comprehensive accomplishments report covering the full August 2025 to May 2026 period, organized around major external funding wins, active portfolio management, the proposal pipeline, and the

buildout of OSP's policy, compliance, and operational infrastructure, with accompanying tables on proposals submitted and awarded during FY26.

Benchmarking and Data Analyses

Illinois Public Universities: Comprehensive Rate and Salary Analysis *(Spring 2026)*

Master analysis comparing all 12 Illinois public universities across F&A (indirect cost) rates, fringe benefit rates by employee category, and average faculty salaries by rank. Includes a cost-of-living-adjusted salary analysis ranking WIU #2 in purchasing power despite a #4 nominal ranking, and a six-strategy negotiation roadmap targeting an F&A increase from 36% toward a target range of 42 to 48% MTDC.

WIU F&A Campus Survey and Workbook *(Spring 2026)*

Data-collection instruments supporting the F&A rate increase: a Word survey structured around 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix III cost pools, and a companion eleven-tab Excel workbook covering space functional use (with validation), equipment inventory, effort surveys, library use, capital improvements, service centers, off-campus activity, and a summary dashboard.

Illinois SPO Supplemental-Pay Outreach Package *(May 2026)*

Outreach materials for benchmarking supplemental-pay policy across Illinois public universities: an Excel outreach tracker with a contact directory and policy-comparison matrix, a Word outreach package with regulatory context, email templates, and ISU Policy 3.2.11 as a reference example, and a plain email list formatted for Outlook and Gmail.

NSF Surveys Completion Report *(March 2026)*

Narrative documenting completion of the HERD Survey (annual R&D expenditures census) and the Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities, with ten identified strategic applications of the resulting data for WIU.

WIU IPEDS 2024 Data Feedback Report Summary *(March 2026)*

Summary comparing WIU against 28 peer institutions across admissions, enrollment, completions, tuition, financial aid, retention, graduation, finance, staffing, and library resources.

IPEDS Peer Institution Comparison *(January 2026)*

Companion comparison developed across WIU's 15 Board-approved IPEDS peer institutions, including Murray State, Morehead State, SUNY Brockport and Oswego, Jacksonville State, Kutztown, Salem State, Southern Connecticut State, Southern Utah, Saginaw Valley, Northwestern State (LA), Texas A&M International, USI, UW-Stout, and William Paterson.

Title III Eligibility Analysis *(April 2026)*

Eligibility assessment finding WIU likely eligible for the Title III Strengthening Institutions Program, built on Pell participation (72%), the share of undergraduates receiving assistance (84%), and per-student state funding at 48% of adequacy, with the urgent April 23 application deadline flagged.

Federal Research Infrastructure Grants Analysis *(April 2026)*

Landscape analysis of major federal infrastructure funding opportunities, including NSF MRI (FY26 pause / FY27 reopening), DOE UNRIR (DE-FOA-0003543, \$6M cap), NIH S10, and USDA NLGCA capacity-building.

Policy Development

WIU Intellectual Property Policy *(April 2026)*

Full Board-of-Trustees-style policy modeled on Illinois State, Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois, and the University of Illinois System, comprising ten sections, two appendices, and a signature block, prepared for Board consideration.

Pre-Award Policies and Procedures Manual *(February 2026)*

Comprehensive pre-award policies and procedures manual customized for WIU, eighteen sections, eight appendices, and 337 paragraphs covering regulatory frameworks (2 CFR 200, PAPPG, NIH GPS), organizational structure, funding-opportunity identification, proposal and budget development including F&A and fringe, compliance review, internal routing, submission, subaward management, and conflict of interest, built around WIU's rates and sole-AOR authority structure.

Three Foundational OSP Policies *(January 2026)*

Full policy documents, Time and Effort Reporting (OSP-2025-001), Matching Funds Verification (OSP-2025-002), and Research Misconduct (OSP-2025-003), each with purpose, scope, regulatory basis (2 CFR 200; 42 CFR Part 93), definitions, procedures, and signature blocks.

Compliance and Regulatory Documentation

University Research Compliance Overview *(November 2025)*

Comprehensive map of all institutional compliance domains, human subjects, IACUC, research integrity and misconduct, biosafety, radiation, chemical safety, export controls, foreign influence, data security, controlled substances, clinical-trial protocols, and emerging-technology research.

Federal Regulations Reference with Regulatory Alignment Diagram *(Spring 2026)*

Federal regulations reference document incorporating an embedded regulatory alignment diagram and a shared-responsibility stakeholder mapping identifying institutional roles, President, Provost, Vice Presidents, IRB, IACUC, IBC, COI Committee, Controller, General Counsel, IT, EH&S, Internal Audit, PIs, chairs, and deans.

Compliance Function Descriptions *(January 2026)*

Board-ready descriptions of core research-compliance functions, including time-and-effort reporting and matching-funds verification, grounded in the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200).

OLAW Animal Welfare Assurance Investigation *(May 2026)*

Determination that WIU likely does not hold a current active Animal Welfare Assurance despite operating an IACUC, with identification of the application path through the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, and a full draft Domestic Assurance following the OLAW sample template for a Category 2 institution.

Supplemental Pay Policy Benchmarking *(May 2026)*

Analysis confirming Illinois has no statewide supplemental-pay cap under 110 ILCS 100, documenting peer policies (ISU 125%, SIUC 120%, U of I approval requirements) and positioning WIU's discretion within 2 CFR 200.430.

BSL-1 to BSL-2 Laboratory Upgrade Guidance *(January 2026)*

Five-phase implementation checklist with cost estimates (\$18,500 to \$42,000), NIH R15 (AREA) funding guidance, and ready-to-use budget justification templates for laboratory biosafety upgrades.

Staffing and Organizational Infrastructure

OSP Staff Position Descriptions *(March 2026)*

Four HR-grade position descriptions for the OSP organizational structure: Pre-Award Specialist (\$48K to \$62K), Post-Award Specialist (\$50K to \$65K), IRB Administrator (\$50K to \$65K), and Director of Sponsored Projects (\$85K to \$110K), including the Director's full compliance portfolio (research misconduct, COI, export controls, biosafety, IACUC, RCR) and the IRB Administrator's human-subjects scope.

Interview Guides *(March 2026)*

Structured interview guides for OSP positions, including 46-question (Pre-Award), 49-question (Director), and 23-question (Director revised) protocols with behavioral and scenario items plus rating rubrics, to support consistent, criteria-based candidate evaluation.

Grant Proposal Development

AI-Ready Rural Educators, FIPSE Priority 2 Proposal *(November to December 2025)*

Proposal targeting \$4M over 48 months to serve 400 in-service teachers, 1,200 pre-service teachers, and 18,000+ K-12 students across 35 rural Illinois school districts. Full 35-page narrative, one-page abstract, logic model, equity section, 48-month timeline, comprehensive budget at 8% indirect / 57% fringe with \$120,000 in teacher stipends, letter-of-support templates, submission checklist, and 75+ scholarly citations.

J.A.S.O.N. Project R3 Program Proposal *(April 2026)*

Eleven-section proposal requesting approximately \$265K from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority R3 Program to bring the Judicial Assistance Serving Our Neighborhood program to WIU's Macomb campus, with an added budget justification and drawing on Pittsburgh pilot data (78% charge-reduction rate).

The Embodied Audience Research Proposal *(March 2026)*

A \$444K two-year interdisciplinary biometric and performing-arts study for WIU's new Performing Arts Center, with four audience cohorts (college students, children with ASD, older adults, and rural community adults), a two-tier strategy using 105 biosensors, four named Co-Investigators across Psychology, Music/Theatre, Kinesiology, Special Education, and Nursing, and a fully verified bibliography.

WIU AI Training Grant Proposal *(October 2025)*

An \$80K, 18-month proposal to build AI literacy across the WIU campus.

NSF STEM K-12 Program Adaptation *(January 2026)*

Strategy guide for reframing the AI-Ready Rural Educators concept from a \$4M FIPSE implementation proposal into a \$500K to \$750K research-focused NSF proposal (NSF 25-545) using the TPACK framework.

NIH BRE-SPAD Comprehensive Outline *(November 2025)*

Thirty-plus-page outline for the PAR-24-268 funding opportunity, addressing all required Research Strategy sections, the Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives, letters-of-support specifications, budget considerations, and review criteria.

Quality-of-Life in Rural Older Adults, Dr. Robert Intrieri *(January 2026)*

Research-development support including four foundation Letters of Inquiry, RRF Foundation (\$160K), John A. Hartford Foundation (\$175K), AFAR (\$140K), and Archstone Foundation (\$150K), \$625K combined, plus a 27-reference literature review covering CASP-12, WHOQOL-OLD, OPQOL-Brief, the Surgeon General's 2023 isolation advisory, and methodological innovations such as Experience Sampling Methods.

Corn Belt Ports, AFRI Priority 6d Alignment *(December 2025)*

Revised proposal language, mentoring plan, data management plan, and budget narrative aligning the project to USDA AFRI Priority 6d.

Letters of Support and Faculty Assistance

Dr. Vaskar Nepal, IDNR Support Letter *(March 2026)*

Institutional support letter for fisheries research (Project F-203-R-01) on Blue Catfish fishery establishment and crappie population regulation across five western Illinois lakes, \$125,332 total (\$93,998 federal / \$31,334 WIU cost-share, July 2026 to June 2027).

Dr. Ashley Frederick, Illinois Innovation Network Fellowship Letter *(April 2026)*

Letter of support for the IIN Fellowship application, emphasizing WIU's rural healthcare context.

Dr. Ashley Frederick, Illinois Nurses Foundation Letter *(April 2026)*

Letter of WIU institutional support for the Illinois Nurses Foundation grant proposal.

Dr. Minjoo "Larry" Lee (UIUC), NSF NQNI/IQAD Letter of Support *(May 2026)*

Letter of support on WIU letterhead for the NSF NQNI program proposal (NSF 26-505), IQAD project, led by Dr. Lee at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Illinois One Health Stories Initiative, Letter of Intent *(May 2026)*

Letter of Intent on WIU letterhead supporting WIU's participation in the statewide Illinois One Health Stories Initiative coordinated by Discovery Partners Institute with the Illinois Department of Public Health, committing WIU to two children's storybooks, quarterly coordination meetings, peer review, regional dissemination across approximately twelve community sites, and community story readings.

Special Initiative: Justice-Involved Adult Learner Recruitment

Developed in May 2026 at the Provost's request and reframed from an initial inquiry about in-prison course delivery into a community-based recruitment initiative that is actionable now, this package comprised three coordinated deliverables.

Position Statement, "A New Chapter" *(May 2026)*

A ten-page statement in support of recruiting justice-involved individuals to Western Illinois University, with two embedded data visualizations (recidivism-by-education and a financial-aid breakdown).

Grant Portfolio *(May 2026)*

A twenty-page strategic document profiling 25 funding mechanisms across four tiers, Federal, State, Foundation, and Corporate, with a three-year phased pursuit plan.

Grant Tracker *(May 2026)*

A 57-entry Excel workbook with Master Tracker, By-Deadline-and-Action, and Reference sheets, organized by priority code with color-coded status, hyperlinked NOFOs, and a contact directory.

Funding Strategy and Funder Intelligence

WIU Master Grant Strategy Workbook *(December 2025; refreshed March 2026)*

Seven-worksheet Excel tracker covering 120+ grant opportunities with cumulative potential of \$9.5M to \$31.5M, including a Foundations tab with 23 foundations across three tiers and dedicated tabs for AI curriculum funding, student success, undergraduate research and infrastructure, and nursing education.

Foundation Funding Guide *(November 2025)*

Guide to 50+ funding sources organized by category, including Spencer, Google.org, GitLab Foundation, Jonas Philanthropies, RWJF, HRSA, Kresge, Lumina, and Arnold Ventures.

External Relations and Sector Intelligence

Anthropic Claude for Education Outreach *(December 2025)*

Formal outreach to Johanna Bowman, Anthropic's Education Partnerships Lead, positioning WIU's rural-serving mission and 35-district AI initiative as a differentiator from current elite-institution partners.

Illinois Public University Sponsored Programs Directors Directory *(May 2026)*

Compiled directory of sponsored programs leadership at Illinois public universities to support ongoing peer benchmarking and policy harmonization.

HBCU/HSI Designation Analysis *(May 2026)*

Analysis of the mechanics of Title III Part B and Title V designations and their applicability.

Other Accomplishments

In addition to the work above, the Interim Director personally completed several required federal surveys, reports, and registrations on behalf of the University:

- Submitted the NSF Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities (the federal facilities survey).
- Submitted the NSF Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) Survey.
- Submitted the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) annual report.
- Updated and maintained the University's account and registration in SAM.gov.

Looking Forward

The Office of Sponsored Projects enters the coming year on a foundation that did not exist twelve months ago. The policy framework, the staffing structures, the compliance processes, and the funding strategy tools developed during this period give Western Illinois University the infrastructure of a mature sponsored programs operation. The task ahead is no longer one of building from the ground up, but of consolidating these gains and converting them into sustained growth.

The momentum is real and measurable. With more than \$22 million in proposals pending and a projected total of \$19.9 million in awards anticipated from the year's activity, the pipeline points to continued expansion of the University's externally funded work. Realizing that potential will depend on a small number of clear priorities: filling the dedicated pre-award position so that faculty receive timely and expert support, deepening faculty engagement across the colleges, and continuing to navigate a shifting federal funding environment with both agility and sound compliance.

Sponsored programs departments are, ultimately, an investment in the University's people and mission. Every proposal submitted reflects a faculty member's commitment to discovery, to students, and to the communities Western Illinois University serves. The office looks forward to advancing that work, to strengthening the partnerships that make it possible, and to helping the University realize its full potential as a center of research, scholarship, and engaged service.

In Appreciation

As I conclude my service as Interim Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Western Illinois University and to the many colleagues who have made this work both possible and a genuine pleasure.

I am especially grateful to **Provost Dr. Mark Mossman, Charlene Greuel, Dr. Kristine Kelly, Ahjenique Pinnick, Preston Miller, Holly Sutton, and Athena Brooks**, and to all of the faculty and staff with whom I have had the pleasure to work. The many relationships I have enjoyed while serving in OSP have been the most rewarding part of this engagement.

Western Illinois University is a very special place, and I am glad I could be part of the University during my tenure in the Office of Sponsored Projects. Thank you.

With gratitude – Mary Pat

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Report No. 26.6/6 -- Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes

The Illinois Board of Higher Education requires that each public university submit a list of academic program changes annually in June. Following is Western Illinois University's planned report for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
ANNUAL LISTING OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGES
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

	PROGRAM CHANGE	CIP CODE	PROGAM TITLE	REMARKS	DATE APPROVED
*****REPORTING CATEGORIES AS IDENTIFIED BY IBHE*****					
1	Creation of a new non-credit program or a program of study composed of credit courses that does not result in the formal award of a degree.		N/A		
2	Creation of a new unit that does not have an instructional, research, or public service mission, including new units that might be named department, division, or institute.		N/A		
3	Addition of a new organized set of courses within a major to an existing degree program.	31.0301	B.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration options: Recreation Management Sport Management Tourism and Event Management		Campus 3/31/26
4	Addition of an externally funded research or public service activity labeled as a center or institute because of grant requirements. The activity is temporary, not formally organized, and has no continuous mission.		N/A		
5	Addition of a new minor.		Minor in Sport Management		Campus 3/31/26
6	Change in a degree title.		N/A		
7	Change in the name of an administrative (including departments), research, or public service unit.		N/A		
8	Elimination (or temporary suspension) of an existing degree program, with indication of Phase Down, Elimination, or Temporary Suspension status.	30.0000	B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies	Temporarily suspended 6/25/20 and entered phase down (including concentrations in Renewable Energy and Biofuels Technology; Renewable Energy and Wind Technology; and Renewable Energy Policy, Planning, and Management)	Campus 7/1/25
		51.0701	B.S. in Health Services Management	Entered phase down 11/14/25 with elimination expected by 5/31/2028	Campus 11/14/25

		45.0603	M.S. in Quantitative Economics	Temporarily suspended 10/8/24 and entered phase down; eliminated 05/31//26	Campus 05/31/26
		13.1202	M.S.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction	Entered phase down 4/17/26 with elimination expected 5/31/28	Campus 04/17/26
		03.0104	Ph.D. in Environmental Science: Large River Ecosystems	Entered phase down 03/07/25; eliminated 05/31/26	Campus 05/31/26
		40.0801	M.S. in Physics	Entered phase down 03/07/25; eliminated 05/31/26	Campus 5/31/26
		14.0101	B.S. in General Engineering	Entered phase down 05/08/25; eliminated 05/31/26	Campus 5/31/26
9	Reorganization, restructuring, consolidation, elimination, and other changes of existing administrative (including departments), research, or public service units that does not result in an increase in subunits.		Honors Program	Centennial Honors College discontinued effective July 1, 2025. Honors Program restructured and embedded within academic programs.	Campus 6/30/25
			College of Business, Health, and Community Programs (CBHCP) and the College of Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Education (CHASE)	College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Technology, College of Education and Human Services, and College of Fine Arts and Communication restructured into two academic colleges effective July 1, 2026.	Campus 5/13/25
			College of Humanities, Arts, Science, and Education: School of Education (no change), School of Humanities, School of Natural Sciences, School of Social Sciences, School of Visual and Performing Arts College of Business, Health, and Community Programs: School of Agriculture (no change), School of Applied Clinical, Educational and Professional Programs, School of Accounting and Business Administration (no change), School of Communication, Media, and Experience Industries, School of Computing, Mathematical, and Data Sciences, School of Engineering and Technology (no change), School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (no change), School of Nursing, Applied Health, and Human Performance	All existing academic department administrative units reorganized into schools as part of university academic restructuring effective July 1, 2026.	Campus 2/24/26
10	Creation of certificate program in a field in which there is a previously approved degree program.		PBC in Accounting	Effective Fall 2026; offered in Macomb and online	Campus 4/8/26
			PBC in Marketing Strategy and Measurement	Effective Fall 2026; offered in Macomb and online	Campus 4/8/26
11	Creation of a joint degree program from two previously approved programs.		N/A		
12	Reactivation of a temporarily suspended		N/A		

	program.				
13	Creation of a new, formally organized research or public service unit that has a temporary mission of up to five years.		N/A		
14	Creation of a certificate program in a field or at a level in which there is not a previously approved degree program at that level or higher level.		N/A		
15	Creation of a new program that results from the reorganization or restructuring of the curricular elements of an existing program that have over time evolved into separate and distinct programs.		N/A		
16	Reclassification of a program resulting from incremental changes or consolidation of two or more degree programs into a single program.		N/A		
17	Changes in degree designation at the same level.		N/A		
18	Creation of an out-of-region degree program.		N/A		
19	Creation of a degree program in a new field or at a new level.		N/A		
20	Creation of new units of instruction, research, or public service that involve a change or expansion in mission.		N/A		
21	Creation of a new campus.		N/A		
***** ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES IDENTIFIED BY UNIVERSITY *****					
22	Offering existing academic program online.	11.0103	B.S. in Information Systems emphases: Information Systems emphasis Business Intelligence emphasis	These two emphases only are offered online as well as in Macomb (the other two emphases remain Macomb only)	Campus 9/12/25
23	Offering existing academic program <u>online only.</u>		N/A		
24	Retitling of existing organized set of courses within a degree program.		N/A		
25	Temporary suspension of an academic program (other than a degree program).		Pre-Professional Program in Forestry	Temporarily suspended until no later than 8/11/30	Campus 8/11/25
			Minor in Cannabis Cultivation	Temporarily suspended until no later than 4/16/31	Campus 4/16/26
26	Converting existing organized set of		N/A		

	courses within a degree program to another type (options to emphases).				
27	Elimination of academic program at Quad Cities campus.		N/A		
28	Elimination of existing organized set of courses within a degree program.	23.0101	B.A. in English options: Creative Writing Professional Writing	Entered phase down 03/10/26; elimination date is TBD at this time	Campus 3/10/26
29	Elimination of existing minor.		N/A		
30	Elimination of existing post-baccalaureate certificate program.	26.0701	PBC in Zoo and Aquarium Studies	Temporarily suspended 6/7/21 and entered phase down; eliminated 7/1/25	Campus 7/1/25
		31.0301	PBC in Event Planning and Management	Entered phase down 3/7/25; elimination 5/31/26	Campus 5/31/26
		13.0501	PBC in Instructional Design and Technology: Educational Technology Specialist	Entered phase down 5/8/25; elimination 5/8/26	Campus 5/8/26
		13.0501	PBC in Instructional Design and Technology: Instructional Media Development	Entered phase down 5/8/25; elimination 5/8/26	Campus 5/8/26
		13.0501	PBC in Instructional Design and Technology: Online and Distance Learning Development	Entered phase down 5/8/25; elimination 5/8/26	Campus 5/8/26
		13.0501	PBC in Instructional Design and Technology: Technology Integration in Education	Entered phase down 5/8/25; elimination 5/8/26	Campus 5/8/26
		13.0501	PBC in Instructional Design and Technology: Workplace Learning and Performance	Entered phase down 5/8/25; elimination 5/8/26	Campus 5/8/26

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Report No. 26.6/7 -- Report on Contributions



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

Pledges Made	Planned Gifts (FV)*	Total Pledges
\$ 827,180	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,177,180
Cash Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Total Receipts
\$ 4,746,721	\$ 179,857	\$ 4,926,577

	Overall Total	Goal	% to Goal
Fiscal Year	\$ 6,103,757	\$10,000,000	61%
Campaign	\$ 73,787,446	\$ 100,000,000	73.8%

*Discounted Present Value for the 2 planned gift pledge(s):
\$ 210,699

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	177,540	610,116	1,149	250,000	1,038,805	779,967
CBT	12,408	264,153	123,924	0	400,485	1,896,754
COEHS	10,342	250,500	100	0	260,942	1,621,829
COFAC	104,224	625,686	2,549	0	732,458	1,242,770
LEJA	3,502	243,030	0	0	246,532	24,119
ATHLETICS	49,862	510,217	32,561	0	592,639	716,813
STUDENT SUCCESS	16,003	170,135	14,250	0	200,388	163,275
LIBRARY	229	19,126	1,220	0	20,575	8,051
HONORS	260	63,575	0	100,000	163,835	45,670
GLOBAL STUDIES	1,345	6,460	0	0	7,805	7,580
QC	924	32,995	0	0	33,919	34,881
ALUMNI	659	18,709	0	0	19,368	44,471
BGS	150	3,545	0	0	3,695	4,605
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	43,185	555,962	0	0	599,147	326,798
TRI-STATES RADIO	163,880	311,638	0	0	475,518	312,192
WQPT	9,323	872,866	4,104	0	886,292	699,174
OTHER	233,343	188,009	0	0	421,352	1,142,874
UNIVERSITY TOTALS:	827,180	4,746,721	179,857	350,000	6,103,757	9,071,823

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year progress by unit

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

NOTES: Gifts do not include pledge payments.

Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Success.

Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.

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Annual Fund Report July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

COLLEGE/UNIT	TOTAL PLEDGE AMT	PREV FY PLEDGE AMT	AVERAGE PLEDGE AMT	PLEDGES PAID	OUTRIGHT GIFTS	*TOTAL RECEIVED	*PREV FY RECEIVED
CAS	6,289	10,781	90	4,653	100,416	105,070	75,760
CBT	5,640	15,751	78	3,970	97,794	101,764	67,625
COEHS	5,779	8,360	88	4,364	50,810	55,174	71,375
COFAC	3,882	17,348	102	3,321	124,018	127,339	144,459
LEJA	1,002	2,150	67	588	20,780	21,368	16,864
ATHLETICS	19,255	93,871	428	26,643	458,656	485,299	423,098
STUDENT SUCCESS	2,774	2,764	126	2,118	78,267	80,386	71,229
LIBRARY	229	524	76	220	15,376	15,596	6,760
HONORS	50	0	50	50	18,325	18,375	210
GLOBAL STUDIES	125	420	63	50	1,110	1,160	3,215
QC	0	2,030	0	0	1,875	1,875	514
ALUMNI	300	2,170	75	100	11,744	11,844	24,443
BGS	150	2,200	75	100	3,045	3,145	3,715
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	12,143	12,935	234	11,413	73,438	84,851	111,412
TRI-STATES RADIO	163,880	137,645	354	143,410	310,546	453,956	310,407
WQPT	9,323	15,616	104	5,130	770,796	775,926	668,493
OTHER	23,972	32,993	200	20,252	80,004	100,256	71,500
Total	254,794	357,558	239	226,384	2,217,000	2,443,384	2,071,079

****Total Annual Fund: \$2,471,794**

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	5,185	8,961	79	3,685	110	3,795	6,285
CBT	5,240	12,051	75	3,595	360	3,955	7,315
COEHS	4,689	6,980	72	3,324	106	3,430	4,025
COFAC	1,380	4,975	53	875	10	885	1,400
LEJA	1,002	2,150	67	588	0	588	670
ATHLETICS	938	2,083	134	813	20	833	1,275
STUDENT SUCCESS	905	835	70	500	160	660	405
LIBRARY	120	415	60	120	0	120	115
HONORS	50	0	50	50	0	50	0
GLOBAL STUDIES	125	420	63	50	50	100	75
QC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALUMNI	250	2,120	83	50	0	50	1,495
BGS	150	2,200	75	100	0	100	1,860
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	9,235	9,485	192	8,590	875	9,465	8,845
TRI-STATES RADIO	1,120	0	373	1,120	0	1,120	200
WQPT	200	130	100	100	0	100	0
OTHER	7,088	4,450	63	3,853	210	4,063	1,205
Total	37,678	57,255	86	27,413	1,901	29,314	35,170

****Total Phonathon: \$39,579**

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Phonathon totals by Unit.
 AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.
 NOTES:
 *Total Received equals Income (Pledges Paid + Cash).
 **Total Phonathon equals sum of Pledges and Cash.
 Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Success.
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WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/1 -- Proclamation for Student Trustee James Bierman

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. James Bierman has provided exemplary service to the students of Western Illinois University as their representative to the WIU Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2026, having been elected to serve a one-year term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bierman conscientiously represented student interests while serving as liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Student Government Association, and as a student majoring in Agricultural Business at Western Illinois University. Mr. Bierman has actively contributed to campus leadership through involvement in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, where he served as Vice President of Management and House Operations and as President of the Ag Mech Club for two years, and under his leadership, the Ag Mech Club successfully organized and hosted the largest student-led agricultural show in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bierman is involved in the Ag Vocators, the MMA Club as an assistant coach, the Boxing Club, and the Wrestling Club, contributing to advocacy efforts for student organizations. Mr. Bierman is a dedicated advocate for WIU and its students, James is committed to ensuring that all the voices of his peers are heard. He is focused on supporting the continued success and growth of the university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bierman was honored with the Cliff Becker Award, an accolade voted on by the faculty of the Agricultural Department. This prestigious award recognizes a student who demonstrates exceptional involvement within the department, embodying the grit, energy, and resilience that Cliff Becker exemplified during his time as a student; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bierman's passion for agriculture is rooted in his upbringing on and around his family's farm in southern Illinois, where he continues to contribute alongside his grandparents, parents, and brothers. Mr. Bierman has accepted a position with South Central FS as a Retail Salesman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bierman has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the mission of Western Illinois University and to the success of his peers through leadership, service, and academic achievement;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees joins the president in expressing heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Mr. James Bierman for his outstanding service, leadership, and advocacy on behalf of students of Western Illinois University, and for his continued contributions to the University, the Board of Trustees, and the state of Illinois.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/2 -- Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Spending Plan

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Western Illinois University prepares a preliminary spending plan prior to July 1 for State Appropriated, University Income, Auxiliary and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature and the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, this spending plan seeks Board of Trustees approval prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, this spending plan reflects Western's tradition of strong, conservative fiscal management and resource allocation to support goals and priorities stated in *Higher Values in Higher Education* and Western Illinois University's *Mission Statement*:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2027 spending plan as presented in the FY2027 spending plan document, and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

The *Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Spending Plan* for State Appropriated, University Income, Auxiliary and All Other Funds is displayed in the table below.

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non- Appropriated Funds	Total
Personnel Services	\$ 56,371,800	\$ 11,628,200	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 89,200,000
FICA/Medicare/Fringe	800,000	3,700,000	145,000	2,545,000	7,190,000
Contractual Services	-	10,105,200	13,000,000	14,000,000	37,105,200
Travel	-	200,000	1,000	1,800,000	2,001,000
Commodities	-	550,000	280,000	1,600,000	2,430,000
Equipment	-	1,100,000	130,000	1,000,000	2,230,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	9,000,000	1,000,000	17,000,000	27,000,000
Telecommunication Services	-	75,000	-	175,000	250,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	175,000	60,000	250,000	485,000
Permanent Improvements	-	75,000	100,000	575,000	750,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	25,000	1,969,800
Other	-	975,000	6,514,000	4,000,000	11,489,000
Total FY2027 Operating Budget	\$ 59,116,600	\$ 37,583,400	\$ 29,430,000	\$ 55,970,000	\$ 182,100,000

As of June 1, 2026, the Illinois General Assembly passed an operating bill for Illinois higher education. Therefore, the University’s FY27 preliminary spending plan for state appropriated funds is presented at passed appropriation of \$59,116,600. This is a 1% increase from FY26 state appropriated funds.

The Fiscal Year 2027 All-Funds Operating Budget for Western Illinois University will be presented to the Board of Trustees in September 2026. This budget will include income projections based on fall enrollment figures. Historical All-Funds Operating Budgets for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 are provided in the tables below.

Table 2
Western Illinois University
Fiscal Year 2024 Through 2026 All-Funds Budget

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

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/3 -- Tenure Recommendations for 2026 — 2027

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the attached tenure recommendations are in accordance with Article 20 of the 2023-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with UPI Local 4100 and applicable Board Regulations:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves, as presented, the tenure recommendations for 2025-2026.

TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS – June 2026, BOT Meeting

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Mr. Whitney Ashe, Associate Professor, School of Music

Dr. Natalie Landowski, Associate Professor, School of Music

Mr. Donald J. Laney, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

Dr. Angi L. Martin-Prudent, Associate Professor, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Dr. Nicholas E. Miguel, Associate Professor, School of Music

Ms. Lisa M. Wipperling, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Leigh A. Fisler, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

College of Education & Human Services

Dr. Jiyoung Park, Associate Professor, Department of Recreation, Park and Hospitality

Dr. Monica Rouse, Associate Professor, School of Education

Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Associate Professor, School of Education

Office of the Provost

Dr. Patricia A. Vandermeulen-Walton, School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration

Administrators

Dr. Anne M. Lefter, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

NEGATIVE TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

No candidates listed.

12 candidates recommended

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/4 -- Election of Trustee to Serve on State Universities Civil Service Merit Board

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the State Universities Civil Service Act (110 ILCS 70) established a State Universities Civil Service System under the control of a Board known as the University Civil Service Merit Board (hereafter referred to as the Merit Board); and

WHEREAS, the State Universities Civil Service Act (110 ILCS 70/36c) states that:

“The Merit Board shall be composed of 11 members, ... one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University”; and

WHEREAS, the State Universities Civil Service Act (110 ILCS 70/36c) further states:

“The members of the Merit Board shall be elected by the respective Boards in which they hold membership and they shall serve at the pleasure of the electing Boards”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section IX.F., states:

“Representatives of the Board to serve on other boards, commissions, and similar bodies shall be designated as required by statute”

THEREFORE, be it resolved that _____ was elected at the June 16, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees to serve as the representative of Western Illinois University to the Merit Board.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/5 -- Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2026 —
June 30, 2027

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Western Illinois University Law, 110 ILCS 690/35-25, states:

“Members of the Board shall elect annually by secret ballot from their own number a chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Board and a secretary”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section VII.A.1., further states: and

A Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who shall be voting members of the Board. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected annually by secret ballot by a majority of the voting members of the Board then serving and shall hold office until their successors are elected. Trustees who are elected to serve as the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary may be elected to those positions for one successive term, after which an intervening term must occur before re-election to the same officer position. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary may be removed from office during a term by the affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the Board then serving. Vacancies in these offices shall be filled by election for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(History of Officers of the Board Attached)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at its July 25, 1997, meeting, agreed to elect officers in conjunction with the fiscal year; and the Western Illinois University fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the individuals elected at the June 16, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees shall serve as the officers of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for the period July 1, 2026—June 30, 2027.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HISTORY - OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

January, 1 – June 30, 1996

Chair	Gretchen Winter
Vice Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough

July 1, 1996 – June 30, 1997

Chair	Gretchen Winter
Vice Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough

July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

July 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001

Chair	Carolyn J. Ehlert
Vice Chair	Dexter Yarbrough (until 1/15/01; no Vice Chair 1/15/01 – 6/30/01)
Secretary	J. Michael Houston
Member At Large	George J. Guzzardo

July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

Chair	Carolyn J. Ehlert
Vice Chair	Zack Stamp
Secretary	J. Michael Houston

July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Chair	Zack Stamp
Vice Chair	J. Michael Houston
Secretary	Dace Richardson

July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Chair Zack Stamp (until 1/16/04)
J. Michael Houston (1/16/04 – 6/30/04)
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston (until 1/16/04/04; then became Chair)
Dace E. Richardson (3/5/04 – 6/30/04)
Secretary Dace E. Richardson (until 3/5/04; then became Vice Chair)
Trish K. Hammond (3/5/04 – 6/30/04)

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

Chair J. Michael Houston
Vice Chair Dace E. Richardson
Secretary William L. “Bill” Epperly

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Chair J. Michael Houston
Vice Chair Dace E. Richardson (until 11/3/05; no Vice Chair 11/4/05 – 6/30/06)
Secretary Bill Epperly

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Chair Bill Epperly
Vice Chair Steven L. Nelson
Secretary Robert J. Cook

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Chair Bill Epperly
Vice Chair Steven L. Nelson
Secretary Robert J. Cook (deceased 5/22/08)

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Chair Steven L. Nelson
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston
Secretary Donald W. “Bill” Griffin

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Chair Steven L. Nelson
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston
Secretary Bill Griffin

July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

Chair J. Michael Houston
Vice Chair Carolyn J. Ehlert Fuller
Secretary Bill Epperly

October 1, 2011 – October 24, 2011

Chair Carolyn J. Ehlert Fuller
Vice Chair Bill Epperly
Secretary Steven L. Nelson

October 25, 2011 – December 16, 2011

Acting Chair Bill Epperly
Acting Secretary Bill Griffin

December 17, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Chair Bill Epperly
Vice Chair Mike Houston
Secretary Bill Griffin

July 1, 2012 – February 24, 2013

Chair Bill Epperly
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller
Secretary Bill Griffin

February 25, 2013 – June 30, 2013

Chair Bill Epperly
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller
Acting Secretary Cathy Early

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Chair Cathy Early
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller
Secretary Lyneir Cole

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Chair Cathy Early
Vice Chair Roger Clawson
Secretary Phil Hare

July 1, 2015 – February 21, 2016

Chair Roger Clawson
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala
Secretary Phil Hare (until 02/22/16; no Secretary until 02/24/16)

February 24, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Chair Roger Clawson
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala
Acting Secretary Michael Quigley

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Chair Cathy Early
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala
Secretary Roger Clawson

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Chair Cathy Early
Vice Chair Steve Nelson (until 06/11/18; no Vice-Chair until 06/30/18)
Secretary Roger Clawson

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala
Secretary Todd Lester

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Chair Polly Radosh
Vice Chair Nick Padgett (until 10/04/19 replaced by Doug Shaw)
Secretary Justin Brown (until 10/04/19 replaced by Jackie Thompson)

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Chair Polly Radosh
Vice Chair Doug Shaw
Secretary Justin Brown

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Chair Doug Shaw
Vice Chair Erik Dolieslager
Secretary Kisha Lang

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Chair Doug Shaw
Vice Chair Erik Dolieslager
Secretary Kisha Lang

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Chair Carin Stutz
Vice Chair Greg Aguilar (until 09/25/03; 10/13/23 replaced by Polly Radosh)
Secretary Cody Cornell

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Chair Carin Stutz
Vice Chair Polly Radosh
Secretary Cody Cornell

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Chair Polly Radosh
Vice Chair Carin Stutz
Secretary Erika Lowe Mullins

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/6 -- Purchases of \$500,000 and Over

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Western Illinois University has a need for waste removal for the Macomb campus; and,

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned project has been administered in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code and all other pertinent statutes and rules;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the contracting for

Waste Removal

ITEM DESCRIPTION:	Provide trash pick-up and disposal service for Western Illinois University's Macomb campus for the period of July 1, 2026– June 30, 2028 with the option to renew for two additional 2-year periods.	
COST:	FY27-FY28 initial agreement w/5% annual increase	estimated \$393,178.40
	FY29-FY32 optional renewals w/5% annual increase	<u>estimated \$913,618.12</u>
	Potential 6-year total:	\$1,306,796.52
RECOMMENDED VENDOR:	Waste Management	
BID SUMMARY:	Waste Management	\$1,306,796.52
	GFL Environmental	\$2,228,106.79
FUND SOURCE:	Local	

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/7 -- UPI, Local 4100, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO ProTech –
2026-2028 Bargaining Agreement

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Western Illinois University Board of Trustees must approve collective bargaining agreements prior to implementation; and,

WHEREAS, an agreement was reached on June 11, 2026, and was ratified on June 15, 2026, by the UPI, Local 4100, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO – ProTech:

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

UPI, Local 4100, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO - ProTech

An agreement was previously reached on June 11, 2026, and was ratified on June 15, 2026, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, with the UPI, Local 4100, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO. The UPI ProTech now represents approximately 78 employees.

The parties agreed to the following changes:

Section 1. Wage Settlement

Effective July 1, 2026, every employee covered by this contract shall receive a \$0.75 wage increase.

Effective July 1, 2027, every employee covered by this contract shall receive a 2% wage increase.

Section 3. Minimum Salary

The university will pay employees covered by this contract at least the minimum salary for their classification/title.

Grade	Classification/Title	Salary Minimum 7-1-25	Salary Minimum 7-1-27
1	Admissions/Records Assistant	\$30,285	\$33,144
2	Admissions/Records Representative	\$33,313	\$35,000
3	Admissions/Records Officer	\$36,645	\$39,694
4	Admissions/Records Coordinator Broadcast Engineer Information Technology Support Associate Senior Photographer Technical Director Television Production Coordinator	\$40,309	\$43,468
5	Information Technology Technical Associate Radio Station Production Supervisor Television Director and Producer	\$44,340	\$47,620
6	Chief Broadcasting Engineer	\$47,714	\$51,095

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2026

Resolution No. 26.6/8 -- Approval of the WIU Chapter of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 (UPI) 2026-2028 Bargaining Agreement

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must approve collective bargaining agreements prior to implementation; and

WHEREAS, an agreement was reached on June 8, 2026, and is scheduled for ratification by the WIU Chapter of University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) on June 12, 2026,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees hereby approves the agreement as presented, subject to the aforementioned ratification by UPI.

2026-2028 WIU/UPI Tentative Agreement

- **Basic Salary Increases**. To include an \$1,800 increase to base salary and salary minima lanes for all bargaining unit employees (Units A and B) for the 2026-2027 academic year and 2% increases to base salary for the 2027-2028 academic year.
- **Summer Session Compensation**. Modification of summer compensation -- from a variable 85% of salary dependent upon the rotation assignment -- to a fixed and predicable amount per ACE, with the first 3-4 ACEs paid at a multiple of the standard overload rate, depending on whether the assignment is teaching or non-teaching.
- **Retirement Incentive**. Removal of retirement incentive language. The University will honor under the prior contract language any irrevocable election to retire (IER) elections made by September 1, 2026.
- **Training**. Joint commitment to twice-annual supervisor and administrator training, including on allowed flexible work arrangements and assignment of duties for academic support professionals.
- **Provost's Travel Awards**. University's commitment to increase the allowed maximum per award to at least \$1,000 to allow for more-meaningful participation in and utilization of professional development opportunities.

- Job Assignments. University's commitment to, whenever reasonably possible, not assign ASP or LOA primary duties to administrators or others outside of the job title and not assign teaching duties to administrators (apart from the existing responsibility of limited administrator instruction during Fall/Spring).
- Academic Freedom. Joint recommitment to the concept of academic freedom.
- Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU). Incorporation of still-relevant MOAs and MOUs into the agreement, including clarification of the amount of permissible voluntary and involuntary assignments.
- Rebuild. Joint commitment to continue to meet to reach agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding that addresses the reorganization to two colleges, and to revise current contract language to reflect removal of chair, department, and department personnel committee structures.
- Bargaining Unit Inclusion. The position of Associate Librarian will be included as part of the bargaining unit, and joint commitment to continue to meet and discuss clarifications to the makeup of the bargaining unit and a potential modification of the one year waiting period for full-time covered employees.