

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS**

**April 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on April 21, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Ms. Joyce Madigan, Chair, presided.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called:

Ms. Baurer	Present
Ms. Edwards	Present
Ms. Everett	Present
Mr. Hicks	Present
Ms. Madigan	Present
Mr. Mellott	Present

Also present were the following:

Dr. David Glassman, President  
Mr. Matt Bierman, Vice President for Business Affairs  
Dr. Jay Gatrell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Anne Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Ken Wetstein, Vice President of University Advancement and Foundation Executive Officer  
Mr. Paul McCann, Director of Business Services and Treasurer  
Mr. Austin Hill, General Counsel  
Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Executive Session**

Mr. Mellott moved that the Board of Trustees convene into Executive Session to consider employment of employees, as permitted by Section 2.C.1 of the Open Meetings Act and collective negotiating matters, as permitted by Section 2.C.2 of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Ms. Edwards moved to return to Open Session. Mr. Mellott seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

## **Report from Board Chair**

Chair Madigan welcomed the Trustees and all others to the Board meeting. Chair Madigan thanked Mr. Joe Dively for his service on the Board and to the University, and welcomed Ms. Julie Everett, our new trustee from Effingham. She also welcomed Mr. Austin Hill, General Counsel, who has been on campus for four days.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Executive/Planning Committee**

Trustee Madigan reported that Dr. Glassman and several members of the administration participated in the Senate Appropriation Hearing and the House Appropriation Hearing. Hopefully, there will be an increase in budgets for higher education. Mr. Josh Norman provided an update on Enrollment Management which included: development of a program for non-traditional students; keeping our students here; and an agreement with LLCC for students who dropped out of Eastern can once again re-enroll at EIU. The enrollment numbers for FA23 are positive.

Chair Madigan also announced the trustees who will chair the Board committees: Trustee Madigan will chair the Executive/Planning Committee; Trustee Everett will chair the Finance and Audit Committee; Trustee Edwards will chair the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee; Trustee Hicks will chair the University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee, and Trustee Baurer will serve on the Civil Service Merit Board.

### **Finance and Audit Committee**

Trustee Baurer thanked Mr. Paul McCann for his years of service to the Board and to the University. Mr. McCann discussed in detail the Line Item Status Report as of February 28, 2023. Mr. Matt Bierman discussed the purchase approvals for Printing Services, Group Insurance Reimbursement, and Telephone Service Agreement. These purchase approvals will be on the agenda this afternoon as action items. Mr. McCann discussed the student fee changes. Also discussed was the 30-Year Water Tower Lease and the U of I Illinois Fire Institute which trains cadets throughout the country.

### **Board Regulations – No report**

### **Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee**

Trustee Edwards reported that Provost Gatrell provided a Strategic Plan Update. He noted that ten faculty are up for tenure effective with the 2023-2024 academic year. The Tenure Recommendations are on the agenda this afternoon as an action item.

Dr. Flaherty provided an update on the Student Affairs Strategic Plan and discussed the Sarah Bush Lincoln Medical Transition. She also reported on the dining updates that will be taking place and reported that Qdoba will be coming to campus soon.

### **University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee**

Trustee Hicks reported that Dr. Ken Wetstein provided an update on the number of donors and the amount of gifts received in FY23 through 3/31/23. Donor count is an area of concern (still down 15% over prior year), but gifts of more than \$3.8 million puts the University on track to receipt more than \$4.5 million by the end of the fiscal year. VPUA Wetstein also discussed Annual Fund performance and the upcoming EIU Giving Day.

Dr. Wetstein provided updates from Alumni Services area. Topics discussed included: a review of upcoming Alumni events across Illinois during the summer months; current membership levels in the Alumni Association (more than 3,000 active members); details on the upcoming Commencement exercises slated for May 6, 2023; and an update on the Oral History project underway with EIU's Alumni base.

Dr. Wetstein shared a report from the EIU Foundation, including information from the Foundation's FY22 Audit and a summary of Planned Giving performance in FY23.

### **Action Items**

- A. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2023 meeting, and the minutes of the Special Virtual Board Meetings on January 28, January 30, and February 3, 2023. Mr. Mellott seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried
- B-1. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the purchase of Printing Services from Fineline Printing Group, Indianapolis, IN at a cost not to exceed \$350,000.00. Fineline Printing Group is a 100% self-performing certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Mellott	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

- B-2. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the Group Insurance Reimbursement. Eastern's prorated share of the shortfall, determined by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, is \$1,713,300 to be paid in four installments of \$428,325. The sources of funds are Appropriated and Local Funds. This purchase is mandated by the State of Illinois, and no BEP goal was established for this purchase. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Mellott	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

B-3. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the Telephone Service Agreement for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This is a one-year contract period with no options to renew. The cost is not to exceed \$350,000.00 and the service is from Consolidated Communication, Inc. It is a sole source vendor and the fund source is Appropriated, Income and Local Funds. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Mellott	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

C. Ms. Edwards moved to award tenure to the following individuals effective with the 2023-2024 academic year:

Dr. Jennifer Buchter, Assistant Professor, Department of Special Education  
Dr. Ryan Burge, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Dr. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health and Nutrition  
Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Music  
Dr. Alexis Jones, Assistant Professor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Foundations  
Dr. Sanghoon Kang, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences  
Dr. Robert Klein, Professor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Foundations  
Dr. Abidalrahman Moh'd, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science  
Dr. Julie Park, Assistant Professor, Department of Music  
Dr. Anne Walk, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried. The Student Trustee, Mr. Connor Mellott, did not vote.

D. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the Tuition Recommendation for 2023-2024. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

### **2023-2024 Tuition Recommendations**

#### **\Proposed FY24 Tuition (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024)**

<b>Undergraduate</b> - A student who has not earned the baccalaureate degree will pay the following tuition:
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**Illinois Resident**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>
FY24 New Students – Per Semester Hour		\$330.10	\$6.47
Continuing, Non-guaranteed Students – Per Semester Hour	\$315.74	\$323.63	\$7.89

Effective FY05, state law (110 ILCS 665/10-120) provides that tuition for new undergraduate Illinois resident students will remain the same for four continuous academic years. The guaranteed tuition rate period is extended for undergraduate degree programs approved by the University for completion in more than four years. The extension is limited to the minimum number of additional semester(s) to complete the program as approved by the University. This list of programs approved by the University for completion in more than four years is maintained by the Provost. In addition, state law limits the tuition increase applied in a continuing resident undergraduate student’s fifth and sixth years. Continuing, non-guaranteed students are charged the guaranteed student rate for first fiscal year prior to the current year.

Previous Resident Rates:

FY23 Guaranteed Students – Per Semester Hour	\$323.63
FY22 Guaranteed Students – Per Semester Hour	\$315.74
FY21 Guaranteed Students – Per Semester Hour	\$308.04
FY20 Guaranteed Students – Per Semester Hour	\$302.00
FY19 Guaranteed Students – Per Semester Hour	\$296.00

**Non-Resident**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>
FY24 New Students – Per Semester Hour		\$412.63	\$8.09
Continuing Students – Per Semester Hour	\$394.68	\$404.54	\$9.86

Previous Non-Resident Rates:

FY23 Students – Per Semester Hour	\$404.54
FY22 Students – Per Semester Hour	\$394.68
FY21 Students – Per Semester Hour	\$385.05
FY20 Students – Per Semester Hour	\$378.00
FY19 Students – Per Semester Hour	\$370.00

**Note**—Even with the increases in tuition noted above, EIU remains the school with the lowest total attendance cost (tuition and mandatory fees) in the State of Illinois.

**Graduate** - A post-baccalaureate student will pay the following tuition (regardless of the level of courses in which he/she enrolls):

**Illinois Resident**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>
<b>Per Semester Hour</b>	\$329.26	\$335.85	\$6.59

**Non-Resident**

<b>Per Semester Hour</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>
	\$790.22	\$806.04	\$15.82

- E. Mr. Hicks moved to approve the Housing/dining Recommendations for FY24. The recommended increase for the Residence Halls, Greek Court, and University Apartments is 4.5%. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- F. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the proposed student fee adjustments. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>
Union Operating Fee	\$27.86	\$23.40	(\$4.46)
Athletic Fee	14.47	16.60	2.13
Lantz/O'Brien	9.78	10.68	.90
Student Recreation Operations Fee	6.79	8.04	1.25
Grant-in-Aid	18.97	21.82	2.85
Campus Improvement Fee	14.75	16.23	1.48

- G. Mr. Hicks moved to approve the 30-year lease agreement made and entered into as of July 1, 2023 by and between the Board of Trustees and the City of Charleston for the use of The University's water tower. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- H. Mr. Austin Hill conducted the election of officers for the Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 term.

Ms. Baurer nominated Ms. Madigan for Chairperson. Ms. Madigan was elected Chairperson by secret ballot.

Ms. Baurer nominated Mr. Hicks for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Hicks was elected Vice Chairperson by secret ballot.

Ms. Baurer nominated Ms. Edwards for Secretary. Ms. Edwards was elected Secretary by secret ballot.

Mr. Hicks nominated Ms. Baurer for Member Pro Tem. Ms. Baurer was elected Member Pro Tem by secret ballot.

Mr. Hicks nominated Mr. Michael Hutchinson for Treasurer. This is a continuous appointment. Mr. Hutchinson was elected Treasurer by secret ballot.

## **Information Items (Continued)**

### **President's Report**

Dr. Glassman announced that following the Board Meeting there will be a dedication and celebration of the Gail and Richard Lumpkin School of Nursing at the Ninth Street Hall. The School of Nursing just graduated its first class of seven nurses. In the future the number of graduates will increase to 40-50. The Lumpkin children, Ben and Bess, will attend the dedication this afternoon.

### **Reports from Constituencies**

Faculty Senate – Dr. Jeff Stowell reported that Tom Michael, Athletic Director, met with Faculty Senate on April 4, and the Senate established the committees for the coming academic year. The Executive Committee will remain the same next year – Todd Bruns, Jeff Stowell, and Nichole Mulvey.

Student Government – Ms. Lucy Ade gave a brief report. Student Government has six new RSOs. The Student Action Team traveled to Springfield on April 19 and had a productive day. Student Government is delaying its election of officers until the fall, specifically the last day of August so the election is completed by the September Board meeting.

### **Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,000 and Exempt Purchases**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Purchase</u></b>	<b><u>Bids</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Dell Marketing	Computer hardware for Klehm Hall Room 3135 upgrade	(A)	\$114,019.36

(A) IPHEC Contract #185GAL

### **FY 2023 Deposit and Investment Report**

For the quarter ending March 31, 2023, the University had an average daily invested cash balance of \$102,341,469.15 and a net average daily balance of \$104,014,482.54. The annualized average yield was 4.43 percent. The market value of the university's endowment portfolio as of March 31, 2023 was \$8,416,396.38. In addition, the university's Buckler Farm had a total market value of \$3,999,488.60 as of March 31, 2023.

### **University Highlights**

University Highlights were provided as well as spotlight events around campus, student/faculty/staff/alumni honors and achievements, athletic events and honors.

**Other Matters** – None

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned.