

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

September 8, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on September 8, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the Witters Conference Room 4440 in Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Ms. Joyce Madigan, Chair, presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

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

Also present were the following:

Dr. Jay Gatrell, President
Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Matt Bierman, Vice President for Business Affairs
Dr. Anne Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Josh Norman, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mr. Mike Hutchinson, 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

Ms. Everett moved the Board of Trustees convene into Executive Session to consider employment of employees, as permitted by Section 2c(1) of the Open Meetings Act, and collective negotiating matters, as permitted by Section 2c(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

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

The Board of Trustees reconvened after lunch in the Grand Ballroom for the remainder of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Information Items

Report from Board Chair

Chair Madigan welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Mr. August Biernbaum, the Student Trustee through June 30, 2024.

Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Dr. Gatrell provided an update on Springfield. He briefly discussed the Formula Funding. Mr. Josh Norman provided an update on Enrollment Management. There was an Open House on campus during Homecoming with over 700 individuals attending a picnic on the Library Quad and many of them attending the football game at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. Mr. Norman also noted that the applications for FA 2024 are up. There was a discussion of the proposed Board Regulation revision on the agenda this afternoon. Dr. Gatrell provided an update on the three searches currently underway – VP for University Advancement, Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer, and the Internal Auditor.

Finance/Audit Committee

VP Bierman discussed the purchase approvals on the agenda this afternoon as action items. He reported that the FY 2023 budget is close to completion, the FY 2024 budget is on the agenda this afternoon as an action item, and the FY 2025 budget is in the process of being prepared. VP Bierman also discussed Facilities and Planning projects which included in part: LED lighting in Lantz, Turf, President's Office, McAfee, and Landscaping.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Gatrell introduced the new Library Dean, Mr. Brian Keith, who moved here from Florida and began his employment at EIU on July 1, 2023. Dr. Gatrell also discussed the OISS Study Abroad Program. An additional person has been hired for the office. International students need to be encouraged to participate in campus events. International students should better advised before they arrive on campus.

Dr. Flaherty discussed the dining update on campus. Qdoba is a new vendor in the food court and is a Mexican option. Taylor Dining is the only dining option on the South Quad with hours of 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Mr. Jody Stone, Dean of Students, will chair the Greek Life Taskforce. The taskforce will initiate its work on September 11, 2023. The goal of the taskforce is to revitalize Greek-letter organizations, as well as increase the overall percentage of undergraduate students who are members of these organizations. We will be asking that the taskforce provide the University with five to six concrete recommendations that can be implemented over the next three to five years to reach the goal of growing fraternity and sorority life at EIU, as well as providing resources and strategies that will enable all students an opportunity to participate.

University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee

Ms. Amber May gave a fundraising report. As of August 22, 2023, 607 gifts were received totaling \$477,062.40. She reported that the Foundation Campaign Consultant Review committee has reviewed proposals for a readiness assessment and identified three finalist firms. The next Foundation board meeting is Friday, October 6. The Foundation will host Tribute on Homecoming weekend. At this event, Gerald and Martha Drake will be posthumously recognized for their estate gift exceeding 2 million dollars that will support scholarships to deserving EIU students in two academic areas.

The Alumni Association welcomed three new board members in July: Tim Butler, Robin Garcia, and Laura Severson. The next meeting will be October 6. The Alumni Association is beginning to re-design the Alumni Lounge outside the Grand Ballroom. The new design will include new signage and touch screen TVs to display alumni award recipients.

Over the summer, the EIU Alumni Association hosted eight events with more than 675 alumni in attendance!

Board Regulations – No report.

Action Items

1. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on June 23, 2023 and the Board Retreat on June 24, 2023. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
2. Ms. Baurer moved to review and complete the Ohio Valley Conference Governing Board Certification Form for Academic Year 2023-24. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
3. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the purchase of Conference Dues and Associated Fees for Arbiter System at a total not to exceed \$325,500.00. This purchase is Exempt from a BEP Goal per 30 ILCS500/1-13(b)(4). The fund source is Appropriated Funds. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

4. Ms. Everett moved to approve the purchase of Fuel and Gasoline at a cost not to exceed \$350,000 from South Central FS Inc., Effingham, IL. The fund source is Appropriated, Local, and Revenue Bond 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
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

- Ms. Edwards moved to approve the Student Recreation Center Drainage Project at a requested amount of \$1,700,000.00. The Fund source is Campus Projects Reserve. 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
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

- Proposed revision to Board of Trustee Regulations §H.B.4, Reassignment, Nonrenewal, and Termination was included in the Board Report as a First Reading.
- Multi-year Contracts – Intercollegiate Athletics

Ms. Edwards moved to approve the following multi-year contracts which include diversity and anti-hazing language:

James Gildon, Director of Track and Field, at an annual salary of \$85,0010 for the period of September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026.

Sara Thomas, Head Volleyball/Beach Volleyball Coach, at an annual salary of \$65,707.56 for the period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

Dirk Bennett, Head Women’s Soccer Coach, at an annual salary of \$50,378.04 for the period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

Matt Bollant, Head Women’s Basketball Coach, extending his contract for two years, April 14, 2025 through April 13, 2027. With an annual salary of \$122,521.44.

Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

- Ms. Edwards moved to approve the FY2024 budget and the budget projection used in the IBHE submission for FY 2025. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

9. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the Plumbers and Steamfitter Local No. 149, Contract Renewal and Successor Agreement. Local 149 members unanimously ratified the terms of the agreement during the week of July 31, 2023. The agreement is effective June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

President’s Report

Dr. Gatrell introduced Dr. Shawn Peoples who presented the Title IX Overview.

In the overview, the Title IX covers areas such as access to higher education, athletics, education for pregnant and parenting students, sexual harassment and sexual assault. The university Title IX coordinator, Dr. Shawn Peoples, outlined how Title IX of the education amendment of 1972 has banned sex discrimination. The overview focuses on gender equity in athletics by providing effective accommodation of interest and abilities, financial aid, scheduling, traveling, coaching and medical. This overview also gave information about sexual harassment/relationship and interpersonal violence, EIU complaint procedures, disciplinary procedures, reporting requirements, training/educational information, awareness, prevention, and resources.

Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Mr. Todd Bruns reported on the past activities of Faculty Senate as well as activities planned for the future. Vice President Josh Norman and Assistant Dean Andy Kabasele are scheduled to be guest speakers at the November 7 Faculty Senate meeting.

Staff Senate – No report.

Student Government – Ms. Kuzek informed the Board of the Student Government officers: Ms. Nidhi Patel, Student Body President; Mr. August Biernbaum, Executive Vice President; Ms. Brianna Hull Dennis, VP for Student Affairs, and Mr. Carlos Rodriguez, VP for Academic Affairs. Student Government Platforms/Goals include: Working to increase SG programs and legislation (each senator authoring at least 2 bills/resolutions); Increased interactions and collaborations with other EIU RSOs, Athletics and Charleston Community to enhance student knowledge of SG on and off campus; Working to increase EIU student involvement with and within SG, through enhancing the SG brand and events marketing; Working to increase SG representation, accessibility and visibility (social media) within the EIU Student Body; and Working to increase the quality and accountability of SG leaders within the EIU student body and community.

Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dell	Microsoft 365 Subscription	(A)	\$131,271.91
Public Broadcasting Service	WEIU Membership	(B)	\$210,000.00
Mythics	Oracle License	(C)	\$151,993.38
Core Construction	O’Brien Stadium Concrete	(D)	\$101,264.55
SHI International Corp	Adobe Creative Suite	(E)	\$107,903.40
Mesirow Insurance	Property & Miscellaneous Insurance	(F)	\$718,557.00

- (A) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (B) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (C) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1807; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (D) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (E) IPHEC Contract #RM071017; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (F) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2101; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

FY 2022 Deposit and Investment Report

For the quarter ending June 30, 2023: Operating Funds Investment Performance – The University had an average daily investment balance of \$101,207,728.98 and a net average daily balance of \$100,219,454.45. The annualized average yield was 5.05 percent. Endowment Funds Investment Performance – The Portfolio Market Value as of June 30, 2023 was \$8,416,396.38. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023: Operating Funds Investment Performance – The University had an average daily investment balance of \$92,871,368.73 and a net average daily balance of \$91,653,532.77. The annualized average yield was 0.29 percent.

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.