

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

November 12, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on November 12, 2021 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:

Mr. Ade	Present
Ms. Baurer	Absent
Mr. Dively	Present
Dr. Edwards	Present
Mr. Hicks	Present
Ms. Madigan	Present
Mr. Ruhaak	Absent
Dr. Thompson	Present

Also present were the following:

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

Executive Session

Mr. Ade moved that the Board of Trustees convene in Executive Session to consider executive session minutes, employment of employees, student disciplinary matters, and collective negotiating matters as permitted by Section 2(c)1, 2, 9 and 21 of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

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

Information Items

Report from Board Chair

Chair Madigan welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee – Chair Madigan reported that Dr. Glassman gave a Springfield update. There are three bills that EIU is watching. Josh Norman provided an Enrollment Management update. Laura McLaughlin discussed briefly the proposed revision to Board Regulation II.7.3. The proposed revision will be an action item later in the meeting. There will be an action item this afternoon to extend Dr. Glassman’s contract by one year and one month. Trustees Payton and Madigan discussed briefly the Trustee training held in October. Dr. Glassman provided an update of the Internal Auditor Search.

Finance/Audit Committee – Mr. Hicks reported that the Finance Committee received a FY22 Budget YTD report and a report from the IBHE Budget Meeting. Mr. Reeder gave a Facilities update and discussed the purchase approvals that are action items on the agenda this afternoon. Mr. McCann discussed the Income Producing Grants and Contractions and the Tuition Waivers.

Board Regulations – No report

Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Provost Gatrell provided information on New Program Enrollment, APEER Report, and the MOU Update.

VP Flaherty discussed the National First-Generation College Celebration, the Chief of Police Search and an update on COVID-19. Dr. Flaherty discussed briefly the Doug DiBianco Gender inclusive Community and the Food Pantry. Both of these topics will be on the agenda this afternoon as part of the President’s Report.

University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee – VP Wetstein gave a fundraising update – FY22 thru 9/30/21. H also provided an Alumni Association Report and an EIU Foundation Report. A recommendation to award an honorary degree to Mr. Carl Mito will be on the agenda this afternoon as an action item. If approved, the degree will be awarded at the Spring Commencement. VP Wetstein spoke briefly about the plans for a Comprehensive Campaign.

Action Items

- A. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on September 10, 2021. Mr. Ade seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- B. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Executive Session minutes and accept the recommendation of board counsel to maintain the confidentiality as to all parts of the minutes for June 27, 2020, January 22, 2021, April 23, 2021, June 25, 2021 and release the records of executive sessions for November 13, 2020, July 15, 2021 and September 10, 2021. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- C. Mr. Dively moved to approve issuance of a contract with Blue Rose Capital Advisors, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00 (including the option period) to provide bond advisory services to the University. The contract has an initial term of November 15, 2021 through June 30 2026, with the University's option to renew for one additional five-year period. Fund source is Income, Local or Revenue Bond Funds depending on the use of the funds raised. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Ade	Yes
Mr. Dively	Yes
Dr. Edwards	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Dr. Thompson	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

- D. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the repair of the Booth Library Steps at a cost not to exceed \$261,800 from Grunloh Construction, Effingham, IL. Grunloh Construction did not meet the 20% BEP goal, but achieved 1.3% with a \$3,152 BEP spend. Grunloh did submit an acceptable Good Faith Effort log with the bid. The Fund source is Grant and Local funds. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Ade	Yes
Mr. Dively	Yes
Dr. Edwards	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Dr. Thompson	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

- E. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the purchase of Trash Collection and Disposal Services at a cost not to exceed \$1,359,620.00 from Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest, L.L.C., Charleston, IL. There are no BEP vendors in our area providing trash removal and disposal services. The Fund source is Appropriated and Local Funds. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Ade	Yes
Mr. Dively	Yes
Dr. Edwards	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes

Dr. Thompson Yes
Ms. Madigan Yes

Motion carried.

- F. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Media Production and Newsroom Management System (Revised) from Conference Technologies Inc. at a cost of \$695,658.78. WEIU is requesting approval for the replacement of the current production system. There were no available BEP vendors for this purchase. The source of funds were Grant funds. Mr. Dively seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Ade Yes
Mr. Dively Yes
Dr. Edwards Yes
Mr. Hicks Yes
Dr. Thompson Yes
Ms. Madigan Yes

Motion carried.

- G. Second reading of proposed revision to Board of Trustees Regulations, II.7.e., Holidays. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the proposed revision to include Juneteenth. Mr. Ade seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- H. Mr. Thompson moved to approve an extension of the President's contract by one year and one month (June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). No changes to compensation and benefits are being contemplated. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Ade No
Mr. Dively Yes
Dr. Edwards Yes
Mr. Hicks Yes
Dr. Thompson Yes
Ms. Madigan Yes

Motion carried.

- I. Mr. Dively moved to bestow an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on Mr. Carl Mito (EIU '72). Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Information Items

President's Report

Doug Dibianco Living Learning Community

Dr. Tanya Willard, Izzy Hernandez, and Ian Stobaugh presented on the praises received by students living in the Doug Dibianco Living Learning Community. This gender inclusive community allows queer students to feel accepted and welcome by those around them. For many, this community was a large reason why they chose to continue their education at EIU. Having a gender inclusive community has been beneficial for residents to make new friends and to seek out help from peers who share similar experiences.

EIU Campus Food Pantry

Dr. Michael Gillespie, Beth Gillespie, and Crystal Brown presented on EIU's newly established campus food pantry. From 2017 to 2020, there has been an average of 39.05% of EIU students classified as food insecure. This is not only concerning for their health, but food insecurity is also associated with significantly lower academic engagement compared to food secure students. Students who wish to visit the Campus Food Pantry are eligible to return twice a month and are given enough food for 9 meals. During the month of October, the pantry supplied meals to 252 students and had 82 volunteers. Expenditures to stock the pantry amount to \$6,014.59 to date. The Campus Food Pantry would not have been possible without support from the Alumni Association, donations of canned goods, and other funding sources in the campus and community.

Earned Degrees Report

In FY 2021, 1,875 degrees were awarded, a slight decrease from the previous year. Psychology was the largest undergraduate major, and Educational Leadership was the largest Master's Degree program. In FY 2021, minorities received 383 degrees, or 20% of the total degrees conferred. Eastern's 6-year graduation rate (IPEDS/NCAA methodology) is 51%.

Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Mr. Todd Bruns reported that the Senate met four times since the last Board meeting. Guest speakers included Dr. Anne Flaherty who discussed student stresses as related to COVID and distance learning, Dr. Brad Bennington who discussed prerequisites and shared a general overview of the Registrar's Office, and Mr. Josh Norman who provided detailed information regarding the status of student recruitment and ways faculty can participate. Other topics discussed at the Senate meetings included the IBHE "big picture" budget exercise, purchase of laptops with HERF funding, the Food Pantry, the opening of the new tutoring center, and the President's State of the University Address.

Mr. Paul Switzer was nominated and awarded the 2021 Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Steve Scher was appointed to the President's Naming Committee.

Staff Senate – No report.

Student Government – No report

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDW-Government Inc.	Computer Equipment	(A)	\$392,756.00
Office of Auditor General	Audit Expenses	(B)	\$206,664.00

(A) IPHEC Contract #2011; Exempt per V.B.1.d. of Board Regulations

(B) Required by State Law

FY 2021 Deposit and Investment Report

For the quarter ending September 30, 2021, the University had an average daily invested cash balance of \$59,408,195.91 and a net average daily balance of \$57,911,812.62. The annualized average yield was 0.04 percent. The market value of the university's endowment portfolio as of September 30, 2021 was, \$6,367,069.74. The portfolio had a -1.3 percent return for the quarter. In addition, the university's Buckler Farm had a total market value of \$2,865,076.96 as of September 30, 2021.

FY 2021 Income Producing Grants and Contracts

FY 2021 income producing contracts valued at \$10,000 or more totaled \$1,062,542 compared to income producing contracts valued at \$10,000 or more in FY 2020 totaling \$2,343,996. FY 2021 income producing grants and contracts valued at \$10,000 or less totaled \$119,947.

FY 2021 income producing grants and contracts for research and public service valued at \$10,000 or more totaled \$4,202,518. FY 2021 income producing grants and contracts for research and public service valued at \$10,000 or less totaled \$19,628.

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 at 2:25 p.m.