

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

**November 11, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on November 11, 2022 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
Mr. Dively	Present
Dr. Edwards	Present
Mr. Hicks	Present
Ms. Madigan	Present
Mr. Mellott	Present

The following were also present:

Dr. David Glassman, President  
Dr. Jay Gatrell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. Matt Bierman, 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. Mellott moved that the Board of Trustees convene in Executive Session to consider employment of employees, collective negotiating matters, and executive session minutes as permitted by Section 2(c) 1, 2, and 21 of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

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

## **Information Items**

### **Report from Board Chair**

Chair Madigan welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. The Trustees attended the Veterans' Ceremony in Old Main this morning and Chair Madigan said, "It was such an honor to be able to attend the ceremony." Chair Madigan reported that the Open House on campus today had a record attendance.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive/Planning Committee – Chair Madigan reported that the University affirmation with HLC is scheduled for 2024. The Council on University Planning and Budget (CUPB) will assume the responsibility of reviewing the University mission. Mission Review will be incorporated into the CUPB Bylaws and CUPB will approve the revised Bylaws in April. Trustee Training was held in October with five trustees and Dr. Glassman attending via Zoom. Each Trustee spoke briefly about the training and what the take-aways were for them. The committee received a very positive report from Enrollment Management. Spring admits are up at this time. An increase in enrollment is expected next fall.

Finance/Audit Committee – Ms. Baurer reported that the Trustees received a FY2023 Budget YTD report and a report from the IBHE Budget Meeting. The FY2024 proposed budget request has been increased from 5% to 8%. VP Bierman discussed the purchase approval item that is on the agenda as an action items for the Board meeting this afternoon. Mr. McCann discussed the Income Producing Grants and Contracts and Tuition Waivers.

Board Regulations – No report

Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Trustee Edwards reported that Provost Gatrell provided an update on the University Strategic Plan which is being more nimble.

VP Flaherty discussed the revised Student Affairs Strategic Plan. She also provided an updated SBL report. Currently SBL is providing Pharmacy services to Eastern and other services are in the planning phase. Dr. Flaherty provided a montage of Homecoming and Family Weekend activities.

University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee – VP Wetstein gave a Fundraising update – Donors are down 20% year over year, and gifts are up 18% year over year, with \$1.29MM. Alumni Relations – Commencement is set for December 17 with Ted Gregory, Pulitzer-winning journalist, as the speaker. Alumni events planned for Winter/Spring in Chicago, Arizona, Florida, Texas, and Springfield. EIU Foundation – Endowment is \$89.3MM as of August 31, 2022. Dr. Wetstein mentioned the Heritage Society Dinner and Tribute donor recognition event at Homecoming and the joint Foundation and Alumni Association tent at Homecoming Tailgate.

### **Action Items**

- A. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on September 9, 2022. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- B. Ms. Baurer moved to accept the advice of Board Counsel and maintain the confidentiality of Executive Session minutes for November 12, 2021, January 21, 2022, April 22, 2022, June 24,

2022, and September 9, 2022. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- C. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the final budget of FY 2023 and the budget projection used in the Illinois Board of Higher Education submission for FY 2024. Mr. Mellott seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- D. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the purchase of up to 950 laptops for incoming freshmen at a cost not to exceed \$836,527.00 from Dell Marketing L.P. in Round Rock, TX. The Strengthening Institutions Grant that was part of the response from the U. S. Department of Education to the coronavirus requires use of the funding to support under-represented students in higher education. A BEP goal was not applicable, and the source of funds is Grant funds. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Dively	Yes
Dr. Edwards	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes
Mr. Mellott	Yes

Motion carried.

## **Information Items**

### **President's Report**

#### **Tarble Arts Center**

Ms. Jennifer Seas gave a presentation of the Tarble Arts Center. With an artist-centered approach, the Tarble presents an annual program of rotating exhibitions that provide experiential encounters with art of international significance and local relevance. As part of the Tarble 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the Tarble commissioned the evolving site-specific installation by Marie Bannerot McInerney.

The arts expand audiences, inviting the public to connect through inquiry, materials, experiences, and ideas that deepen our engagement with the world around us. In partnership with the Department of Art + Design's Art Education program, the Tarble hosts an after-school program for junior high and high school artists each fall semester.

For the Tarble's upcoming 2023 residency, Chris Carl of Studio Land Arts will use the gallery as a studio to research, draw, design and develop a large-scale project. The result of this real-time experimentation and exploration will yield a project that is deeply indebted to the network of community participants who help the artist shape and refine his vision.

Art from Here continues the Tarble annual tradition of showcasing the creativity and expression of K-12 artists in east-central Illinois.

The spring exhibition cycle showcases the creative work of students on campus. Open to all students who have taken an art class, the undergraduate exhibition features jury-selected examples of student projects. Graduate students develop museum-quality thesis projects as the final leg of completing their Master of Arts in Studio Art degree. Each graduate student gives a gallery talk about their thesis project.

Ms. Seas provided a list of organizations served which include: Hyper-Local (EIU), Local (Charleston), Regional (East-Central Illinois), National and Global.

Assistance to the International Students

Dean Ryan Hendrickson and Dr. Andy Kabasele provided a presentation. They provided a list of the staff of the Office of International Student and Scholars (OISS). The international enrollment in the fall semester 2022 was 766, compared to the enrollment in fall semester 2021 of 387. The number of countries represented in Fall 2022 is 51 countries. Support provided to the international students include: Pre-arrival information, Transportation from O’Hare Airport to EIU for newly admitted students, Check-in assistance, and Temporary on-campus lodging. International Student Orientation includes: Immigration rules, University health requirements, Academic expectations, Social Security card assistance, and Driver’s license/State ID. On-going student support and activities include: CPT/OPT/Exit and Reentry Sessions and Student programming. OISS Partners are: Athletics Department, Home Church, Catholic Newman Center, Rotary, Fields Church, and Housing.

Earned Degrees Report

In FY 2022, 1,856 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 2022, minorities received 414 degrees, or 22% of the total degrees conferred. Eastern’s 6-year graduation rate (IPEDS/NCAA methodology) is 55%.

Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – No report

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.	Beyond Trust Software	(A)	\$152,077.86
Office of Auditor General	Audit Expenses	(B)	\$200,705.00

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

(B) Statutory

**FY 2023 Deposit and Investment Report**

For the quarter ending September 30, 2022, the University had an average daily invested cash balance of \$78,114,910.24 and a net average daily balance of \$77,140,900.62. The annualized average yield was 2.13 percent. The market value of the university's endowment portfolio as of September 30, 2022 was \$7,346,408.60. The portfolio had a -6.5 percent return for the quarter. In addition, the university's Buckler Farm had a total market value of \$3,937,109.16 as of September 30, 2022.

**FY 2022 Income Producing Grants and Contracts**

FY 2022 income producing contracts valued at \$10,000 or more totaled \$1,928,548 compared to income producing contracts valued at \$10,000 or more in FY 2021 totaling \$1,062,542. FY 2022 income producing grants and contracts valued at \$10,000 or less totaled \$162,760.

FY 2022 income producing grants and contracts for research and public service valued at \$10,000 or more totaled \$5,947,370. FY 2022 income producing grants and contracts for research and public service valued at \$10,000 or less totaled \$24,263.

**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 2:15 p.m.