

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

February 23, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on February 23, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Mr. Welch, Chair, presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

Ms. Anderson	Present
Mr. Kratochvil	Absent
Ms. Nimmons	Present (via telephone)
Mr. O'Rourke	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Mr. Welch	Present
Mr. Yost	Present

Also present were the following:

Dr. William L. Perry, President
Dr. Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. William Weber, Vice President for Business Affairs
Dr. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Rob Miller, General Counsel
Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity
Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees
Mr. Brad Ingram, Board Counsel (via telephone)
Mr. Paul McCann, Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Action Items

Dr. Webb moved to approve the Contract Renewal and Salary Agreement of the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) Local 4100 Labor Agreement. The agreement would be effective for the two-year period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012. The union ratified the agreement on February 16, 2011. Mr. Yost seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Welch congratulated the UPI, the negotiating team for the administration, and the Board of Trustees on the ratification of this contract.

John Allison, president of the EIU Chapter of UPI, thanked the Board for arranging a special meeting to expedite the final approval of the contract, and he acknowledged the hard work from both the administration and the UPI to achieve this contract.

Other

President Perry informed the Board that the University is continuing to pass its legislative agenda. Dr. Perry will testify for a bill introduced by Representative Rose on outcomes based funding for public higher education institutions, and a meeting has been scheduled with the Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education to discuss a pilot program at Eastern Illinois University on tuition waivers.

Mr. Welch discussed several bills with the Board. The list of bills was obtained from the Board of Higher Education Legislative Report for the February 15th meeting.

- SB 135, introduced by Senator Sandoval would amend a Public Community College Act and the Governance of Public Universities in Illinois, removing the power of governing boards to establish tuition rates and fees. This would move the ability to establish tuition to the general assembly. Dr. Perry reported that those bills are undergoing further analysis in the General Assembly and they have not been called to a committee at this time. Mr. Welch requested that Dr. Perry convey our position to the appropriate people.
- SB 2097 would involve tuition waivers to public universities in Illinois, if a secondary student has completed any type of college credit courses at the secondary school level, anywhere from 9th grade through 12th grade. Would this fit into the dual credit initiative that's already in place, which would potentially impact tuition revenue to public universities?
- SB 59, introduced by Silverstein, creates a Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, which guarantees a student transferring from a public community college with 60 credit hours, or at least a C on a 4 point scale, admission to a state university as junior status. Dr. Perry reported that this bill is under further analysis in the General Assembly as well.

- SB 2098 is essentially to initiate the establishment of an Illinois Math and Science Academy. This would essentially be a new residential campus at a time when there is a shortage of funds to maintain current campuses.
- SB 121, introduced by Senator Sandoval would involve the Board of Trustees reducing the base salary of the President of the University or College by 10% for each significant finding in an audit report. Dr. Perry reported that those bills are undergoing further analysis in the General Assembly.
- SB 131, introduced by Senator Sandoval to appoint an Executive Inspector General solely for higher education.
- HB 152, introduced by Representative Davis to establish a department of education that would dissolve the Board of Education, Board of Higher Education, and the Community College Board. Mr. Welch voiced opposition to this bill.
- SB 2187, introduced by Senator Clayborne, to extend the 6% exemption for certain types of salary increases. Dr. Perry reported that higher education institutions in general support this legislation. If the exemptions disappear, Eastern would lose approximately \$300,000

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.