

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
May 11, 2007

The Board of Trustees convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2007, in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. Chairperson Kasten called the meeting to order and Trustee Ommen called the roll.

The following members were present.

- Trustee Bergman
- Trustee Davis
- Trustee Kasten
- Trustee Kinser
- Trustee Maitland
- Trustee McCuskey
- Trustee Ommen
- Trustee Schnepfer

A quorum was declared. Also present for the public session were:

- President Al Bowman
- Vice President and Provost John Presley
- Vice President for Student Affairs Steve Adams
- Vice President for Finance & Planning Steve Bragg
- Vice President for University Advancement Dianne Ashby
- Assistant to the President Jay Groves
- Board Legal Counsel Carol Posegate

Others in attendance included representatives of the media, faculty, staff and Dr. Paul Borg of the Campus Communication Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Kasten: I ask for a motion to approve the Agenda. Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Ommen. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Kasten: In your Board packet are Minutes of February 16, 2007. I ask for a motion for approval of these Minutes. Trustee McCuskey so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Good morning everyone and thank you for coming today. This is an exciting weekend for all of us and a fulfilling one for both students, parents, faculty and all of us. We start today with the ROTC Commissioning ceremony at 2:00 in the Center for Performing Arts; Mennonite College of Nursing at 4:00 in Braden; Arts and Sciences tonight at 7:00 in Redbird Arena; tomorrow morning Education at 9:00 in Redbird Arena; Applied Science and Technology at 1:00 in Redbird Arena; Business at 4:00 in Redbird Arena; and Fine Arts at 7:00 in Braden.

I want to thank Deb Smitley and the Campus Communication Committee for a wonderful report this morning. All of us have wondered how successful our program has been toward raising faculty and staff salaries and while there is much work to do I think we can see that by staying on the track that we are on, that we can reach a doable goal within the next few years. So I want to thank Deb and all of her staff who helped to prepare that report – it was very informative.

I want to congratulate and introduce to the Board two of our new student leaders. Ryan Cekander is our new Student Trustee and will begin his service in July, and our new Student Government President is Dave Horstein. Both of you please stand so that the Board can see who you are and make your acquaintance. Congratulations.

Today is the last meeting for our good friend and wonderful Trustee, Brett Schnepfer, and we will have a resolution regarding your service later in the meeting.

I want to take a minute to reflect on an event that took place in Virginia but certainly was felt across the country. I want to thank our student leaders and the entire study body for the manner in which you responded to those terrible events in Blacksburg. You organized and participated in several rallies – you raised funds that were sent on to Virginia Tech. Your compassion for people that you did not know but with whom you felt a kinship is to be commended. I want to thank President Bowman for communicating quickly and effectively Illinois State's condolences to the people of Virginia Tech and for his assuring messages about the safety of things here at Illinois State.

I also want to thank our Governor for his support and immediate response in providing additional funding that permits our Stevenson-Turner project to go forward. I think the President will have more comments about that later in the meeting.

I want to congratulate everyone involved on what we have witnessed so far in our Sesquicentennial Celebration – it has just been marvelous. There have been huge crowds at the events, and I know there are people from Bloomington/Normal and surrounding areas and all over the state and region who have participated. I know of many people who live in my area who are excited about the event next Thursday in Springfield at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. I know that takes an incredible amount of time and effort on the part of those who put these events together and they have just been wonderful.

I will now ask the Trustees to share any experiences that they wish since our last meeting.

Trustee Ommen – I would like to thank Steve Adams and his staff for my Trustee-In-Residence visit. It was very enjoyable.

Trustee Kinser – I would like to thank Dean Dixie Mills and the College of Business for a great Trustee-In-Residence. The facility, the staff and the students were extremely open and helpful. It is a facility that all of you need to visit, and it was a real learning experience. I had done several tours but I feel like I got a really great treatment with the in-detail explanation of programs and what is happening in the College of Business. I have attended a lot of receptions – a lot of retirement receptions and it has been a very busy semester. I also attended the Military Ball for the veterans, which was called the “Yellow Ribbon Event”, which was an event to put on your schedules for next year because the students were raising money for the veterans memorial project. I attended a class project at the VFW for the veterans, and they were working to raise money for Operation Porch Light, which is a community project and it was really rewarding to see students out doing that. I attended the women's basketball banquet and the senior banquet, which was a great event and I really enjoyed meeting the players. It has been a great semester – I have learned a lot and have appreciated all of you.

Trustee Maitland – I also want to echo what Trustee Kinser has said about the College of Business. I finally got my husband John out to take the tour of the building and we were both just amazed and delighted at the facility and the faculty and students, and especially Dean Mills. It was more than what we had expected and I think John was overwhelmed with it. I too have attended some of the lectures and banquets and it is just a great time to be a part of ISU.

Trustee Davis – I would like to thank Dean Olson, faculty and staff for hosting my visit to the College of Arts and Sciences. I must say it was an awesome visit. I was really impressed with the enthusiasm, the commitment as well as the competence of our faculty and staff in that college. I had the opportunity to visit the Planetarium and I don't know why, but for some reason all these years I had never been to our Planetarium. So I was just really pleased about that opportunity and happy to learn about the educational

experiences in science that they provide for students across the state, as well as for the general public. I was very proud about the distinction that is brought to this university by our faculty in terms of research. I have sat here and listened to President Bowman talk about research and how very proud we are of our faculty – well I saw it first hand as I went through the various labs and met the faculty who have been involved with some of our research. Of course that is not the only college whereby we have the research occurring, but it certainly is an area that brings distinction to this university. I would certainly like to note that I was very excited about the April issue of the New Yorker. Many of you have probably seen this. If not, please get a copy because featured in this edition is Professor Everett and the work that he is doing with language – an extremely interesting article. But once again, I am so very proud of the work that our staff and faculty are doing and thank you again Dean Olson for the work you put into my visit.

Trustee Bergman – I would just like to comment again that I am very pleased that we are getting more and more activities in the Chicago area. As you know we have over 50,000 alums in the Chicago area. One event that I attended that particularly stood out was the event at the Museum of Science and Industry in conjunction with the exhibit, Body Works II, which was very popular in the Chicago area. It was sponsored by Mennonite College of Nursing and College of Applied Science and Technology. They had over 200 alums that attended the event and in these Chicago area events, if I have the opportunity to speak, I always ask the same question. I tell everybody from the University not to raise their hands – I tell everybody that is involved in something not to raise their hands – but just the alums there – how many alumni have never been to an alumni event in the past five years and the results have been like the others – 70-80% of the people raise their hands. So we finally, in a small way, are starting to connect with our Chicago area alums. There is going to be a Chicago area black-tie event to celebrate the Sesquicentennial on July 21. I certainly hope that it is a big success, and I am sure it will be.

Trustee McCuskey – I have had meetings all over the country but at the same time found time to work in a Trustee-In-Residence with Dr. Sheahon Zenger and Larry Lyons that took me back to some of my roots over at Horton Field House. It's the first time I ever got up to the press box after 40 years and got a chance to see the new football offices and facilities and also saw the new weight training area in Redbird Arena. I also got a chance to go see the pool where Larry Bitkin taught me how to swim 40 years ago. One of the highlights was having the chance to sit down at lunch and meet the football and women's basketball coaches and also be with Melinda Fisher, who I have known for years and Jim Brownlee who took me on my first tour of this campus when I was being recruited as part of the baseball program. So there was a lot of fun, nostalgia, new things, and I really enjoyed that visit.

Another thing that happened and Carl who never misses anything, this is the only time Carl has missed the Pre-Law Awards banquet that takes place in this room where our moot court students and pre-law students are honored. Dr. Robert Bradley had a very emotional moment when he brought up Virginia Tech because he previously taught at Virginia Tech. He had a large poster board that he was going to send to some of his former colleagues at Virginia Techs, so we got a chance to write our thoughts and our sympathy on that and send that from Illinois State back to his former university.

Trustee Kasten – I was sorry I missed that event. I had a conflict that night but I did make the 40th anniversary of the Department of Politics and Government, which was an event that was very widely attended. People across the country were there and I think it was sort of a special event in another sense in that it was probably Professor Nassar swan's song, at least in that position. I too enjoyed a Trustee-In-Residence and this time mine was with the Applied Science and Technology field. I want to thank Dr. Wood and all of the people who spent so much time with me on April 3. I also attended the women's basketball banquet, which I very much enjoyed as well.

As you can tell our Board is engaged and tries to get to as many events as possible. Every member is committed to that principle. And while some can get to more events than others, we want to be a part of this University in ways other than sitting before you this morning.

Earlier I mentioned how pleased we were that when the bids for Stevenson-Turner project came in a little high, we were able to get the necessary funds from the Governor's office to cover that gap and let us continue on. One of the most vital members of our team in Springfield is Representative Dan Brady who

no matter how busy his schedule is always seems to take time to attend to our needs in any way that he can and attend our meetings. Representative Brady we are glad that you found time this morning to join us here. Thank you for all you do for us.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Thank you everyone for coming today. I want to echo Carl's thanks to the Campus Communication Committee for this morning's program and to Deb Smitley for her report. As I have said many times, faculty and staff compensation remains my top priority—and as a university community we will continue our work to bring salaries to peer group averages.

I was pleased to announce yesterday that I have appointed Dianne Ashby into the continuing position of Vice President for University Advancement. Dianne has done a fantastic job in her interim capacity over the past two years. Coming out of our Redefining Normal campaign, she hit the ground running and continues to set new standards for fundraising. Our Foundation now manages more than \$80 million, and both alumni and University family giving rates are up. She has also made many positive changes throughout the Division, and I know you will join me in congratulating her.

As you probably know by now I appointed Dr. Chuck McGuire as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective in July. Chuck is currently serving as Assistant Provost, and he also in the past has served as the Chair of Finance, Insurance and Law for 17 years. I know Chuck will do an outstanding job as Dean, and I thank him for agreeing to the appointment.

Just last week, the committee charged with searching for the next Vice President and Provost met for the first time. The committee is being chaired by Dr. Rick Boser, who is the Chair of the Technology Department. The group will accomplish planning tasks this summer and will begin screening applications as the fall semester begins. The eventual appointment will take effect in January 2008.

I want to welcome Dr. Dan Holland as the new chair of the Academic Senate. Dr. Holland is a professor in the Physics Department, and I look forward to working with him in his role as Senate Chair.

I also want to welcome to the University and to University Advancement, Bill Fanning, who is our new Director of Foundation Business Affairs. Bill comes to Illinois State after nearly 20 years of service with Blackburn College. Bill, please stand and be recognized.

I want to congratulate Cheryl Elzy, Dean of Milner Library. Cheryl has been asked to come back to testify a second time in Washington, D.C., this time to speak to the full House Committee on Science and Technology about the latest results of the University's Digital Citizens Project. She is scheduled to speak sometime in mid-June...so congratulations and good luck to Cheryl.

As the Illinois General Assembly works toward a FY2008 spending and revenue plan, we are all watching and providing input on what it will mean for public higher education. Governor Blagojevich's FY2008 general funds recommendation for all of higher education is just under \$52 million—or about a 2.3 percent increase over last year. Illinois State's recommended general funds budget is almost \$83 million—about 2 percent higher than last year.

Also, consistent with the Governor's priorities of improving educational achievement through improving teacher preparation and expanding nursing education – \$6.6 million for performance funding for specific programs in teacher preparation and nursing is included in the FY2008 budget recommendation. There is no word yet on how this might be allocated to universities.

On the capital side, Illinois State's Center for Visual Arts Rehabilitation Project is recommended at \$44,400,000. The University would also receive about \$1.5 in capital renewal funds.

With the 2006-2007 academic year concluding this weekend with Commencement, we turn our attention to – among many other important matters – enrollment projections for the fall 2007 semester. I am pleased to report that Illinois State remains a top choice for high quality applicants.

More than 12,600 freshman applications have been processed. That is a 2 percent increase over last year, and more than 3,300 enrollment deposits have been received from high school seniors indicating their interest in attending Illinois State. From that number, we expect a freshman class this fall of approximately 3,250 - up slightly over last year's total.

Additional good news is that the academic profile of our admitted students continues to improve with an average ACT score of 24.6—up .3 percent from last year. Ninety percent of the admitted new freshmen rank in the top half of their high school class, 50 percent rank in the top quarter and almost 20 percent rank in the top ten percent of their class. Our total on-campus enrollment will remain steady at about 20,300.

This spring has been an especially busy season for construction on campus and the upcoming summer will be even busier. In addition to a number of major capital projects already underway, the University's Commencement exercises marks the beginning for several high profile construction projects.

The Governor's recent release of \$1.3 million in additional capital funding for Life Safety Improvements in Stevenson & Turner Halls permitted the Capital Development Board to proceed with the contract awards and has allowed the contractors to begin mobilizing for construction this summer.

The \$23.3 million remodeling project will impact over 260,000 square feet of classroom and office space. The project involves replacing and upgrading life safety systems and replacement of deteriorating mechanical and electrical systems in both Stevenson and Turner Halls. The work includes asbestos abatement, installation of sprinkler and fire alarm systems, and partial replacement of the heating, plumbing, ventilating and electrical systems. This project will be phased over the next three years, beginning with the first phase this summer in Stevenson Hall and will be completed in August 2010.

In order to accomplish the life safety improvement work in Stevenson and Turner Halls, the University embarked on a carefully configured relocation program to move faculty, staff and classroom activities out of major portions of the buildings in sequential phases over the next three years. The Stevenson-Turner Relocation Project undertakes necessary upgrades and required physical modifications in other campus buildings in order to move people and programs into interim locations during the construction work in Stevenson and then Turner.

Beginning this coming Monday, facilities staff and professional movers will begin moving the furniture and equipment out of the classrooms and labs of Stevenson 3rd & 4th floor to Williams and Turner Halls. Then on Tuesday, May 15, they will begin moving department offices, followed by faculty offices. The relocation effort required for this first construction phase is expected to take five to six days.

A second multi-million dollar construction project that will be initiated this month is the remodeling of the East Campus Residence Hall Complex, specifically Hewett Hall and Vrooman Dining Center. The \$31 million project will eventually address the renovation needs of both Hewett and Manchester residence hall towers as well as converting and remodeling the current Vrooman Dining Center.

The construction project creates a new main entrance to the entire student residence complex through Vrooman, which will no longer be a dining venue. When renovation is completed, the two-floor structure will house a large reception area and front desk for the 365,000 square foot complex, residence hall support spaces, conference rooms and classroom spaces. In addition, the University Center for Learning Assistance and the Minority Student Academic Center, two academic support programs, will be relocated from across the street to this complex.

The upper floors of the 18-story towers will be reworked to provide accessible restrooms on every floor. The project also removes asbestos, installs fire protection and sprinkler systems, new lighting, restroom facilities, new finishes and new windows. The project will take two years to complete and is expected to be available to re-open for the fall semester of 2009.

We are nearing completion of the Wright Hall remodeling project. The \$7 million renovation, which began last summer, addresses deficiencies in the building's electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems. A new sprinkler system has been installed along with upgrades to all existing fire detection and alarm systems. All student room finishes have been replaced and a new student lounge was created on every floor. All exterior windows and doors were replaced with new energy efficient products. The campus looks forward to re-opening Wright Hall for student use in August 2007.

In close proximity is the Linkins Dining Center Renovation. The renovation of Linkins is also part of the Long-Range Housing and Dining Plan. This \$2.6 million project replaces the food preparation and serving equipment and creates a market style serving area. The project has been under construction since January and will be completed by the fall semester.

Planning is well underway for the new Student Fitness and Kinesiology Center. The project will provide for more than 150,000 square feet of new recreation space, classrooms and offices to accommodate Campus Recreation Services, the School of Kinesiology and Recreation and University wellness. The Design Committee, chaired by Dr. Richard Runner, is comprised of student leaders and representatives of the School of Kinesiology and Recreation, Student Affairs and Facilities Planning. The Design Committee recently visited similar recreation facilities around the Chicago area to view different design solutions. They have finalized the Program Statement that establishes the sizes and types of spaces for the Fitness Center. The Design Committee is currently working with consultants in the Schematic Design Phase, addressing building layout and configuration. Construction to accommodate the new facility is scheduled to begin next summer with the demolition of the Central Campus Residence Complex—where Dunn-Barton and Walker residence halls now stand. The current schedule is to complete the construction and open the new building by August 2010.

The University continues to work with the Foundation for plans to remodel and lease the space at 1101 N. Main Street as our Alumni Center. The current owner has developed plans, with University input, to improve the space as part of the real estate transaction. This space is intended to house most of University Advancement, Development, Alumni, Marketing and Communications, Conferencing and Extended University. Once the legal and construction documents are finalized, remodeling work can begin. It is anticipated that construction work will take eight months with the University moving the identified units into the new space by the beginning of 2008.

The Replacement of the Artificial Turf in Hancock Stadium involves removing existing turf and asphalt surfaces around the field, excavating down approximately two feet under the current field, installing a new drainage system and then installing the new artificial turf surface. The \$1.3 million project will be completed next month.

Speaking of Athletics, the Redbird softball team has maintained its top-25 ranking, while belting a school record 82 home runs this season. ISU is seeded No. 2 in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which will be played this weekend on campus at the Redbird Softball Complex.

In addition to softball vying for a trip to the NCAA Tournament, the Illinois State men's golf team has already earned one. Bloomington-Normal native Matt Miller was named the Valley's golfer of the year and Ray Kralis received coach of the year honors. The ISU men's golf team will compete at the NCAA Regionals on May 17-19.

With that, I would like to ask to the podium Dr. Paul Borg of the Campus Communication Committee.

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Borg: The Campus Communication Committee is joined this morning by three new members, Dan Holland is the new Chair of the Academic Senate, Susan Kalter is the new Secretary of the Senate and was elected to the Campus Communication Committee, and David Horstein is the new Student Government President. We want to express thanks for the service of Margo Coleman, Lane Crothers and Ross Richards who are leaving the Committee after two and five year's service respectively.

The Committee joins everyone in expressing thanks to Brett Schnepfer for his service as Student Trustee. It is wonderful that the idea of shared governance extends to student participation on the Board.

The Campus Communication Committee also extends our thanks to Deb Smitley for this morning's presentation. We appreciate all she does to keep track of all things statistical for the University.

You have before you two exciting new degree programs to approve today. Both reflect the long and hard work of many people who continually seek innovative curricular opportunities for the University. The Ph.D. in Nursing will join eight other programs in the University's selective group of doctoral programs. The B.S. in Renewable Energy reflects the University's interest in addressing important new areas of scholarly interest and societal need. We are in support of these programs and encourage the Board's approval of them.

The Committee acknowledges the sensitive response made by the President and campus community to the tragedy at Virginia Tech. It is sobering to reflect on that event. We appreciate that our own campus procedures continue to be reviewed to ensure the safety of us all.

The CCC welcomes the appointments of Dianne Ashby as Vice President for University Advancement and Chuck McGuire as Interim Dean of the College of Business. We note again the importance of shared governance participation in the processes of administrator selection. We also want to reiterate our desire to ensure that we bring in high quality, talented people who have a commitment to the University and *Educating Illinois*.

President Bowman: Thank you Paul. Now, I would like to call to the podium Mr. Phil Adams, to provide a legislative update.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Adams: Good morning. There is one substantive bill that I wanted to bring you up to date on and it has been around for several sessions and involved the attempt on the part of Harper Community College to offer baccalaureate degrees. They structured this as a pilot project and we have successfully stopped the bill over the last three or four sessions – primarily in the House Higher Ed Committee. The new sponsor of the bill convinced the Speaker to place this bill in the House Labor Committee this session, and the bill eventually passed the House. However, this week we were successful again in having the Senate Higher Ed Committee defeat the bill. We are not all that concerned about Harper Community College offering one baccalaureate degree program but we all know that this is part of a much grander plan to get several community colleges into the baccalaureate degree granting program, so I was very pleased that our friends in the Senate saw the wisdom of not letting this happen.

This week the House held an eight-hour committee meeting of the whole to discuss the gross receipts tax that was followed yesterday by a vote on a resolution on whether or not individuals supported the taxes it currently constituted in the Senate. There were a variety of political maneuverings on both sides of the issue and that resolution was dealt with but has nothing to do with the final outcome of the session. Tuesday of next week the Speaker is going to have a caucus with his members to discuss alternative tax measures and proposals so I expect at that time we will begin to get some real negotiation and real effort. The Governor maintains that he will not sign an income tax or a sales tax increase. Clearly there is not enough support for the GRT, but I do feel that there is an overall feeling in both Houses that some type of revenue enhancement is needed. It could be something that looks very much like an income tax but can have a GRT label placed on it; it could look like privatizing the lottery; there are a lot of options that will be discussed. I am one of those who think we are not going to get this accomplished in May. I don't think it means that it is that much more difficult to accomplish just because it kicks in 3/5's vote – I think that the minority leader in the House and the Speaker have a good solid relationship and if the legislative leaders can work something out with the Governor's office there will be votes to accommodate that.

With that there is the issue of pension funding obviously and the desire from the Governor's office and elsewhere to expand health coverage to a group of individuals who don't have it. Those are really difficult issues. No one has talked too much about the detail on those so we are apt to go well pass the

deadline. However, if in fact, I am wrong and we don't get a revenue enhancement and we end up with what would be referred to as a bare bones or maintenance budget – that will probably involve some pain on the part of those who are funded through state GRF. If you look at the estimated growth in revenue for the upcoming fiscal year, it is not sufficient to cover the cost of that so-called maintenance budget. It is hard to imagine, given the size of the higher education budget, that we won't be participating in that to some extent if in fact that is the outcome. I am confident at this stage that something on the revenue side will in fact happen.

The other big issue that I think will have to be dealt with before they leave town is the utilities. The Governor and his office haven't really weighed in on it too much at this stage but I don't think the members, certainly the downstate members, will not want to leave town without having dealt with that in a way that is acceptable to the constituencies. We have some who want to roll back to the previous ten-year period and freeze for two years. There are a lot of options being discussed but there is not much activity on that now. There are members of the House and Senate that are meeting with representatives of those companies to talk about the companies putting some money back on the table and maybe having some kind of rebate. There is clearly going to be a bill passed that will limit the ability of those companies to turn off service to people who can't pay. That issue has got to be dealt with positively before they leave town.

One other thing I want to mention because I think we don't talk about this enough and I don't think you hear about the good things people do for constituents and for the student. We have great people on campus that do a lot of things for individual students and I wanted to thank the College of Education and Dean Curtis for taking care of this situation. There is a student who is scheduled to student teach in Chicago whose family is involved in a very serious illness situation and that person's situation was made known to me a week or two ago. What they wanted to do was to get their student teaching to take place in Springfield instead of Chicago. I sat down with Dean Curtis and discussed it and we are going to get that handled. You might think that is a fairly simple kind of thing and it is, but that student has never been on our campus. She is a graduate student at DePaul. So we are going out of our way to give some really great service to a kid that needs some help that doesn't even attend here, and I think the College of Education should get some credit for that.

President Bowman: If the GRT were to pass as proposed – what would the impact be on our GRF?

Mr. Adams: The impact on our GRF would be that we would probably get the Governor's level – the impact on us realistically is that or anything related to it is not going to pass without a capital bill. And that is where we will be taken care of. I don't think it changes the GRF side at all. Since I have been there, they have never passed an income tax or revenue enhancement package without a major infusion of capital. You have to have some way to make people want to vote for it.

President Bowman: The historical pattern has been as new money became available – two-thirds went to K-12, one-third to higher education and this would be a departure from that in the funding column.

Mr. Adams: Well that was fairly historically accurate up through probably part of the Ryan administration but we have gotten away from that in the past several years.

REPORTS

Report 2007.05/1100.01: Budget Development, Review, Monitoring and Compliance Report

Each fall the University asks the Board of Trustees to approve an internal budget. The form of that budget is mandated by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and provides a somewhat limited portrayal of the University's financial complexity. Therefore, I have asked Dr. Steve Bragg, Vice President of Finance and Planning, to present for the Board an overview of the budget development process and accountability mechanisms that are in place---Steve?

Dr. Bragg: Thank you President Bowman. Today you will consider our tuition recommendations, which now comprise over half of our unrestricted operating budget. In July we will present to you the results of the appropriations process, which is now slightly less than half of our unrestricted budget. That will then put us in a position to prepare and present to you the FY2008 internal budget in October.

I would like to do three things this morning. I want to give you a broad overview to the form, management and compliance of the University's budgets; provide a context for the development of the University's internal budget to present to you in October; and set the background for the Board's consideration of its oversight and accountability roles.

I sometimes think that the internal budget we present each October gives the impression that one overall budget is the driver for management, compliance and accountability decision-making at the University. In reality it is much more complex. The University has many budgets, each of which carries its own management, compliance and accountability functions. This is an important consideration for the Board as it deliberates its oversight and accountability roles. There are many factors which contribute to the multi-faceted nature of the University budgets, but I am just going to talk about two principle factors this morning – the regulatory environment in which we exist and the decentralized nature of our business – indeed all of higher education.

We are awash in a sea of compliance. The acronyms that you see flying onto the screen are just some of the entities and agencies whose statutes, rules, regulations, reporting requirements help dictate the form and function of our budgets. Taken in isolation each one is tolerable. Taken as a group our flexibility is severely constrained.

Probably the most direct impact of the regulatory environment for budgeting is the segregation we must maintain by fund source. Perhaps the best way to illustrate this is with a couple of examples. I tend to think of our various budgets as separated from each other by varying degrees permeability. At one extreme are funds that cannot be mingled at all. An example is the general revenue funds and our auxiliary facilities funds. Auxiliary facilities operations must be independent from other operations. We cannot use general revenue funds to support residence halls for example. Nor can we use room and board revenue to support the rest of the University. An example of two funds where mingling is allowed, but only in one direction, would be general revenue in a fee-supported area such as Health Services. We can allocate general revenue funds to Health Services but we cannot use student fees for this purpose for any other function.

In addition, we operate with some restrictions on objects of expenditure. For example, we cannot transfer general revenue funds out of personal services. We also have reporting requirements related to functional allocations.

The second principle factor I mentioned is the decentralized nature of our business. ISU like most universities has a culture of decentralization, including budget development, management and oversight. The effect is to create many accounts across campus supervised by a lot of people. In fact, we have 42,574 separate accounts in our Datatel system supervised by 246 local fiscal agents or budget officers. These officers are distributed among 223 parental units, roughly equivalent to departments. This is where the majority of budget development work takes place and where on-going budget management takes place. Barb Blake and her staff work constantly with colleagues in these units to adjust budgets to accommodate changing circumstances, contingencies and opportunities.

In addition there are other levels of oversight and compliance. For example, individual grants and contracts carry specific management and auditing requirements depending on the granting agency. Individual principle investigators work with our University research office under Rod Custer and with our grants management under Greg Alt to make sure we follow all state and federal guidelines in accepting and expending grant funds.

Throughout the University supervisors participate in the development of unit budgets and chart budget progress. Just Wednesday I reviewed our facilities management budget and once again was reminded how desperately we need to augment our deferred maintenance budget. We have automated some of our controls in Datatel, our accounting software. Internal Auditing systematically reviews units for fiscal controls and compliance, and of course we are audited by the State Auditor General each year, both for financial and programmatic compliance.

The internal budget that we present to you each October is an accumulation of all those individual budgets and accounts. From an accountability perspective, the accumulation process is somewhat meaningful in some circumstances, such as with our general revenue funds and university income funds or unrestricted purpose funds. There you can get an idea overall how our funds are allocated among objects and functions and can ask questions about those allocations. Accumulation is less meaningful in the case of restricted purpose funds. Grants and contracts are a good example. Each grant and contract is an activity unto itself with its own compliance rules.

The form of the internal budget is mandated by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Its primary purpose is to provide the Board with the ability to compare and contrast public universities in Illinois. Its primary audience is state government. Its utility in understanding the strategic goals and accountability to those goals is not manifest. Some examples might help illustrate this. This 2 x 2 matrix that you see on the screen compares university's strategic activities and their manifestation in the budget. What I am trying to do here is compare activities that are related to our strategic planning and how they might be manifested in the budget.

The first cell is an example of a strategic activity – the president's salary initiative. It will, in fact, be manifested by change over time in the budget. You will see personal services significantly increase. You will also see our utility budgets increase, but raising the allocation in utilities is not a strategic direction for the University. Perhaps even more important are those activities that have a fundamental strategic impact on the University that never show up in the budget. Two examples that come to mind are our Physics department realignment of its curricular focus several years ago and the changes we have made recently to our general education program.

This is a facsimile of our internal budget approved by the Board of Trustees a decade ago. It contains 16 numbers ranging from about a quarter million to \$64 million. This is a facsimile of the FY2007 budget. I have compressed it to fit on one page to contrast it with a decade ago. This has 304 numbers ranging from \$100 to \$88 million. I think this is emblematic of our times and the essence of today's accountability dilemma. We have more information than ever before. Anyone with a laptop and access to the Internet can compile more information in an hour than was available to our founding fathers in a lifetime.

If we are awash in a sea of compliance, we are drowning in data. There is a growing tendency to believe that one more piece of data will lead to enlightenment. I think David McCullough captured it well in his address at Founders Day – memorizing the world almanac won't make you wise, it just makes you weird. And then to complicate matters, in order to deal with this data tsunami, we try to distill it down to a few numbers – the current buzzword is “dashboarding”, the idea that you can reduce something as complex as a university to a series of dials or indicators is frankly ludicrous.

Make no mistake, I am not arguing against accountability or review. In fact, I would argue that academia embodies the essence of accountability in the peer review process. It is the backbone of our academic enterprise and part of the shared governance culture.

We welcome comprehension and understanding, and you are to be commended for the programs you have put in place to foster both. Programs like the Trustee-In-Residence program; the pre-meeting discussion hours you have before each Board meeting; the formal, informal and social gatherings that give you an opportunity to interact with faculty and staff all lead to a better understanding in comprehension to the complexity that is Illinois State University. The price you pay of course is time – a precious commodity these days, and I have already taken up enough of your valuable time, so I thank you very much for your attention and would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairperson Kasten: Are there questions from Board members? Thank you, Steve.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2007.05/07: FY2008 Student Tuition, Fees and Room and Board Rates

As you know, tuition and fees are among the most important factors affecting access to and affordability of higher education. Illinois State is very sensitive to students' and their families' investment in a college education, and I am gratified that publications such as Kiplinger's Personal Finance has ranked Illinois State among the 100 Best Values in Public Higher Education in the country for three straight times.

I also want to remind you that for 70 percent of our students, tuition will not increase at all because of the four-year guaranteed tuition rate for undergraduate students. In proposing tuition rates for new students in FY2008 we have followed Board policy to ensure our rates are competitive with other senior public universities.

For new in-state undergraduate students, we are recommending \$224 per semester credit-hour for the 2007-2008 academic year. This rate is \$19 more per semester credit-hour than is charged new in-state students in 2006-2007.

For new out-of-state undergraduate students, we are recommending \$468 per semester credit-hour for the 2007-2008 academic year. This rate is \$40 more per semester credit-hour than is charged new out-of-state students in 2006-2007.

The University also requests authority to implement an Academic Facilities, Technology and Infrastructure Assessment beginning in fall 2007. The assessment would be only for new and future students, and the proposed rate is \$9 per student-credit-hour.

The revenue from this assessment would be dedicated to several aspects of academic related facilities, such as the debt service on the Kinesiology and Recreation portion of the Student Fitness and Kinesiology Center, debt services on new furniture purchases for building renovations and costs associated with other high-priority renovation and repair projects.

For in-state graduate students, we seek your approval for \$194 per semester credit-hour for the 2007-2008 academic year. This rate is \$9 more than semester credit-hour rates for 2006-2007. The four-year guarantee does not apply to graduate tuition rates. For out-of-state graduate students, we seek a charge of \$404 per semester credit-hour for the 2007-2008 academic year. This represents an \$18 increase over 2006-2007 rates.

For mandatory fees, the University requests authority to charge mandatory fees to all new students, including new and continuing graduate students, of \$56.91 per semester credit hour. This rate is \$4.46 more per semester credit-hour than is charged students new to the University in fall 2006.

The University also requests authority to increase the off-campus outreach fee assessed for courses offered off-campus over the Internet to \$56.91, an increase of \$4.46 per semester credit-hour.

For room and board, the University requests authority to increase room rates by 9.2 percent and dining rates by 11.5 percent. As you know, Illinois State embarked on an aggressive Long-Range Housing and Dining Plan designed to address infrastructure needs of our residence halls and offer more attractive and up-to-date facilities for our future students. Implementation of this plan requires a significant investment of resources. In accordance with Legislative Audit Commission guidelines, no state funds or other dedicated student fees may be used to implement the plan, so financial support must come from housing and dining. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Before we proceed is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Maitland. Any discussion? This is probably as important a thing that we do all year and we have been very grateful to get data from the University over a several month

period, and I know part of that equation is what is going on with other campuses and its been difficult to try to prophecy what is going to happen elsewhere. We have a few things in place but we don't know for sure what the legislature is going to do. So, I would invite questions and comments from Board members regarding this resolution.

Trustee Ommen: Mr. Chairman, while I made the motion and am very supportive of this, it does trouble me to some degree to be sitting here talking about increases in these rates – but given the source of funding that we have to look at and perhaps I should say the lack of funding that we get from other sources, if we want to continue advancing our faculty and staff salary, which I think we do and we must, if we want to continue to meet the guidelines as established in *Educating Illinois*, which I think we do and we must, then I think we have no choice but to do these kinds of things. I am not a particular fan of the Truth in Tuition Bill because I think what it does is it locks in tuition so it is good for the parents and the students, but it costs more money each year to educate those students for their 2nd, 3rd and 4th year. So what it does, it places a bigger burden, in my opinion, on the incoming freshmen and will continue to do so as we move forward. I just make those comments even though I am supportive of what we are suggesting here.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you Trustee Ommen. Others?

Trustee McCuskey: I would just echo what Stan said – I don't think I could say it any better.

Trustee Bergman: This year we received the information that was available regarding tuition at our school and other universities early on. As increases voted by other boards became available we received the information and it was far better than last year, and that is not a complaint, it is an accolade in that we received enough information in a reasonable time to make an educated decision. Just because there is not a lot of questions up here does not mean that there were not questions asked prior to this meeting today. The same thing in terms of housing and dining – we got virtually nothing until the meeting day last year and we got some very good information early on this year that was updated recently.

I do have one question. I am looking at the housing and dining sheet that we have – it's not in the booklet – it was delivered later. It appears that our combined housing and dining – the median column under combined – the housing and dining is \$8400/year. I go two columns to the right and it says single at the top, which I assume it means a single room, and that is the exact same amount, \$8400/year. I am wondering if that is just a coincidence or if there is something I am missing here.

Mr. Adams: It is a coincidence. The manner in which those figures were obtained was very complex. Thus, we had no choice but to go with the same figure in both categories.

Chairperson Kasten: Let me just take a moment here to thank Trustee Bergman for his leadership in trying to get as much information as we can. We have all been diligent about trying to do it and nobody has been more loyal to getting that information than Trustee Bergman for which I would like to thank him. I also want to thank Vice President Adams for getting room and board information together as well as Vice President Bragg. It did make a world of difference in terms of how we approached things and how we were able to see things.

Trustee McCuskey: I do have one additional comment. The number of applications at Illinois State University rise each year. The quality of our applicants rises each year, and I don't believe we are yet reaching a point where we price ourselves out of the market of getting those excellent students as well as a diverse population of students. My daughter used to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. They have a larger increase and have been moving forward because of the number of students that leave that institution – they have a very high rate of freshmen who leave, and it will be interesting to see what the affect of the Carbondale campus is. The Edwardsville campus has an even larger increase and there is a move afoot to separate the two campuses. So it will be interesting as we look a year from now, not the affect here, but the affect on other campuses in the state, who have the same funding problems that we do and not necessarily the retention rate that we have.

Chairperson Kasten: The quality of our product is going to be in the end the arbiter of our applicant pool. And we have the best faculty and staff of any place in the state, probably in this region, and we want to make certain that we can continue that quality.

Trustee Schnepfer: I understand that this is what the University needs and I know it is going to put a greater financial burden on the incoming freshman class, and I understand where they are coming from. But one thing I want to say is how much I appreciated in my discussions with everyone from the administration on how aware you are of not wanting to price incoming students out of a four-year university and a four-year experience. I just want to say I appreciated that you are aware of the burden that this is putting on the students coming in.

President Bowman: We have been putting additional money into need-based scholarships as the rate of increase for state funds has been less than tuition increases, and we will continue to do that next year. I have been in speeches around the state talking about the 1500 students on our campus whose families make less than \$25,000/year, and we have been putting in an additional \$3 million into the MAP program to make it possible for those students to remain and study at Illinois State. That number will have to go up as our tuition rates increase. But I think it demonstrates a commitment on the part of the institution to do what it can to maintain access for students from that lowest income quartile.

Trustee Davis: I really do appreciate the fact that we are sensitive to that. There are a number of students who have a need for financial assistance and certainly the need-based scholarships are very helpful. I think we have to keep that sensitivity here as a public institution – that we are accessible to those students who meet the qualifications but have not the finances to attend. The question I would raise is what percent of our students would you say are receiving funds from our need-base?

President Bowman: The total percent is 70% of our students receive some form of financial aid, but as far as the percent that receive probably MAP – whatever that number is would probably answer the question and we will get you that number.

Chairperson Kasten: I think it would be helpful and I think that is a very good question that Trustee Davis raises, and if you could supply that to us by a letter, that would be fine.

President Bowman: It is likely to be in the 20-30 percent range – that is the typical range for public universities that are similar to us. If it gets into the 30% range, you tend to see universities that are in urban settings that draw a lot of students from low income groups and we tend to reflect the typical median institutions. So around 25 percent is my best guess but we will get you the exact number.

Trustee Maitland: Could we also find out how many of them graduate?

President Bowman: Yes, in fact we have to report that information to the IBHE.

Chairperson Kasten: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2007.05/08: Authorization to Spend FY2008 Appropriations

This resolution will allow the University to spend its FY2008 General Revenue Fund appropriation starting July 1, since the Board will not meet again until July 27. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: This is a typical resolution that we adopt every year. Is there a motion for approval?

Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee McCuskey. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2007.05/09: Authorization for Increase in Pharmaceutical Blanket Order

Illinois State currently has a contract with HD Smith to furnish pharmaceuticals for the University's Student Health Service Pharmacy. This resolution seeks your approval to increase the current blanket purchase order for the current year from \$495,000 to \$575,000, and to increase the FY2008 order to \$600,000. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Maitland. Discussion? Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2007.05/10: Authorization to Purchase Property Insurance

This item asks for your authorization to purchase property insurance through the Midwest Higher Education Compact Master Property Program for the next three years, at a cost not to exceed \$650,000 annually. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Discussion?

Trustee Bergman: I know that we are a part of a consortium here so we probably have a minimal amount to say as to who is the carrier, but is there any requirement that a certain best rating of the ultimate insurance carrier be achieved? I guess I should maybe explain a little further. Most corporations, if they are going to purchase insurance, there is a company that is called AM Best and they will rate different insurance companies. Most corporations and other entities require that there be a minimal AM Best rating of at least an A. Is there anything like that with relation to this insurance?

Dr. Bragg: Yes – it's an A.

Trustee Ommen: Steve, are there competitive opportunities?

Dr. Bragg: There were other proposals that were close but this was best.

Trustee McCuskey: Steve, how long are we obligated to be in this cooperative venture – three years – and then we will go back into the competitive bid process?

Dr. Bragg: Consortium, yes.

Chairperson Kasten: The rates we get under the consortium are better than we can do individually, right?

Dr. Bragg: Yes.

Chairperson Kasten: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2007.05/11: Three-Year Elevator Maintenance Agreement

Believe it or not, Illinois State owns and operates 91 passenger and freight elevators on campus, and when anyone of them is not working properly, we hear about it almost immediately. Therefore, we request the authority to conclude negotiations with each of the final vendors to achieve the most favorable multi-year maintenance and emergency support contract through June 30, 2010—in an amount not to exceed \$2.2 million. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Kinser so moved and was seconded by Trustee Maitland. Discussion? The \$2.2 million – is that a one year per annum thing through 2010 or through all years through 2010?

President Bowman: The latter.

Trustee Kinser: In the past, the efficiency of the service – is that a quality service – do we have problems with this service in the past?

Dr. Bragg: That is an excellent question. That was probably our number one criteria in soliciting bids and frankly in eliminating a couple of the bids. As Chuck Scott can tell you, we gave very serious consideration as to whether or not we wanted to out-source this service or try and accomplish it ourselves for that very reason – the fact that we could get someone to the elevators in a timely fashion. In the end we decided to go with continuing to out-source this but we will be watching it very closely.

Chairperson Kasten: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2007.05/12: Approval of B.S. in Renewable Energy

The search for renewable energy resources is a fast-growing industry—thousands of jobs will be created in the industry and graduates of this proposed new program will be well-positioned to compete for new and existing jobs. The B.S. in Renewable Energy is a multi-disciplinary undergraduate major that provides a broad overview of the renewable energy industries. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Bergman. Discussion?

Trustee Bergman: When I looked at this I immediately had some concerns and knowing a little bit about the energy business – the term renewable energy is kind of like science. In other words if someone here asked me what I was majoring in and I said science – well, what kind of science. I was just jotting down here some of the types of renewable energy that I know of: wind power, water power or hydroelectric dams, solar energy, geothermal or steam from the earth's core, bio-fuels – liquid, ethanol, bio-diesel, solids, burning garbage – this is a wide area. Are we going to have some concentrations in certain areas within the term of renewable energy?

Dr. Wood: Yes. Of course the field does encompass all those areas. First I would like to say that we appreciate the opportunity to answer your questions and second I would like to encourage your support of this resolution. It is an exciting new major. I have asked the authors of the proposal to be here today to answer the specifics about the focus of the program. It has received a lot of scrutiny. It is interdisciplinary – has been through two colleges and the entire process. It has also been very popular with potential students. We have received lots of walk-in types of inquiries about when the program is going to start. I would like to invite Dr. Loomis to the podium to answer specifics about the focus.

Dr. Loomis: We are going to cover all those areas in a broad way, but looking specifically at wind energy and ethanol as the two concentrations. I think those are the areas I believe we are going to have the most jobs for our graduates.

Trustee Bergman: Okay let's say wind energy and I was a student and came into your office and wanted to get a degree in renewable energy and my specific interest is wind power – what types of courses are you going to require me to take?

Dr. Loomis: There is kind of a broad core of courses that the students have to take and then as part of this they can take two different tracks. They can take a technical track where they would learn things about, in terms of wind power, wind studies that would analyze the wind and be able to give resource analysis. The other track would be the economics or public policy track. That would deal with zoning issues – developers would hire these students and so forth. So they could go in one of those two different tracks and still be in the wind industry.

Trustee Bergman: I think that was a good answer because again renewable energy is a broad area, but if I understand you correctly, you are telling me you are primarily going to concentrate on two portions – ethanol and wind power. I think you probably already have answered my second question, which is it is kind of a neat subject right now and students may be interested, but if they can't get a job when they get out, it's not going to do a lot of good. Someone coming out with a degree in renewable energy that has a little bit of everything and not a lot of anything – I can tell you by being in the industry – will not get a

good job. So I feel better about this now, and I am just saying it is going to take a concentration in one or more of these subjects for someone to actually get a job when they graduate.

Dr. Loomis: We have assembled a panel or advisory board looking at industry people and had a roundtable discussion as to what they were looking for in graduates and they gave us input early on in the process as we were developing the curriculum to make sure that what we produce is a graduate that they are going to want to hire.

Trustee Bergman: I would like to add just one more thing that came to mind and maybe this is not truly renewable energy depending on how you describe it, but something else in Illinois that is starting now and we will be hearing about in a big way is coal gasification. Because it is such a new technology there probably is not a lot of academic programs for it. But here in Illinois, because we have such a great amount of coal, that is going to be something big in the future and you may want to give that consideration.

Chairperson Kasten: I have a question relating to any funds that are necessary to implement this. From what I am reading there is a US Department of Energy grant for the startup of it. But say two or three years out, we will have to reallocate funds in order to carry this discipline out, right?

Dr. Loomis: Yes – the grant is a four-year grant, so we are covered for four years to help get things up and running. We have limited enrollments here to a level that we can sustain under the grant, but if it is wildly successful, which we hope it is, we might have to look for internal reallocation.

Trustee Kinser: I noticed in the departments or schools that are listed that Family Consumer Science and Environmental Design is not included. Would that not be an important part or were they not in the grant writing?

Dr. Loomis: We looked at a broad array of courses across both general education courses and within specific departments. In designing the curriculum we didn't want to overburden the students in terms of number of courses and so there is a lot of course like that which students can take as electives, but we didn't want to put it in as a requirement for all students to have to take, and therefore make it so that they don't have the flexibility to take a lot of variety of courses.

Chairperson Kasten: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2007.05/13: Approval of Ph.D. in Nursing

We all know that there is a critical shortage of nurses in Illinois and in the United States, in large part due to the insufficient numbers of nursing faculty. Under this proposed program, Mennonite College of Nursing will administer the program and enroll 10 students annually. The Ph.D. prepared nurse will serve the public health by designing and conducting research on relevant clinical and educational health systems and/or health policy topics. The Ph.D. prepared nurse may also pursue a career in academic, business, governmental or industrial settings. I ask your approval for this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Maitland so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Discussion?

Trustee McCuskey: I just wondered how many universities in Illinois grant this degree? I did my Trustee-In-Residence at the nursing school which was a great experience and Nancy did a wonderful job taking me through the steps but I don't remember asking her that question.

Dr. Ridenour: Well thanks for the opportunity and that is one of the reasons why ISU is really a prime place to have a Ph.D. because right now the only state school that offers a Ph.D. in Nursing is University of Illinois/Chicago and then there is private programs at Rush University and at Loyola University. Those are the only Illinois programs.

Trustee McCuskey: We would be the only school south of Interstate 80.

Dr. Ridenour: Exactly.

Trustee McCuskey: How was the number of ten arrived at?

Dr. Ridenour: In terms of looking at what our faculty capacity and making sure we could get them through dissertation. And certainly we want to keep it a small enough program that we can manage and also that we can be sure we can place them and choose students that want to stay in central and downstate Illinois.

Trustee McCuskey: Have we lost that potential in the past – some of the students at the master's degree level saying they really wished they could stay here and work on a Ph.D.?

Dr. Ridenour: Absolutely, yes. And what we are finding too with our undergraduates as well – we are working on having BSN's enter into the doctoral program right out of the bachelor's program so that they will graduate with a Ph.D.

Chairperson Kasten: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

President Bowman: Trustee Kasten, with your permission, I will skip briefly to:
Resolution 2007.05/15: Authorization to Purchase a Digital Press

Printing Services seeks to improve and expand its printing capabilities to meet the needs of the University community. This resolution would allow the University to conclude the competitive negotiation process and achieve a multi-year contract for equipment and service for the digital press project. The source of funds for this contract is service revenue accounts, and the cost is not expected to exceed \$900,000 over the five-year contract. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: When we use the term "service revenue funds" does that mean those who use it pay for it?

President Bowman: Right, it has to rest on its own revenue and other sources are not used to support it.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Bergman so moved and was seconded by Trustee Ommen. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

President Bowman: Trustee Kasten, I will now turn things over to you for the final resolution.

Resolution 2007.05/14: Recognition of Student Trustee Brett Schnepfer

Chairperson Kasten: I will read the resolution:

Whereas, Brett Schnepfer was selected by his constituents at Illinois State University to represent their interests as a member of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, and

Whereas Brett Schnepfer ably discharged that responsibility, while at the same time keeping in mind the interests of all of the people of the State:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University expresses its deep appreciation to Brett Schnepfer for his service on the Board and for his success in all future endeavors.

Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

I just want to say to you Brett that it has been a pleasure to work with you over the past year. This has been an historic year for Illinois State University—you were fortunate to play an important role in the kick-off of our Sesquicentennial celebration during the bell-ringing ceremony—and you have been involved in all of the speaker presentations and other events associated with our 150th birthday thus far. In the same manner, I know I speak for the entire Board when I thank you for your service to the University and to the students who you have represented so well.

I know that the people of the College of Fine Arts and Milner Library appreciate the time you spent with them as part of your Trustee-In-Residence Program—and you confided in me that you have seen the part of the campus that needs the most help in those visits. I know that President Bowman is grateful for the advice and input you offered throughout this year.

I want you to know how much we appreciate the excellent work you have done on behalf of the University. The Board has passed the resolution and I get the honor of presenting to you a plaque embodying the very resolution that we just passed.

Trustee Schnepfer: I want to thank everybody for everything that they have done for me this year. On the Board I have had a great experience. I always tell people I have learned more in my one year on the Board than I have learned in four years in course work, but that is not to knock the faculty or staff. But I have had a great time and I have had a very enjoyable experience and I think it is great that Illinois State has this position. They don't treat the student trustee like it is something they have to do – they really do value their opinion.

Trustee McCuskey: I would be remiss if I didn't mention this. Since the last Board meeting one of our campus legends passed away – Dr. Duffy Bass. At his visitation and funeral it was really wonderful to see how many former faculty members, coaches and people who came. I appreciate the people in this room who were there. I was not there for the entire visitation but it really was an outpouring of the University community to thank Duffy Bass for a lifetime of commitment to this University. I was pleased to be one of the speakers at the funeral as was State Representative Jay Hoffman and Deputy Governor Joe Handley. It was a wonderful reflection on a great life and then at the Trustee-In-Residence I was able to congratulate Melinda Fisher for carrying that torch on and becoming now the most winning coach in the history of Illinois State athletics. She too is carrying on that tradition of dedicating her life as a player and a coach and staying here hopefully for another 700 wins.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you for giving us those comments. I would now entertain a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5ILCS, Section 120/2 (c)(1); collective negotiating matters between the University and its employees, 5ILCS, Section 120/2 (c)(2); litigation which has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, as allowed in 5ILCS, Section 120/2 (c)(11); and the purchase or lease of real property as allowed in 5ILCS, Section 120/2 (c)(5). Is there a motion? Trustee Kinser so moved and was seconded by Trustee Maitland. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

We will now move into Executive Session. At the close of Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in public session only for the purpose of adjournment.

At 12:06 p.m. a motion to return to public session for the purpose of adjournment was made by Trustee Ommen and seconded by Trustee Maitland. The vote by roll call was unanimous. At 12:07 p.m. the meeting was adjourned; the motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Schnepfer and seconded by Trustee Bergman. The vote by roll call was unanimous.