

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
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The Board of Trustees convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2006, in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. Chairperson Kasten called the meeting to order and Trustee Maitland called the roll.

The following members were present.

Trustee Jay Bergman
Trustee Anne Davis
Trustee Carl Kasten
Trustee Betty Kinser
Trustee Joanne Maitland
Trustee Mike McCuskey
Trustee Barry Tolchin

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 Helen Mamarchev
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 Ms. Mindy Mangialardi of the Campus Communication Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion to approve the Agenda? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Kasten: After review of the Minutes of February 17, 2006, are there any changes? I ask for a motion to approve. Trustee McCuskey so moved and was seconded by Trustee Maitland. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded with all members present voting aye.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Good morning everyone and thanks for coming today. It's a special day for Illinois State University. I hope everyone is making plans to get to the Commissioning and Commencement exercises that take place today and tomorrow.

Graduation is a culminating event of university experience and represents sacrifice on the parts of students and families. Commencement is a wonderful experience, not only for students and their families, but for all of us in any way affiliated with the University.

I want to thank the Campus Communication Committee for sponsoring this morning's Discussion Hour and special thanks to Stacey Mwilambwe from University Housing and Dr. Beverly Rich from the Math Department for that very interesting discussion.

I want to congratulate and introduce to the Board two of our new student leaders which I hope are here. Our new student Trustee is Mr. Brett Schnepfer and our new Student Government President is Mr. Ross Richards – please stand and be recognized. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Today also marks our last meeting for Trustee Barry Tolchin. We will have a Resolution regarding Barry a little later in today's meeting.

In the packet that was handed out to you moments ago there are two items that deserve attention. One is a special report regarding *Educating Illinois* which contains stories about faculty and staff who put values of *Educating Illinois* into real practice everyday. We try to achieve and are succeeding in achieving distinctiveness and excellence and publications like this serve an excellent reminder of that.

Another item is a publication from the Department of History called *Recounting the Past: A Student Journal of Historical Studies at Illinois State*. I have not had a chance to read it in full but I will and I have enjoyed what I have read so far.

Finally, following our last meeting and the issuance of the bond, I want to report that we were extremely fortunate in getting them sold at a rate of 4.428%. As you may now be aware the long-term interest rates are above 5.20%. So I say congratulations and thanks to all the work in accomplishing the issuance, marketing and sale in such a timely manner.

I would now like to ask the Trustees if they have any experiencing they would like to share since our February meeting.

Trustee Davis: I would like to start out first by thanking the staff in our Health Sciences School, School of Kinesiology & Recreation, Technology School, as well as Family & Consumer Sciences. I had an opportunity to spend a day visiting those schools and the tour and demonstrations were just fantastic.

Trustee McCuskey: I did my Trustee-In-Residence in the College of Arts & Sciences with Dean Olson, and he gave me a chance to go through the science building and it was nice to see the work of our chemistry and physics departments and the research that they are doing.

Chairperson Kasten: Before we go on I note the presence of Representative Dan Brady who has been so good to us in the legislature and continues to be our principal advocate there, and we are so pleased that you could find time to drop by and see us today.

Trustee Kinser: I just want to thank Dean Ridenour for my tour of the school of Nursing. It was very impressive and I got to meet a lot of people that I didn't know after 30 years on campus. I was impressed with the number of grants and money that is coming into the school – the gerontology and the aging program that they are working on – the need for Ph.D. and advanced level students. Dean Ridenour has done a great job and has some really qualified staff members. I want to say that I also have never taken out kidneys or a stomach or a heart and I had the opportunity to do that in the simi-lab. The school of nursing holds a great place at Illinois State and hopefully we can continue to build it larger.

Trustee Maitland: I had the pleasure of going with Dr. Elzy through the Library and I cannot let you down, Cheryl, I will have to put in your bid for repairs – not just expansion. It was also a very interesting day and I saw more books than I ever knew were possible.

Trustee Tolchin: I had the opportunity to visit the Laboratory Schools that we have here at Illinois State through the College of Education, the University High School and the Metcalf School. I just want to thank everyone in the College for making my visit interesting. They were very gracious and as someone who did not do any undergrad but is now doing graduate school in the College of Education, it was certainly an interesting experience.

Trustee Bergman: I was involved in a Trustee-In-Residence with the Athletic department. I took a good tour of the Arena. I had been in most parts of it at one time or another since it has been built but now with a lot of expansion and completion of the lower level it was very interesting to find out that finally after all of these years we are going to be utilizing virtually the entire lower level of the Arena.

Chairperson Kasten: I did a few different things. I went to the Regional Admissions Fair for admitted students down in Collinsville, and I really enjoyed myself that evening. I want to thank the Admissions staff and all the people who were very helpful in incorporating me into the evening and I found it exhilarating to see how parents and students start forming ideas about their futures. On April 20 I attended the Women's Basketball Banquet which was a wonderful evening, and on the 29th of April I attended the pre-law banquet supported by the Attorney's Advisory Counsel. Judge McCuskey was there as was Barry Tolchin. There we learned that our mock-trial team, although they did not win the national top-flight competition, in their four matches they tied Princeton, beat Cornell, lost to Harvard and tied Duke. So I thought that was pretty fair representation. They are to be commended for that. I believe that is all the comments that I have.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

There are a couple of additional items in your packets this morning. First, there is a copy of an article from today's Chicago Tribune. It did not appear in the downstate edition but is in the city and metro edition. It talks about rising academic standards at Illinois State University and also some marketing efforts that we will put forward to try to capture a larger percentage of students who graduate in the top ten percent of their high school class. It is very favorable publicity. It talks about changes in our ACT composite score over the last ten years and I wanted you to see a copy of that. The second item is from the Academic Senate. It is a white paper titled "Eight Thesis on Higher Education in Illinois" and it is a very well done paper that discusses some of the funding issues that have affected public higher education as well as the need to improve public awareness of the benefits of what we do.

I would like to begin by introducing to you our next General Counsel for Illinois State. Ms. Lisa Huson comes to us from the University of Illinois, where she has served since 1999. She was selected after a nationwide search that produced three-dozen qualified candidates, and we are very excited that she will be with us beginning June 1. Ms. Huson, would you please stand and be recognized.

I would also like to welcome our incoming Student Trustee Brett Schnepfer and Student Government Association President Ross Richards. I look forward to a good year ahead.

I also want to echo Trustee Kasten's thank you to the Campus Communication Committee, Ms. Mwilambwe and Dr. Rich for this morning's Discussion Hour on housing.

As you are probably aware, the Illinois Legislature last week approved the State of Illinois budget, and along with it, operating and capital budgets for Illinois State University. There were no real surprises. Illinois State will receive an additional \$1,005,500 in general operating revenue for FY2007. It is the first time in four fiscal years that the University has received an increase, so that is a small positive step in the right direction. It does not, however, begin to make up for the tens of millions of dollars that the University has forgone over the past several years.

On the capital side, there were no new capital funds approved for Illinois State this fiscal year. Our top priority capital item is the renovation of our Fine Arts complex, so we will be working toward funding in that area with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the General Assembly during the next fiscal year.

The Legislature did re-appropriate funds for the Stevenson-Turner project, so we will be eagerly awaiting release of those funds so we can begin that project.

My top operating priority continues to be enhancing faculty and staff salaries. I am pleased this morning to announce that the Salary Enhancement Program has been completed for Administrative Professional employees. Administrative Professional employee salaries were compared with their relevant comparison groups, and more than 185 A/P employees have been recommended for salary adjustments, which will be retroactive to January of this year. I want to thank Deb Smitley, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Planning, as well as the Administrative/Professional Council for their hard work on this complicated program. As I have indicated, the Salary Enhancement Plan is a long-term process, and you will be hearing more about it during the next academic year.

As Trustee Kasten said, more than 3,200 students will participate in Commencement exercises this weekend. This is indeed a special time for our graduates and their families, and I would like to congratulate all of our graduates and wish them well in their future endeavors.

In addition to Summer School, College for Youth, and the many summer camps offered at Illinois State, Preview, the program for our incoming students will keep our campus very busy. With the 2005-2006 academic year concluding this weekend with Commencement, we turn our attention to enrollment projections for the fall 2006 semester. I am pleased to report that Illinois State remains a school of choice for high achieving students.

Nearly 12,500 freshman applications have been processed. That is a 13% increase over last year, and more than 3,300 enrollment deposits have been received from high school seniors indicating their interest in attending. From that number, we expect a freshman class of approximately 3,200, up only slightly over last year's total of 3,179.

Additional good news is that the academic profile of this group virtually matches last year's with an average ACT score of 23.9 – 90% of the admitted new freshmen rank in the top half of their high school class and 50% rank in the top quarter. Our total on-campus enrollment will remain slightly less than 20,500.

This past Monday, Trustee Ommen, who is also chair of our Foundation Board, and I participated in an event to formally announce the largest individual gift ever to Illinois State—a \$5.9 million trust from the late Bruce V. Green. Trustee Kinser was also present for that announcement.

Mr. Green designated the gift to create and maintain a 6-acre, public-access garden project on the grounds of Ewing Cultural Center in memory and honor of his wife of 47 years, the late Genevieve Green. The Genevieve Green Gardens at Ewing Cultural Center will be dedicated sometime during the University's 150 anniversary celebration, and it will be a beautiful and educational addition to our University and to the Bloomington-Normal Community.

I want to congratulate everyone associated with our College of Education. U.S. News and World Report recently announced that the College's graduate school advanced from 93 to 77 in national rankings for the best graduate schools. The College increased their scores in seven areas to achieve the higher ranking.

Those areas included doctoral students GRE scores; school superintendents rating of COE program quality; percentage of doctoral applicants that were accepted into COE doctoral programs; percentage of full-time COE faculty holding awards such as Fulbright Fellowships, Carnegie Corporation Scholars Awards or editorships among selected education journals; number of doctoral degrees granted in the previous school year; and percentage of degree-seeking graduate students enrolled in doctoral program.

I would like to give you a brief update on our facilities:

Haynie Hall - The second project of the Long-Range Plan for Housing and Dining, which is the remodeling of Haynie Residence Hall has been underway since last summer. The work is on schedule and project costs are within the \$7M approved budget. Current work involves electrical fit-out, room finishes, paint, carpet and floor tile are being installed in the student rooms on the upper floors. All construction work will be completed in July and the building reopened for occupancy by students in August.

Wright Hall - The third project for the Long-Range Housing and Dining Plan, which is the renovation of the third and final tower at the West Campus Complex. The construction bids were publicly opened late last month. We had good participation by contractors and the low bids of each of the six prime contracts were within the budget. McCoy Construction will be the General Prime Contractor. Asbestos abatement will begin as soon as school is over.

Southeast Zone Chiller - This important utility project will generate chilled water for Watterson Towers and Stevenson Hall and is currently out for public bidding. The project replaces original chilling equipment in both of these major buildings in a new consolidated plant to be built on Beaufort Street. A pre-construction meeting with all interested contractors was held last week and the bid opening is scheduled for next week. Construction work is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2007.

Life Safety Improvements for Stevenson and Turner Halls - The construction drawings have been completed by the architects and engineers and we are awaiting release of the \$18M by the State of Illinois. The project will be phased in over three to four years.

Intercollegiate Athletics is also keeping busy this spring. With regular season conference championships this academic year in men's tennis, women's tennis and softball, the Illinois State athletics department has now claimed 125 league titles since joining the Missouri Valley Conference in 1982.

In mid-April, the women's tennis team won its fourth straight regular season title, while the Redbird men's tennis program claimed the first Valley championship in the history of the program. Head coach Greg Kennett was also named the Valley men's tennis coach of the year.

The ISU softball team had to win two games at then-first place Missouri State this past weekend to earn the conference championship. The Redbirds did just that by winning both games against the Bears, for their 11th regular season Valley title under head coach Melinda Fischer.

Finally, planning will continue in earnest this summer for our 150th celebration. An entire year-long celebration will officially kick-off with our February 2007 Founders Day Convocation, but you will begin seeing signs of the celebration when students return for the fall semester.

With that, I would like to ask to the podium, Ms. Mindy Mangialardi, Chair of the Campus Communication Committee.

Ms. Mangialardi: Good morning. The Campus Communication Committee hopes you enjoyed this morning's coffee hour presentation on academic lifestyles in the residence halls. This collaboration between faculty and staff reflects how the educational mission is extended beyond the classroom into living areas and student activities.

A recent special edition of the ISU Report highlighted many faculty and staff whose accomplishments over the past year reflect the values outlined in *Educating Illinois*. We wish to add our voice to President Bowman's in thanking and congratulating those individuals for all they have done to help ISU achieve its academic mission.

The Campus Communication Committee feels compelled to comment on the continued under-funding of the State Universities Retirement System. It's alarming how the State of Illinois has mortgaged the future of our college and university educators in order to achieve a balanced state budget. We ask President Bowman and members of the Board of Trustees to exert your influence with state legislators to restore full funding to the State Universities Retirement System.

On a brighter note, the Campus Communication Committee is pleased to see the residence hall and dining center projects, as well as the student recreation and kinesiology center project, are moving ahead. In spite of budget challenges, Illinois State University continues to enhance our facilities and academic programs and we applaud all those involved in obtaining the funds to make such progress possible.

In reviewing the board packet, the Campus Communication Committee made particular note of the Governor's \$1,000,000 increase over last year's appropriations for ISU operations. Although appreciative, we're mindful of the fact that state support for higher education remains significantly less than what it used to be and what is needed to continue to provide quality higher education to the citizens of Illinois. In order to make up for that deficit, all the state universities have been forced to put more of

the financial burden on students and their families through increases in tuition and fees at the same time both legislators and citizens are objecting to the rising cost of higher education. While this places us in a veritable “Catch 22”, ISU has still managed to survive without resorting to exorbitant increases in tuition and fees and room and board.

The Campus Communication Committee members are aware that the A/P salary increment study has been completed for this year and the results have been distributed to department chairs and directors. Although processes such as this can always be improved upon, we are pleased with the progress that was made.

Lastly, the Campus Communication Committee thanks Trustee Barry Tolchin for all his work on the Board of Trustees this past year. We wish him all the best in both his academic and career pursuits.

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Adams: Good morning. I want to start with just a brief comment about the budget. I think we were a little surprised that we did get the extra million dollars this year, and while that million dollars doesn't fund the operations of the University for a very long period of time, it is certainly a small step in the right direction.

One of the items I wanted to talk about today is the MAP+ program that was passed in the last days of the session. This is a scholarship program in addition to the current ISAC MAP program. It would extend the family income level for those who could apply to anyone with an income less than \$200,000. It could provide up to \$500/year for eligible students. It is a one-year program – there is a sunset provision in the package. I am told that the current thinking is this will be on a first-come, first-serve basis for people applying. The amount of money involved is not exactly known but the estimate is in the \$34M range, which could provide that amount to upwards of 68,000 students. Only sophomore, juniors and seniors can apply, and the application process is somewhat undefined. But anyone who has filled out a FAFSA form will automatically be considered for MAP+. Anyone who receives any funding under the current MAP program will not be eligible for MAP+. The unknown part of this is the funding source for this program, which is the sale of a portion of the ISAC loan portfolio that has not occurred yet. When that takes place and how much money is generated from that sale will determine what is available for this program

Senate Bill 931 provides three new revenue sources for nursing students and nursing education. One of the programs is run through the State Scholarship Commission. It is a \$1.35M scholarship program for students who are pursuing a master's degree in nursing. Two of the segments are running through the State Board of Higher Education - \$1.5M for competitive grants for nursing schools and \$150,000 in grants for nursing faculty scholarships and supplemental funding for faculty.

We were unable to get a capital bill through the General Assembly this year primarily due to lack of support in the Senate. Hopefully, after the election and the veto session, those that are interested in capital projects including the universities will be making a major push to get some consideration.

President Bowman: On the MAP+ program, is there a projected timeline for when that package would be put together?

Mr. Adams: I don't really think so. I do know that there was a committee meeting before the MAP+ program came forward on the overall issue of selling parts of the ISAC portfolio. In that meeting the new chairman of ISAC implied that something in the fall would be a reasonable time to expect a sale to be made. At that point that sale was being tied to the Governor's tax credit for tuition that did not make it through the General Assembly, but the process is the same. They probably, in this case, will be selling a much smaller piece of the portfolio.

President Bowman: For the Board's benefit, Illinois State has been putting just over \$2M/year into MAP supplemental grants, but that funding is aimed at families whose incomes are in the lowest quartile. In this MAP+ program, it really would not help those families, so we will continue to do what we have done in the past.

President Bowman: Thank you Phil. I have just one report for you this morning. With your approval, Trustee Kasten, I will move to the report.

REPORTS

Report 2006.05/1100.02: FY 2007 Governor and Illinois Board of Higher Education Budget Recommendations

As I said during my introductory comments, the General Assembly approved the Governor's proposed operating budget for Illinois State, which was just over \$1M in new FY2007 operating revenue, for an increase over FY2006 of about 1.2 percent. We have provided you an updated table showing the proposed appropriations for each of the public universities.

That is the sole report for today. Trustee Kasten, I have nine Resolutions for Board consideration today, and with your approval I will move to the resolutions.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2006.05/10: FY2007 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.

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 FY2007 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 \$205 per semester credit-hour for the 2006-2007 academic year. This rate is \$25 more per semester credit-hour than is charged new in-state students in 2005-2006. For new out-of-state undergraduate students, we are recommending \$428 per semester credit-hour for the 2006-2007 academic year. This rate is \$52 more per semester credit-hour than is charged new out-of-state students in 2005-2006.

For in-state graduate students, we seek your approval for \$185 per semester credit-hour for the 2006-2007 academic year. This rate is \$15 more than semester credit-hour rates for 2005-2006. The four-year guarantee does not apply to graduate tuition rates. For out-of-state graduate students, we seek a charge of \$386 per semester credit-hour for the 2006-2007 academic year. This represents a \$31 increase over 2005-2006 rates.

The University also requests the authority to charge these tuition rates on all credit hours regardless of the number of hours for which a student may be enrolled. Currently, the University assesses charges up to 16 semester credit-hours. Lifting this cap will allow the University to experiment with selected accelerated programs of study.

For mandatory fees, the University requests authority to charge mandatory fees to all new students of \$52.45 per semester credit hour. This rate is \$5.75 more per semester credit-hour than we charged students in fall 2005. The University also requests authority to increase the off-campus outreach fee assessed for courses offered off-campus over the Internet to \$52.45, an increase of \$5.75 per semester credit-hour. In addition, the University also requests to charge the fee rates on all credit hours regardless of the number of hours for which a student may be enrolled. Currently, the University assesses charges

up to 16 semester credit-hours. Again, lifting this cap will allow the University to experiment with selected accelerated programs of study.

For room and board, the University requests authority to increase room rates by 7.8 percent and dining rates by 7.7 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 will require a significant investment of new 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: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Tolchin so moved and was seconded by Trustee Davis. Any discussion? The Board has been receiving materials and information regarding the legislature and what other universities are doing – some from newspapers and some from first-hand, and we have been scrambling the last several weeks to get as much information as we can. But if there is any discussion or questions, I am sure the President would try to answer them and also Vice President Bragg as well.

Trustee Bergman: I have a question regarding the housing and meal rates. In terms of tuition and fees, we received the information as to what other universities were doing in terms of what they were going to be and increases for this year. But we did not receive anything as far as room and board rates for other universities, either what they were going to be or what percentage of increase they were looking at this year. Several years ago we put together, knowing full well there are a lot of different room and board options at all the different universities, several other roughly equivalent university dorm charges and I guess my first question is – looking at Northern, does anybody know what percent increase room and dorm charges went up this year at Northern.

President Bowman: Helen, would you come up please. One of the difficulties in putting together comparable information is coming up with a single number to represent each campus is difficult because of the array of plans. In the past we have come up with an average, but the averages really aren't very accurate because there are so many different options in those plans. We thought this year we would simply just have a discussion about the trends across the state for housing and dining fees and sort of go at the discussion that way rather than plugging numbers into a spreadsheet.

Vice President Mamarchev: First off I want to thank Janessa Williams. Janessa oversees the accounting and budget process for University Housing Services and she undertook the extraordinary task in trying to put numbers together where they would make some sense to us. Specifically, in terms of your question for Northern, their overall projected increase should be about 9.1 percent and that will still leave Northern at #9 in the bottom of the residence hall room and board structure within the public university system for universities that have residence halls and dining programs.

Trustee Bergman: So 9.1 percent is kind of a blended rate between dorm and food?

Vice President Mamarchev: Yes.

Trustee Bergman: How about Southern at Carbondale. Do we know what percentage they are increasing theirs for this coming year?

Vice President Mamarchev: 9.1 percent.

Trustee Bergman: Okay. How about the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign?

Vice President Mamarchev: 7.5 percent.

Trustee McCuskey: Something that I may have missed locally, didn't the University of Illinois have a maintenance fee that nobody else in the state had this year that they are going to apply to students next year?

Vice President Mamarchev: That is a general maintenance fee of \$250 a semester. I am not sure exactly where that is going to be directed.

Trustee McCuskey: But no other university is doing?

Vice President Mamarchev: Not to my knowledge.

Trustee Bergman: One more – U of I at Chicago – do we know what that is?

Vice President Mamarchev: 7.7 percent.

Trustee Bergman: Okay. This is important information. We are being asked to approve 7.8 and 7.7 percent increases and this tells me that we are more or less in line. Let me ask another question. I fully realize that it is very difficult to put things together on an apples-to-apples basis because we have a dorm and meal plan that may be totally different than any other dorm and meal plan in the state. But a couple of years ago we had put together kind of a base case that we were looking at. We picked out five different situations that at that time appeared to be roughly equivalent to what we were doing. One at Northern Illinois was Grant Hall minimum board rate plus meals and we had dollar amounts so we could compare it to what we were charging. Do we have any of that information available this year?

Vice President Mamarchev: I am going to ask Janessa to come to the podium and comment on that.

Ms. Williams: As we go through the room and board process that is one of the things that we do look at – what are the other rates. I can give you all the rates of all the halls and the meal plans for all of the residential communities in the State of Illinois. That would take a significant amount of time at this time but if that is something you would like for me to get to you, I certainly can.

Trustee Bergman: Again, going back a couple of years, we picked ourselves and four other universities and specific dorm and meal plans to try as close as possible to put it on an apples-to-apples basis. Going back to FY2005 we were looking at where we were in relation to Northern, Southern, UIC and Urbana. That to me is important information. I hope in the future that we could get something like that on a roughly comparable basis well ahead of time so that we know where our dorm and meal fees are in relation to our competition.

Vice President Mamarchev: If it would be helpful I can give you the ranking of where we are in terms of the other schools. As far as the actual cost, and this is the projected actual cost for the upcoming FY2007, the highest cost is the University of Illinois at Chicago followed by U of I Urbana, then U of I Springfield, then SIU Edwardsville, then Western, then Illinois State, then SIU at Carbondale, then Eastern and then Northern.

Trustee Bergman: That is very interesting information to know because we now know we are down near the lower end of the group and we are also presumably going to approve today lower increases than the norm. That is just something to keep in mind for the future.

Chairperson Kasten: Other questions or comments? Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye. Trustee Ommen told me he would like the record to indicate that he would have voted yes.

Resolution 2006.05/11: Authorization to Spend FY2007 Appropriations

This Resolution will allow the University to spend its FY2007 General Revenue Fund appropriations starting July 1, since the Board will not meet again until July 21. I ask you approval of this Resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Maitland so moved and was seconded by Trustee McCuskey. Any discussion? Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2006.05/12: Approval of Integrated B.A, M.A. in Foreign Languages

The Integrated B.A., M.A. in Foreign Languages offers a program of study in French, German and Spanish in three of four areas: culture, linguistics, literature and pedagogy. The delivery of the program enables students to complete the program in five years rather than six.

This move will help the University attract more high-achieving students, enhance the undergraduate experience and decrease time to graduate degree. I ask your approval of this Resolution.

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

Trustee Bergman: I have a question. Do you take all three of those languages or do you choose one of the three languages and major in that?

Provost Presley: Just one.

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

Resolution 2006.05/13: Authorization for a 36-Month Network System Service Agreement

Illinois State owns and operates its own high-speed data network with more than 18,500 on-campus network attached computer devices. On June 30, 2006, the current network system service agreement will end. After evaluating the RFP responses, Prism Innovations of Northbrook, Illinois was judged to have the best proposal—an excellent record and the lowest price. The estimated cost of the new 36-month agreement is approximately \$1,380,000. I ask your approval.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Maitland. Any discussion?

Trustee Maitland: How does this compare to what we had in the past?

Mr. Blomgren: The contract is based on a percentage off of list price. The percentage was slightly lower than we got last year. All of the vendors have cut down their margins some so we were probably 4 percent higher than we were in the previous 5-year agreement.

Trustee McCuskey: Do we have any history of Prism?

Mr. Blomgren: They were our previous 5-year vendor.

Trustee McCuskey: So we didn't have any problems with them and the increase is within the norm so we are going to go with somebody that we have an established relationship with?

Mr. Blomgren: That and the fact that they were 4 percent higher than all the others as far as their discount rate structure to us so it was the best value out there for us.

Trustee Bergman: I note one thing and this is maybe something more for the attorneys. If we take a look at page 30 and look at the last line in the Resolution, "Prism Innovations to begin July 1, 2006, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,380,000." That's pretty precise – not to exceed \$1,380,000. We turn to the next page and we look at the last paragraph that reads "The estimated cost of the new 36-month network service agreement is approximately \$1,380,000. The actual annual cost will be determined based upon the quantity of network hardware in service during each year of the agreement. The current network growth

rate is about 3-5 percent annually.” That tells me it may not be \$1,380,000 and I wonder if the wording of this Resolution is okay or if we need to look at it.

Chairperson Kasten: As I look read the Resolution, and I am just one of possible three lawyers here, the Resolution takes precedence over the comments and there would not be authority to go beyond \$1,380,000. Is that essentially correct?

Ms. Posegate: That is correct. The written contract governs and you may not look to extraneous language for interpretation of the contract unless there is extraordinary ambiguity.

Trustee Bergman: It sounds like it is going to cost us more. Are we saying that is all we are going to spend or do we need to change the Resolution?

Chairperson Kasten: It is all we are going to spend.

Trustee McCuskey: The problem is that the vendor doesn't know how many students we are going to bring in and how we are going to expand. We know that we have a stable student body base and that we don't intend to expand it, so I think since we are a stable university community, both in student body and in employment, the ceiling is there. If I was Prism, I would want to enter into this agreement so that I have an idea of what the maximum I am going to get is and also from the University's point, it is not going to exceed that, meaning that if the growth isn't there, it is going to be less than that. So I think it is worded properly and it's protection for both parties.

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

Resolution 2006.05/14: Five-Year Beverage Contract

Illinois State's beverage contract for Campus Dining Services expires June 30 of this year. The most favorable proposal for a new agreement came from Coca Cola North America Company and Coca Cola Central States Company, showing a \$960,000 benefit over the closest competitive proposal. I ask your approval of this Resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Maitland so moved and was seconded by Trustee Tolchin. Any discussion? I have a question – how many people bid on this contract?

Vice President Mamarchev: Arlene Hosea is here from Campus Dining Services – was it three?

Ms. Hosea: It was four – two complete and two incomplete bids.

Trustee McCuskey: Is our current contract with Coca Cola?

Vice President Mamarchev: For Campus Dining Services – yes it is.

Trustee Davis: With the option to renew for an additional five years, would that be at the current rate as stipulated here?

Vice President Mamarchev: Yes it would.

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

Resolution 2006.05/15: Prime Food Vendor

This Resolution is necessary because McAlister's Deli Corporation has switched from contracting with PFG Foods to MBM Corporation for food supplies. Since Chick Fil A Corporation also contracts with MBM Corporation for their supplies, the combined purchase amounts require Board concurrence. I ask your approval.

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

Resolution 2006.05/16: Student Recreation Center Project

During its February meeting, the Board approved issuing auxiliary Facility System Revenue Bonds, and the planning money for the Student Recreation Center was part of that approval. Today, we ask the Board for approval to proceed with the project by establishing budgets, appointing architects and engineers, conducting a feasibility study and designing a new recreation center that will meet the needs of students, faculty and staff. I ask your approval for.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Tolchin so moved and was seconded by Trustee Davis. Well this is long awaited and part of the changing landscaping that the bond issue is going to permit us to do. Are there any questions? Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2006.05/17: South University Street Parking Garage Extension Project

During its February meeting, the Board approved issuing auxiliary Facility System Revenue Bonds and the parking garage was part of that approval.

Today, we seek authority to construct an expansion to the South University Street Parking Garage of approximately 500 parking spaces, establish budgets, appoint architects and engineers, develop required designs and construction documents, advertise, receive and award public bids and undertake construction. I ask for your approval.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Kinser so moved and was seconded by Maitland. Any discussion? This is consistent with the bond issue.

President Bowman: One of the proposed sites for the student recreation facility is the current location of Walker, Dunn and Barton. If that site is selected it would create greater demand for parking in that part of campus, partly because of the addition of the College of Business building.

Trustee Maitland: I just had a question on the comprehensive study that was done. It said that we had a shortage of 650-800 spaces and if this only accommodates 500, is it because of the locality?

President Bowman: This will help because it will bring parking spaces to the central part of the campus. We have satellite lots that will still be in place for student storage but for peak demand during the prime class hours, this will help that tremendously. In terms of the continued deficit, can you address that Steve?

Vice President Bragg: The major shortage or the greatest demand is for the core of campus and this parking ramp will go a long way to solve that problem. We are in the process of compiling a long-range parking and transportation plan. We are revisiting our array of parking permits and how we assign lots. We are looking at extending satellite parking for students – Park-and-Ride options, and we are also looking at creating new zoned parking opportunities so that we will be able to, without creating the actual number of spaces by the 650 or whatever the deficit is at the time, be able to optimize the use of those parking lots and meet the demand by adding fewer spaces.

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

President Bowman: I would like to recognize a couple of individuals who will be retiring and leaving the University community this summer. Dean Rossman has served as Dean of the College of Applied Science & Technology – he will leave us this summer. Gary McGinnis who has been the Associate Vice President and head of the Graduate School and International Studies will retire this summer, and Bill Blomgren who has been a long-term employee and part of our network expansion over the years will also leave us. I want to express my appreciation for your years of service to Illinois State.

I would now like to turn things back over to Trustee Kasten for our final resolution.

Resolution 2006.05/18: Recognition of Student Trustee Barry Tolchin

I think procedurally I would just as soon have a motion and a second and a vote before I present anything to Barry. Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Bergman so moved and was seconded by Trustee McCuskey.

Chairperson Kasten: It is hard to be complementary enough, Barry, for the performance that you have given us. You continue the long tradition of great student trustees. We have had over the years many fine trustees. In fact, the Board early on recognized that student trustees would be an asset to the Board and the Board was one of the first ones to urge the legislature to give student trustees the right to vote, and they have all been exemplary but none any better than you. I have a motion for approval moved by Trustee Bergman, and seconded by Trustee McCuskey. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Barry, would you step forward? I will read the Resolution aloud:

Whereas, Barry Tolchin 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, Barry Tolchin 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 Barry Tolchin for his service on the Board and for his success in all future endeavors.

Congratulations and thank you so much.

Trustee Tolchin: First of all I would have to thank my marketing expert here, Trustee McCuskey, apparently it is already in the award so we can't change it but I certainly appreciate your comments. I just want to thank a few people who have meant a lot to me this past year. In particular my family and part of my Mother's Day present to my mother and grandmother who are here is to embarrass them today so I am going to ask them to stand. I would also like to thank Josh Garrison, this past year's Student Body President, as well as the entire Student Government Association who did a lot to keep me informed as to what the student issues were and make sure that I was doing my job. I also would like to thank the entire Board of Trustees, particularly Carl Kasten, who has been a great mentor for me. He really helped me along the way and helped me in terms of defining what my role was. I guess I would have to thank Governor Blagojevich for continuing to increase my seniority at every Board meeting because at every single Board meeting with the exception of this one, I gain seniority because we gained Board members, so I guess I had that unique experience and I appreciated it. Certainly every single member of the Board has been influential to me and has helped me grow as an individual. I would like to thank President Bowman for helping me understand what makes Illinois State University run and what it means to be a member of this University. I would like to thank all the vice presidents who have done an outstanding job of keeping me informed and keeping me on my toes and making sure that a person with a Political Science background understands finance in higher education.

I would also like to thank Jackie Snelling and Jay Groves who have helped me a lot in terms of making sure that I get to events and making sure that I stay on my toes and am where I am suppose to be, but also for helping me realize what it takes to be a Board member.

Finally, an aspect that a lot of people don't see in terms of me being on the Board is I have an assistantship in the Dean of Student's Office and I couldn't do my job here on the Board if it wasn't for the fact that they are extremely lenient on the amount of hours that I spend in the office every week. If it wasn't for individuals like Jeremy Schenk and Emily Villhauer to make sure that I separated my duties and reminded me that I had class work every now and then, I wouldn't have done near as well a job as I was able to do this year. I just want to thank the Board for a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you, Barry. You know Barry is going to be known for his excellent tenure as a Trustee but to those of us who saw him on his non-trustee side, he is even more impressive. I thought that the effort that was made for Katrina Relief by him and Josh and all of the student government entities across campus was just remarkable and extraordinary. I know he has taken trips to visit other places, buildings, other campuses and I know he spent a lot of time on a volunteer basis helping the mock trial team. So even from his non-trustee side, it has been a most impressive ride, Barry.

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 McCuskey for approval, and was seconded by Trustee Tolchin. 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.

The Board reconvened in public session at 12:25 p.m. at which time roll was taken. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Kinser. Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.