

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
July 27, 2007

The Board of Trustees convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 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 Jay Bergman
Trustee Anne Davis
Trustee Carl Kasten
Trustee Betty Kinser
Trustee Mike McCuskey
Trustee Stan Ommen

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

President Al Bowman
Vice President and Provost John Presley
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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Good morning and welcome to today's meeting. It is a real pleasure for me to welcome our newest student trustee to the Board, Ryan Cekander. Ryan is from Champaign and is currently a senior with a double major in marketing and international business. After graduating he intends to work in the field of international business. He has previously served the student body as a member of the University Programming Board and the Inter-fraternity Counsel. So, as our first order of business today I would ask Ryan to join me and receive the Oath of Office:

I do solemnly swear (pause)
that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States (pause)
and of the State of Illinois, (pause)
and that I will faithfully discharge the duties (pause)
of the office of member of the Board of Trustees (pause)
of Illinois State University (pause)
to the best of my ability.

Congratulations Ryan and welcome to the Illinois State University Board of Trustees. We are all looking forward to working with you during the coming year. We have had so many wonderful student trustees, and from everything I have heard, you are going to be right in that mainstream. We are looking forward to your input. I would just say to you that if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call any of us. If you have any concerns, the same thing. We were the first Board to move the legislature to

incorporate student trustees. We take that responsibility appropriately and have benefited by comments and actions of student trustees over the years. Ryan, would you like to say a few words?

Trustee Cekander: I would just like to thank the University and the Board for giving me this opportunity. I am really excited about it and look forward to working with all of you.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

According to our Bylaws, the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board will stand for election at the first meeting of each fiscal year. Voting will be by a voice roll-call vote. I will ask Secretary Ommen to ask for nominations and conduct the vote for the position of Chairperson.

Trustee Ommen: The floor is now open for nominations for Chairperson of the Illinois State University Board of Trustees.

Trustee Kinser: Over the past two years since I have been appointed to the Board of Trustees, I have gained a lot of confidence and respect for the person I would like to nominate as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Thank you to him for getting me started on the right track, and I would like to nominate Carl Kasten.

Trustee Ommen: Is there a second? Trustee McCuskey seconded. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, is there a motion to close the nominations? Trustee McCuskey so moved and was seconded by Trustee Bergman. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Trustee Ommen: Carl Kasten has been nominated as Chairperson of the Illinois State University Board of Trustees. I will now call the roll asking each Trustee for their voice vote.

Trustee Bergman – Kasten
Trustee Davis – Kasten
Trustee Kinser – Kasten
Trustee McCuskey – Kasten
Trustee Ommen – Kasten
Trustee Cekander – Kasten

Trustee Ommen: Congratulations Mr. Chairman, you have been re-elected.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you to all the members of the Board who work so hard. It is an honor and a privilege to serve with you. The floor is now open for nominations for Secretary.

Trustee McCuskey: I am going to nominate Trustee Ommen to continue in the position of Secretary.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a second? Trustee Davis seconded. Are there other nominations? If not, is there a motion to close nominations? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Cekander. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye. I will now call the roll asking each Trustee for their voice vote.

Trustee Bergman – Ommen
Trustee Davis – Ommen
Trustee Kasten – Ommen
Trustee Kinser – Ommen
Trustee McCuskey – Ommen
Trustee Cekander – Ommen

Congratulations Mr. Ommen.

Chairperson Kasten: Stan, well beyond those administrative tasks, you have been a valuable source for the Board and particularly for me.

REPORT OF RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the Illinois State University Board of Trustees is required to periodically review the minutes of its Executive Sessions to determine the necessity of retaining the confidentiality of those minutes. The Board has reviewed the minutes of the Executive Sessions held on the following dates: May 12, 2006, releasing paragraph 3 – now released in its entirety; October 27, 2006, release all; February 16, 2007, release all.

Copies of these Minutes are in your meeting folders. As Board Chairperson, I will entertain a motion at this time to release as public the above list of minutes of the Executive Sessions held by the Illinois State University Board of Trustees. Is there such a motion? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

I want to begin by thanking the Campus Communication Committee for organizing this morning's discussion hour. For those of you who couldn't be there, we had an excellent and informative discussion with Bloomington Mayor Steve Stockton, Normal Mayor Chris Koos and City Manager Tom Hamilton.

It is always beneficial for the University to have strong ties with the towns in which they are situated. While sometimes town/gown relations are not so good, we have been very fortunate over the past several years to have, I believe, exemplary relationships with those communities. They have reciprocated and indicated that they enjoy their time in dealing with us and the time to talk with us about issues. This morning's discussion ranged from the rate of growth of the two communities, the infrastructure being considered by the two communities in the future, the transportation system serving the University and the two communities and how we can mutually help each other obtain a beneficial result. As for someone who lives in another city, but visits Bloomington-Normal on a regular basis, I am always impressed at the level of positive developments occurring in both communities.

Following our May Board meeting, all of our Trustees participated in Commencement exercises. Commencement is probably the most important and most fulfilling aspect of the University experience, and part of keeping our pledge to be with the students from start to finish in a small university atmosphere with large university opportunities. I thank the members of the Board for being involved in that important event.

I want to take a moment to congratulate Trustee Betty Kinser. Just two weeks ago, Betty was named the Town of Normal's Citizen of the Year for 2007. In presenting the award during the Town's annual appreciation reception, Mayor Koos said—and I quote—"I have known Betty for 35 years and I can confidently state that I have not met another person in that time who is as passionate about engaging people and initiating action to address community needs,"—unquote. Betty was cited particularly for her work with the Easter Seals, Midwest Food Bank, Marc Center, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Friends of Planned Parenthood and the VFW. Betty, I have told you this personally and I have written you a note but I want you to know that the whole Board is extremely proud of obtaining that award and know that it is richly deserved, so I say congratulations to you.

I believe President Bowman will have a bit more to say about the State budget picture—or more accurately—the lack of a state budget picture.

I just want to say thank you to all of the people who are trying to get some input into the Springfield situation, certainly Phil Adams, and I want to thank President Bowman for keeping the campus community well-informed and indicating to them that, depending on what happens in Springfield, certainly want to keep everything on-line as we have had it planned before and surely intend to do that.

It is a summer meeting and while I have been to a few events I don't know that I need to tell you about them. If any Trustee wishes to make comments to events that they have participated in since our last meeting, please feel free to speak.

Trustee Kinser: I just wanted to say I attended the Alumni Foundation Shakespeare Festival and it was a great event. We had dinner on the lawn and then attended the performance and it was excellent. It has been a fast summer and I am trying to catch up on my community work in order to get ready for all the 150th celebration events that are coming up. If you haven't had a chance, go to the Shakespeare performances.

Trustee Ommen: I would like to publicly thank President Bowman for the very nice comments he made at my recent retirement reception.

Trustee Bergman: Generally at these times I would mention something that has happened that is new and different with regard to trying to engage alumni where we haven't been before. It is an interest of mine as it is with the Alumni staff. I had the pleasure of attending what, as far as I know, the first alumni meeting in the Milwaukee area. It was a couple of months ago down on the lakefront and was a great event. We had a nice group of people and it is really the basis for connecting with the alums of this university that we have ignored since they left here. So I was excited about that and I hope things are going to continue up there.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you for your effort in making that event. I will now turn to President Bowman for his remarks.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Thank you Trustee Kasten, and congratulations to both you and Trustee Ommen on your re-election to your Board leadership positions. The Board of Trustees is entering its second decade of providing leadership for Illinois State—and clearly, the University has flourished during those ten years. In fact, in many of my speeches, I often reference the fact that the formation of an independent Board for Illinois State was a major turning point for the institution.

Congratulations also to Trustee Cekander. Your service on behalf of the student body will be appreciated, and I hope it is a fulfilling experience for you. We are somewhat unusual in that our student member is a full voting member. As you look at boards across the country, I think it is a reflection of the commitment that this state and this institution has in its student body.

Betty, I want to echo Carl's congratulations on your award from the Town of Normal. It was great to be at that event. Your volunteer service is a great reflection of your character—and it enhances the Board of Trustees and Illinois State.

I would also like to add my thanks to Mayors Koos and Stockton and to City Manager Hamilton. We continue to have a very good relationship and open communication with our community leaders.

One great example of that relationship was in evidence during this year's Sugar Creek Arts Festival, which was held July 7th and 8th. Usually the festival takes place in Uptown Normal, but because of the construction and redevelopment taking place there, and because Illinois State is celebrating its Sesquicentennial, the event included locations on the Quad and along our School Street sculpture and garden plaza. The festival doubled in size this year, and both the Town and University heard outstanding feedback, so I assume it will be there in the years to come. I also want to thank Vice President for University Advancement Dianne Ashby and her staff for working so well with town leaders to make the 24th Sugar Creek Arts Festival the best one yet. I would also like to thank our facilities staff for their hard work in getting our campus prepared to host that festival.

I would like to formally inform the Board of some leadership changes since the May meeting. Provost John Presley has appointed Jim Major as Acting Dean of the College of Fine Arts. Dr. Major joined the Illinois State Music faculty in 1995 and became Director of the School of Music in 2000. Before coming to Illinois State, Jim was a member of the Ohio State University Music faculty. So thank you, Jim, and look forward to having you on board.

Sara Campbell has been appointed Interim Dean of the Mennonite College of Nursing. Sara has been with Mennonite since 1991—and when the school joined Illinois State in 1999, she was named Director of the Undergraduate Program and then Associate Dean in 2000. She began her appointment on July 1.

In the meantime, the search process is underway for our next Provost. The search committee is being led by Dr. Rick Boser, chair of the Technology Department. Advertisements in several higher education publications have already attracted many candidates and we will attract many more with the help of a very good consulting firm, Greenwood and Associates. The search committee plans to begin reviewing applications as everyone returns for the fall semester. Later in the fall, we will bring finalists to campus—and plan on a January start date for our next Provost.

We are also pleased to announce that Dwayne Sackman, an administrator at the University of Wisconsin, will become Director of Student Health Services beginning September 4. Health Services will continue to report to Brent Patterson until Mr. Sackman arrives. As you know, Wayne Ericson retired for the second time as Director of Student Health Services after serving in that role for 25 years. This was a very important search process for the University, and I want to thank and commend Steve Adams and his staff for working through that process. We also were assisted with that search by Greenwood and Associates.

Just last week we announced receiving a half-million dollar stock gift from John Wroan III, a retired Bloomington contractor and businessman. Mr. Wroan is a University High School graduate and his generous gift will support the remodeling of U-High's Vocational Arts area into an Engineering/Technology Center.

Also last week, Congressman Jerry Weller informed us that a half-million dollar appropriation for a biomass research project at Illinois State had passed through the House and now awaits Senate approval and the President's signature. Developing this program will create a national blueprint for rural areas to improve water quality and produce renewable energy resources.

Good news is that private and federal funds continue to flow in our direction. However, Illinois State, along with every public university and state agency, still waits for the budget impasse to break in Springfield.

As Trustee Kasten mentioned, I have been assuring our faculty and staff members that the salary incrementation process—the process that provides merit-based raises for employees—will begin as soon as a budget is approved by the General Assembly, and that all salary increases will be retroactive to July 1. I have also assured the University community that Illinois State can continue to meet its financial obligations through August—and even beyond if we are forced to—through strategic planning.

Despite budget uncertainties, Illinois State faculty, staff and students continue to excel in teaching, learning, research and service.

Pamela Lindsey, an assistant professor at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, has been named a Claire M. Fagin Fellow. She is one of a select number of nursing educators nationwide awarded the fellowship, which focuses on enhancing geriatric nursing care. The two-year fellowship is awarded to only the finest nursing educators by the Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity program. Now in its seventh year, the program focuses on enhanced research, education and practice as the keys to better nursing care for older adults.

Illinois State University students in the deaf and hard-of-hearing program will learn more about the communication approach called Cued Speech thanks to a \$100,000, five-year grant from the Ronald and Mary Ann Lachman Foundation. Cued Speech is an approach to teaching deaf and hard of hearing students that uses hand shapes and positions around the lips to denote speech sounds that look alike to lip readers. Cued speech is meant to raise a deaf person's awareness of spoken language and improve literacy skills.

Illinois State will further reduce its electricity consumption and save thousands of dollars in energy costs per year by installing more energy efficient lighting fixtures in campus buildings. The lighting upgrades, part of an on-going University energy conservation plan, are made possible by a \$250,000 grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. Illinois State will use the grant money to upgrade nearly 6,400 lighting fixtures in 11 buildings across campus. The upgrades will mean a 495 kw reduction in electricity use. We estimate the reduction could save us about \$250,000 annually, depending on the market cost of energy. This marks the third year that we have received grant funding for energy efficient lighting upgrades. Over the past two years, thousands of fluorescent light fixtures in classroom buildings have been upgraded with new fluorescent lamps.

And speaking of the environment, Illinois State will host Lt. Governor Pat Quinn for the 2007 Sustainable University Symposium, which is being held in our College of Business Building in mid-August. The goal of the symposium is to learn how to create a “green atmosphere” on campus, and we expect to have good statewide attendance for that event.

One other note, during your last meeting you approved a Renewable Energy major for the University. News of that major became a national story, and Illinois State received media coverage across the country, including the Chicago Tribune and CNN.

As we go down by about 14,000 students during the summer months, the Illinois State campus is anything but quiet. In addition to the Sugar Creek Arts Festival, College for Youth and a variety of summer camps, Preview—our freshman orientation program—have kept the quad buzzing with activity.

Students and their families visit Illinois State and have the opportunity to meet with their academic advisor, register for classes, meet current Illinois State students and their future classmates, interact with faculty and staff from various academic departments, and receive their Redbird ID card. In addition, students have the chance to discover the various opportunities provided at Illinois State including involvement in student organizations, volunteer opportunities, support services and many other aspects of being a Redbird. It is probably one of Illinois State’s most popular and successful programs, and requires a tremendous amount of organization and cooperation from every area of campus. I probably receive more positive comments about that Preview program than any other program we are engaged in.

This fall, nearly 5,000 freshman and transfer students will begin their academic careers at Illinois State. We received a record 14,000 applications this year—and to date—we have received 3,442 enrollment deposits from freshmen. Currently, there are about 3,150 freshmen and 1,790 transfer students registered for fall classes, which is consistent with this time last year.

Of our expected freshman class, 85% graduated in the top half of their high school class, 40% in the top quarter and 12% graduated in the top 10% of their class. Eighty-two percent of our new freshmen have a high school GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 point scale and 40% have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. In addition, we will have 135 freshmen who earned an ACT of 30 or higher and almost 400 who earned a score of 28 or higher. Twenty-nine of our incoming freshmen were their high school’s valedictorian and 12 were salutatorians. I think those numbers continue to speak volumes for the type of highly-motivated and engaged students we continue to attract to Illinois State University.

In terms of University facility projects, this summer has been very busy and will continue to be busy as those projects are completed and as we start new ones.

In May, Phase I of the \$23.3 million Life-Safety Improvements project in Stevenson and Turner Halls began when the occupants of the 3rd and 4th floors of Stevenson Hall were moved to their temporary locations in Williams and Turner Halls. Asbestos abatement and construction are underway. This project will replace and upgrade the life-safety systems as well as the mechanical and electrical systems in both Stevenson and Turner Halls, and will be phased in over the next three years.

The East Campus Residence Hall Complex Rehabilitation project is now underway with abatement nearing completion. Bids for the construction phase were received in June and contractors will be on-site within the next 30 days. Hewett Hall is the first of the two residence hall towers to be taken off-line and is scheduled to re-open for move-in for the 2008 fall semester.

Manchester Hall will follow with a construction schedule of May 2008-August 2009. During the renovation, Vrooman will be converted from a dining function to a reception area for the complex as well as home to support spaces for the residence halls, conference rooms and classroom spaces. This \$31 million rehabilitation of the East Campus Residence Hall Complex will be completed in fall of 2009.

Wright Hall, the third tower of the West Campus Residence Hall Complex, has been off-line since spring of 2006 and is quickly approaching completion. Also, part of this complex is the Linkins Dining Center, which is undergoing renovation and has been under construction since January 2007. Both buildings are scheduled to re-open for fall semester 2007.

Another project of interest is the Genevieve Green Garden at Ewing Manor. This is a \$2.5 million project being funded by the Illinois State Foundation to construct walkways and ornamental fencing, installation of an irrigation system, lighting, planting beds and grass areas. Construction is underway and scheduled for completion this fall.

The Student Fitness & Kinesiology/Recreation Building is entering the Design Development stage. With a project budget of \$43.9 million, this 170,000 square foot building will give the Central Campus area a whole new look. As we have promised, we will share with you the design details of the facility and seek your approval for the construction phase of the project during the October Board meeting. Construction is scheduled to begin next summer with the demolition of the Central Campus Residence Complex, which is the site of the new building. The current schedule is to complete the construction and open the new building by August 2010.

The 2006-07 academic year is in the books for Redbird Athletics. Illinois State student-athletes posted a 2.97 grade-point-average and contributed 2,189 hours of community service. The department is riding a streak of four straight semesters with a GPA above 2.9.

Record crowds at football and women's basketball events and a department contract with Nike were highlights to a year in which video boards were installed on Main Street, in Redbird Arena and at Hancock Stadium. The stadium turf and sub-surface were each replaced, and an aesthetic wall to symbolize the renovation of the facility was also built in the northeast corner.

Anticipation for a preseason top-10 ranked football team has spurred record numbers in development and student interest. To date, Illinois State Athletics has sold enough tickets to be on pace to reach an all-time record. Annual giving has increased to \$1 million per year and there has been a 70 percent increase in Redbird Club memberships.

Now I would like to call to the podium Ms. Melody Palm from the Campus Communication Committee.

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Palm: The Campus Communications Committee would first like to thank our guests Mayor Koos, Mayor Stockton, and Bloomington City Manager Tom Hamilton for presenting at this morning's discussion hour. We would also like to congratulate Trustee Betty Kinser on her recent award as Normal Citizen of the Year and welcome our new Student Trustee, Ryan Cekander.

The Campus Communications Committee and the entire University community would like to express their thanks to President Bowman for going above and beyond to continually communicate with us regarding the budget and salary status over the past couple of months. It is truly appreciated.

We would also like to commend the coordinated efforts of this year's Sugar Creek Arts Festival. The Uptown Normal construction caused some unique issues. However, the Town of Normal, the Festival staff and the University helped make the Festival one of the best yet for all who attended.

We understand Human Resources has announced a new policy that, effective September 1, e-mail will be the only method HR Testing will use to communicate with applicants. The University now uses an online employment application and hiring process, and many other important University communications and publications are currently sent electronically. While this format does save time, money and the environment, there are many members of the campus community who do not use computers as part of their job responsibilities, and have very limited or no access during work hours. We urge administrators and staff throughout campus to work together to embrace a campus culture that supports electronic communication and ensures that computer access and training become available for all employees. Furthermore, we would like to encourage HR to re-evaluate this policy. Preferred communication methods should be the option of the applicant and should not discriminate against those who choose non-email or non-electronic forms of communication.

As you have many items to address today, we look forward to the development of the Gregory Street property, which ultimately allows progression of the new Kinesiology and Recreation Building. In addition, it is nice to see the naming of our campus facilities to honor and recognize those who have contributed so much to Illinois State throughout the years.

We also recognize the importance of the approval of the Academic Plan which stems from *Educating Illinois*, the University's strategic plan. We understand that revisions in the plan are necessary and would like to thank the task force for including the campus community in the revision process. Thank you.

President Bowman: Thank you Melody. Now I would ask Mr. Phil Adams to the podium to provide a legislative update.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Adams: Good morning. I want to give an overview of where I think we are and say a couple of things about some items that will probably make the news today or over the weekend.

We basically at this point have three budget plans out there. We have the one-month budget that was passed and signed that runs through July that was based on 2007 numbers – they simply took 2007 numbers and divided by 12 and passed it along. We have the Speaker's budget that is being described in part as a maintenance budget and that budget provides about \$400 million new dollars for total education and of that about two percent goes to higher education, which means our number in that budget is something like \$1.6 or something close to that. We soon, I believe, will have a Senate budget that will provide \$900 million total for education and out of that we in higher education will get about 1.1 percent. None of those are going to pass. But they are going to be out there, they will be in the paper, people are going to see it and wonder how are we going to get our raises, how are we going to survive – I just want to make sure that we let everyone know that there is still a long way to go, and there is a large amount of negotiation still left, and lots of other items still on the table.

The utility package passed yesterday, but we have a Senate cigarette tax that is sitting out there and probably the number one item that is still standing between a budget and adjournment is the Governor's insurance package. I expect the Senate to attempt to pass a scaled back version of that. Whether or not they can get enough votes to do that is still problematic, and what the House does with it, no one knows at this point. So that is going to continue on. There are basically three options. It is at least possible that something could happen between now and next Tuesday. The leaders get together, the Governor sits down with them and people back off some of the positions they have and a total package gets put together. My personal view is that it is unlikely to happen - too many big items out there.

For example, the Senate budget which they are going to pass is based on in part a little over \$2 billion in funding coming from a gaming bill that has already passed over to the House. That bill, when it went to the House Committee, got only two votes – so there is a \$2 billion problem in the Senate budget already.

So I just think that and the insurance package are too far apart to put something together in the next four or five days.

The second option might be to go for a second one-month budget based in part on the 2007 numbers. That could be put together and will take at least House Republican votes. August 10 is probably the key date. That is the first common school fund payment and is something no one wants to be blamed for causing not to happen. The problem with a one-month extension is what number do you plug in for that payment? If you put last year's number in it then some districts downstate are going to get more money in that budget than they are going to get in probably the final because due to valuation increases downstate, there are going to be some districts that are going to get less than they got last year. If you put an increased number in it, then you are kind of tipping your hand as to what the final number may be, and they are not going to want to do that either. They could do some kind of hold harmless thing on that and simply pass a 30-day budget. That is not an unlikely outcome because no one wants to deal with a total shut down because while I don't think there is a great deal of legislative consternation about having state employees at some agencies miss a few days of work, I think there is a great deal of concern about that school aid payment and about some hospital workers and about correction officers and that sort of thing. So that is a possibility and obviously they could, in fact, walk away and shut everything down. If I were going to make a wild guess today, and it is simply that, doing one more one-month package is probably the politically easiest thing to get done.

So we are simply going to have to wait and see. By the way, the Senate package will contain an enormous capital package – maybe as much as \$8 billion. We would be part of that – we would be part of an overall package, I believe. Which one of these scenarios is best for us in terms of capital facilities is probably a one-month extension because then they will have to deal with the full budget down the road, and ultimately I think when they do that package, the only way to get three-fifths is to put some capital in there. So we are kind of like everyone else – waiting. I guess my overall major message is you are going to see a lot of things in the press – none of it means much in terms of the final package today.

President Bowman: The Republicans, at least a few weeks ago, were threatening to not go along with another one-month budget, but you think they have softened that position?

Mr. Adams: Well I think those positions change day-to-day, but I think that shutting down the school aid payment is a big thing in reality and in terms of public policy – but it is a huge thing politically. I don't think anyone wants to take the rap for that. The Republicans quite honestly in a position to say, "Look we don't control the House, we don't control the Senate and we don't control the Governor's office. They have had eight months to put this package together and they can't do it." But I don't think they would want to do that in the first month, but after that month, then they can say we have done most everything we can. We've given you all this opportunity and you haven't put it together. I don't think they want to take the hit for doing that school package the first month, though.

I should also say, not about the budget, but they are going in at 9:00 a.m. today. As you know I don't think Representative Brady has missed a Board meeting since we have been having them and I know that Jay Hoffman was trying to get up here because both of them wanted to be here for the Resolution honoring Coach Bass, but Jay is involved 15 hours a day in negotiations and Dan is in leadership in the House, so they just couldn't get here today.

REPORTS

Report 2007.07/1100.02: Educating Illinois Status Report

In the fall of 2006, I appointed a task force to guide the campus community through a re-examination of our strategic plan—*Educating Illinois*—to determine how the plan still fits with the mission, vision, values and goals of the University, and what changes, if any, should be made to the plan. Deb Smitley, our Assistant Vice President of Finance and Planning has prepared a progress report for the Board, and I invite her to the podium for that report.

Ms. Smitley: Thank you for the opportunity to provide a few observations this morning on the status of *Educating Illinois*. The report before you is designed to provide primarily two things: First, an update on the progress the University has made in implementing the goals of *Educating Illinois 2003-2010*, and secondly, to give an overview of the work being done by the Task Force President Bowman charged this past fall.

The matrix accompanying the report shows every goal, action item, and indicator identified in the current version of *Educating Illinois*. It attempts to give an indication of the progress that has been made over just the past three years in implementing each. In an attempt to keep the report brief – and I use that term somewhat cautiously this morning recognizing that “brief” in this case turned into 16 pages of very small text – but I wanted to recognize that the matrix in as much as it attempts to recognize all of the progress, it simply does not as it currently stands.

Advancing the goals of *Educating Illinois* has required the concerted attention and hard work of everyone at the University. Recognizing that the report provides just a snapshot of what has been done, let’s take a look at a number of noteworthy accomplishments.

Importantly, the University through *Educating Illinois* has achieved and/or maintained progress on at least one indicator associated with each goal and each action item listed in the current plan. As we discussed this past May, the University has made progress in enhancing the competitiveness of faculty salaries. The University’s selection as only one of only eight institutions nationwide to participate in the Political Engagement Project is a testament to the good work being done as part of the American Democracy Project as is the faculty development initiative – FOCUS – that was designed to emphasize the value of civic and community engagement at Illinois State.

The Campus Technology Policy and Planning Council has completed a new strategic plan that establishes a vision, guiding principals, and actions for enhancing information technologies for teaching and learning, for research and creative activities, and for the University administrative needs. Programmatic changes to the General Education Program have been implemented, and a plan for assessment readied for piloting this fall.

A number of alternative learning paradigms have been developed, providing opportunities for those individuals whose schedules and needs simply can’t be met by the traditional method of semester instruction. The College of Nursing’s accelerated degree sequence allowing students to complete a two-year degree in one-year, and the College of Business’ Corporate MBA program offered in cooperation with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce provide just two examples.

The College of Education has continued its national and state leadership role. It has expanded school-based partnerships, including one in the Little Village area of Chicago, and it has influenced recent policies and practices related to school administrator identification, selection, evaluation and working conditions.

The University completed a very successful fund-raising campus -- \$8 million over goal, and it has reached out by initiating and participating in a number of new partnerships. The University has partnered with the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, BroMenn Hospital and Illinois Wesleyan University for the development of the Main Street Corridor. And, of course, the University has partnered with its Foundation to acquire and develop 1101 North Main.

The University’s Green Team and Health Education Coordinating Council have worked to heighten the community’s awareness of the importance of environmental sustainability, as have others who have secured federal funding for lighting upgrades and who worked on the land-use plan for Gregory Street.

It is not hard to notice the facilities improvements that have been made over the last three years – completion of the College of Business and remodeling of Schroeder Hall, three residence halls, and a dining center. And, it is perhaps even more difficult not to notice the work underway to remodel

Stevenson Hall and the East Campus residence complex, and to construct two new zoned chilled water facilities.

The matrix in the report also notes some indicators on which there has been no change or where there has been movement in the opposite direction from which we initially planned. For example, while the University has advanced annually in the *U.S. News* rankings, we have not yet quite reached Tier II. We've not quite met the indicators noted in *Educating Illinois* for external grant funding, nor have we met the indicators noted for a couple of affordability efforts – such as placing in the top 10 percent nationally of institutions with students' with the least amount of debt.

I cite these simply not as a matter of something that is negative, but something that is inherent to any planning initiative as examples of areas that need to be carefully considered as the work to review *Educating Illinois* progresses. We need to consider – whether external factors have changed to a degree that makes attaining the indicator level nearly impossible, whether additional support is needed to enable more movement, and/or whether the indicator remains a University priority and an appropriate measure of progress.

Aside from the work referenced in the report, it's important to recognize that *Educating Illinois* has accomplished a number of other things that are quite noteworthy. Since I have been on campus I have heard many comments about how the discussions that occurred on the campus as *Educating Illinois* was developed some time ago, really changed the way the campus talked about itself. Suddenly the University, thanks to *Educating Illinois* discussions focused on what it was, what it did well, and what it needed to do to continue to do so. The plan gives the University a clear sense of its mission, vision, and values – and what it needs to do to promote them.

The plan also resulted in national and statewide recognition for the University. Provost Presley reminds me on a number of occasions of the attention the University received when *Educating Illinois* was first released and presented to our colleagues in other states. And it also changed the way the University communicated with people in Springfield. No longer do we talk about needing funds for things other institutions have. Instead, we focus on what we need to continue to do what we do well and to build upon those strengths.

Importantly, it also has promoted a culture of comprehensive and continuous planning at the University. I think at times we use sight of how many plans and activities are really currently in place.

This graphic highlights the comprehensive and complex nature of planning at the University as well as the connections among the various plans that are currently being implemented or developed. *Educating Illinois* serves as the foundation of each of these other plans – they either find their impetus or their support in the University's strategic plan. *Educating Illinois*, for example, called for the development of a long-range housing and dining plan, which was subsequently developed and is now being implemented. The Academic Plan notes and supports the institutional priorities outlined in *Educating Illinois*, as do the plans of each of the University colleges.

It's important that plans be reviewed periodically to acknowledge progress, and detect changes in needs and institutional priorities. It is in this context that President Bowman appointed a Task Force last fall to re-examine *Educating Illinois*. The Task Force is comprised of 21 individuals that represent a cross section of the University's students, faculty and staff. Membership includes representatives from each College, each governance group, each University Division, the President's Office, Intercollegiate Athletics, doctoral students and undergraduate students. Some members were intimately involved in the development of the current plan, while others of us came to the University after the current plan was endorsed – including one member who cites *Educating Illinois* as being instrumental in his choice to join the University community.

I would be remiss if I didn't convey how exciting it is to be a part of this Task Force, to have Jan Shane, our Associate Provost, as a co-chair, and to be working with a group of individuals that are dedicated to

the University, that are engaged and not afraid to ask tough questions and thoughtfully contemplate what it will take to continue the University's momentum.

The President charged the Task Force with exploring whether the core values, goals, actions, and indicators remain reflective of the University's current aspirations and objectives. And, he asked it to identify the highest priorities necessary to achieve our goals.

The President also advised the Task Force to consult widely. Last fall, we initiated a series of discussion forums designed to gauge the campus' perceptions of how well the University is doing, what it could be doing better, and its future challenges. In total, we met with 25 different groups of students, faculty, staff, governance groups and alumni, and we had what I would characterize as incredibly good conversations with each. The discussions affirmed the University's continuing commitment to *Educating Illinois* and its interest in building upon its success.

Discussion forum participants noted a number of areas in which they believed the University was doing well. While certainly the list on the slide before is just a short snapshot, they are reflective of those items that were cited most recently during the forums: the enhanced academic profile of students; improvements in how the University promoted itself through activities like the Spread the Red Campaign, redefining Normal campaign, and Sesquicentennial events; and recent enhancements to facilities. Groups uniformly expressed appreciation for the work the University has been doing on the salary enhancement initiative.

The discussion forums also helped the Task Force zero in on some challenges. Resource constraints in addressing a variety of areas were noted by nearly every group – whether for salaries, facilities and technology, operations support, support for research, scholarships, or staffing. Other challenges included recruitment and retention of minority students, faculty and staff; changes in the number and demographics of future high school graduating classes; the proliferation of on-line undergraduate and graduate programs offered by a number of private and public institutions across the country; and public concerns over access, affordability and accountability.

In addition to the discussion forums, the Task Force has engaged in a number of other activities. One of the many strengths of the current plan was its alignment with the Board of Trustees Vision Statement. To ensure that such an alignment continues in this next iteration of *Educating Illinois*, the Task Force has studied and remains mindful of the new vision statement you adopted this past February.

We've completed and continue to build upon an environmental scan that provides additional context and data to the challenges the University can expect to face in the near future. And, we've worked to secure additional information and perspective about a number of topics from people throughout the University. For example, while the discussion forums noted recent work and improvements in campus facilities, they also commented that even more work needed to be done. The Facilities Leadership Team met with the Task Force to provide an update on what is underway, what has been planned and to discuss what the University will need to do in the future to ensure adequate facilities. Similar conversations have been held with leadership from Enrollment Management and Academic Services, Research and Sponsored Programs, the Graduate School, the Technology Planning Council, and the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action.

This fall, the Task Force will have a draft of the next iteration of *Educating Illinois* ready for dissemination to the University community, and we will begin again another series of focused conversations with an even broader cross-section of the University community. You can expect to see a plan in the spring that builds upon the success of *Educating Illinois*, that respects our heritage, and that gives us a solid foundation for meeting the future.

President Bowman: Any questions for Deb?

Trustee Bergman: You said we are going to see a plan in the spring – just thinking of our meeting schedule – do you think that might be for our February or May meeting?

Ms. Smitley: The intent is to have a draft that we would share very broadly in early fall. The intent is to have a draft that is disseminated amongst numerous groups. We want to make sure the plan that comes to you, hopefully in February, is one that is similar to those that have been brought to you before, and that they represent what the University community believes should be doing in terms of a strategic plan for the future.

President Bowman: If I had to describe the three most significant changes since we have been operating under *Educating Illinois*, the three that stand out to me are the changes in academic quality and reputation as we have added more programs that are nationally ranked; secondly, student selectivity and quality associated with the student body; and then thirdly, facilities. As you look back at the facilities that we have changed or added since 1997 beginning with the Science Lab building, the Performing Arts Center, the College of Business building, the Schroeder Hall renovation and of course all the other activity that is underway right now, it is really remarkable that the physical face of the campus has changed, the perception and national reputation has changed and the kind of students who attend the institution has changed. For a campus to get behind a strategic plan and actually follow it is pretty remarkable. I have been here long enough and seen lots of plans just gather dust, but this one has made a difference in the way we do business.

Trustee Kinser: I just have one question, on your task force the appointees, it lists college representatives, is there a University College representative on the task force?

Ms. Smitley: There is not a member specifically from University College. Each of the colleges and Milner Library are represented. University College's needs and concerns have certainly been brought to our attention as we have talked with people through the discussion forums, and certainly when we met with Jonathan Rosenthal and talking about needs and interests of Enrollment Management and Academic Services.

Trustee Kasten: One area that concerns me down the line, and I noted it was one of the bullet points, is the demographic changes, the reduction in the numbers of high school seniors coming out and what that portends to us, and I assume that will be addressed. The people that we have that are bringing us these students have done an extraordinary job, but I am concerned in two, three, four or five years from now what the numbers game will be and I am sure that will be addressed.

Ms. Smitley: You are absolutely correct. We have looked at that demographic information. We do begin to hit, I believe this next fall, a dip in the number of high school graduates. You will see not only a dip in those graduates, but they will be more diversified. You will see more and more of those students coming from families who are first-time enrollees in colleges and universities.

Trustee Davis: You mentioned the committee was broadly based with students, faculty and staff. I am wondering in terms of our ethnic minority representation – can you speak to that in terms of the committee as well?

Ms. Smitley: Yes. We have two individuals of color that are on the task force, one student and one faculty member from the Department of Theatre.

Trustee Davis: In terms of your power point, could it be available to the Board?

Ms. Smitley: Yes.

Trustee Bergman: In glancing through this, a couple of items that concern me specifically are the actual decrease – in the book it's Actions 1B and 1C, of our students that have indicated ISU as their first choice. And another thing is the decrease in the show rate. Those seem to be a little counter to the way

things been moving lately. If you can comment and want to comment that's fine, but if it is more for admission people, maybe I will talk to them later.

President Bowman: We had actually predicted that would happen as we began to appeal to higher achieving students – they have more choices. Kids above 27 ACT can literally go anywhere they want, and so we expected that we would be one of their top choices – not their absolute first choice. And then we also expected the show rate to drop a little bit, again because of all the choices that are available to them. So in our modeling for building that freshmen class we have built that into the number of seats that we offer so that we make our numbers. So, in a way, the numbers reflect the improvement even though they are going in a funny direction.

Trustee Bergman: It's a positive thing even though it is a decrease. I understand that now.

Trustee McCuskey: It is interesting, and I don't know if Ryan will concur with this since we are both in the Champaign area, but I find this very positive. When I am in the community people come up to me and they want to go to two schools and only two public schools in the state of Illinois. Their first choice is University of Illinois and the second choice is Illinois State, and they are saying if their children don't get into the University of Illinois, they are going to go to Illinois State, and they are very happy with that choice. I think that is what we are running into and that is not all bad. That means that the two choices aren't Southern and Illinois State, they aren't Western – they are Illinois and Illinois State and that is where we want to be. I see that playing out in Champaign/Urbana all the time.

President Bowman: My favorite sound bite and I am going to say it until I die is that the two most selective public universities in this state are University of Illinois and Illinois State. It took us a while but I think we are going to stay there a long time.

Trustee Cekander: I just had a question regarding diversity. When it speaks of minority graduation rates and how they have fallen nearly 10 percent and the chance of interaction between people of different backgrounds, where is the comparison with other public universities in Illinois and across the nation? I see the world's diversity index, if we rank somewhere on there – if it is good, bad, where it is at?

Ms. Smitley: Let me see if I can pull something off the top of my head and I will follow-up with you later. The one thing you want to remember, particularly on the graduation rates, is that in some instances the cohort is fairly small among some of the groups so that is affecting in some respect – it's a point in time – it's the size of the cohort. In terms of our diversity against other institutions, we had said early on to be a little farther beyond. I think public universities, if you look at them just in Illinois, that diversity profile is a little over, it reaches maybe between 20 and 25 percent. We are obviously a little shy of that and that includes institutions that are in the city of Chicago whose composition is upwards of 70 percent of color. If that is a brief indication, I would be happy to provide you with more if you would like.

Trustee Davis: To follow-up on that question because it has been a concern that I have expressed in the past, in fact had asked for information and so I am hopeful that we can get it and that is the percentage of minorities graduating probably for the last five years so that I can see some trending. As I look at this chart we are moving in the opposite direction and we have talked about the various support programs that we have implemented and I am wondering about the impact of those programs, most especially as I see the percentage decreasing.

Ms. Smitley: We can certainly pull some materials together for you. You have also sort of pinpointed one of the downsides in terms of the matrix. We really don't provide, for example the situation that you just gave, it allows us to get a quick snapshot of what has happened, but it doesn't allow us to really provide much context behind some of those numbers. So if it is possible for us to do that, we will certainly get back with you if that is agreeable.

President Bowman: I have been predicting that the graduation rate for students of color will improve based on the improvements in our retention rate. As the retention rates for students of color from the first year to the sophomore year is above 70 percent and that is a very good number as you compare us to a national database. The six-year graduation rate will not show that improvement for a while because it lags so far behind the changes that we are making right now. The troubling aspect of graduation rates for students of color is a national issue and it has taken literally 20 years for among African-Americans for graduation rates to go from in the 30s to in the 40s, and for African-American women, the six-year graduation rate is 43 percent today nationally and for men it is only 36 percent. So there are a number of dynamics that explain that, but it is a national problem and one that we are working on as well.

Trustee Davis: I am very aware of the statistics that you share President Bowman and understand that and I do think we need data behind these numbers that we are looking at. But I have also felt very good and pleased by the fact that as we look at students who are entering the University and we talk about the ACT, GPAs and where they fall within their class range – those numbers have increased for our African-Americans and as I see those numbers increase in those areas, then the expectation is that they will increase indeed with graduation, which is a concern.

Trustee McCuskey: The concern that I have is that we realize that we have to put resources aside for scholarships and financial aid for all students, because as we move up the ladder of being tied at the hip of where we want to be with perception with the University of Illinois, the cost goes up. We are going up ahead of some of the other universities and we believe we have a better product to sell but it also becomes a more expensive product along the way that we have to continue to make sure that those resources are available so that we don't lose students in the six-year process, not because they can't be retained and not because they aren't students that should be graduating, they just can't afford it and have to drop off the graduation track.

Trustee Kinser: I noticed somewhere in this document that the undergraduate research symposium had really dropped down. Is there a reason for that – are students not participating?

Ms. Smitley: I don't have the reason for that. I would need to turn to some of my colleagues for that information for you.

President Bowman: Any other questions or comments? Thank you, Deb. I also want to thank her co-chair, Jan Shane of the Provost's Office, and the entire task force membership for their hard work on this important project.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2007.07/16: Approval of Academic Plan

The Academic Plan, 2007-2012, was included in your Board materials. It includes four sections— Mission Statements, Institutional Priorities, Academic Unit Objectives and Program Reviews. This plan was submitted to the Academic Senate on April 25 of this year, and now is submitted for Trustee approval. I ask your approval of this Resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: This Academic Plan is not a referendum on any particular item, but is meant to be an approval for general planning purposes. Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee McCuskey. Any discussion?

Trustee Ommen: Under the committee assessments of some of the programs, I noticed that in some of the categories there were very few students involved in the program. There must be some minimum number of students you have to have to continue to sustain an offering degree, and I assume that is addressed

when committees evaluate these programs and make their recommendations. I think most were in the master's area.

President Bowman: Some of the explanation doesn't apply to all the programs but in many of the programs the faculty are dedicated to the general education curriculum, so there is a lot of activity in the department despite a small number of majors. Philosophy would be a good example – small number of majors but lots of students taking their courses in general education and as electives.

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

Resolution 2007.07/17: Naming of Baseball Field

As all of you know, Duffy Bass was one of the most beloved members of the Illinois State University family. Duffy taught at Metcalf and University High School before becoming a teacher at Illinois State and coaching the Redbird Baseball Team. Duffy was the most winning coach in ISU history for any sport until that record was broken earlier this year by ISU softball head coach Melinda Fischer.

From 1964 to 1988, Duffy compiled a 713-457-18 record, and by his third season with the Redbirds, the team made its first of five straight trips to College Division postseason play. In 1969, his team finished 33-5 and won the national title, the only national crown won by an ISU team to date.

Our Athletics Department is currently planning a naming ceremony in conjunction with the Baseball Alumni Weekend, scheduled for next May 2nd through the 4th. It will be a special celebration, and will include baseball alumni from Coach Bass' tenure as well as members of the coach's family.

I am also pleased to tell you that during the October meeting, we will ask Board approval for a major project to renovate Redbird Stadium. While the project and its financing are still in the planning stages, the concept calls for chair-back seating for 1,500 fans, a press box, concession stand, ticket office and restroom facilities. We hope to begin construction immediately following the 2008 spring baseball season and complete the project in time for the spring 2009 season. We have heard tremendous interest in the project from Coach Bass' baseball alumni, including Representative Jay Hoffman, and we thank Representative Hoffman for his continued support of Illinois State University. This is a very exciting time for Redbird Baseball. For today, I ask you approval of the naming resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: I am going to recognize Trustee McCuskey who will introduce a motion to approve.

Trustee McCuskey: When President Bowman mentioned Preview it made me recall 41 years ago this summer when I was one of those people – we talked about Illinois and Illinois State – I was admitted to the University of Illinois and along came Duffy Bass to change that. But in the first recruiting session he didn't change my mind at all. But as all good coaches and people in athletics know that by the time the second session came, he had recruited my parents. So my parents said to me after that second session – we think that you should go to Illinois State University because Duffy Bass is the kind of person we think will help you and take care of you the rest of your life. I couldn't believe my father said that because how true it became for me and so many others that coach Bass touched.

He left World War II and came here to play baseball for Harold Frye and received his bachelor's degree, his master's degree and went to LSU to get his Ph.D. The thing that I remember most about my playing days – not just our success – is who would show up regularly. Pim Goff considered maybe one of the greatest athletes came all the time – Harold Frye, Duffy's coach came all the time. There were constantly people coming and going and that was really a hallmark of Duffy – he attracted so many different people. I remember last year or maybe two years ago at the Brown naming and there is Duffy and Helen and I wondered why they were here for the Brown naming ceremony and while I was standing there talking to Duffy – all of a sudden someone yelled "coach" and it was David Brown who had given the money for

the naming of his parents who had been coached at Metcalf and U-High by Duffy Bass. And then people in baseball like the Twin City Stars – all you had to do is be around Duffy and you got to meet people like Jim Hendry as they coached against each other in the Valley when Jim Hendry was at Creighton.

So it was great to be around Duffy for the 40 some years and my parents were right – I never thought it would end. Behind the scenes working on this, I really expected Duffy to be sitting there in the front row. During the last basketball season I visited the nursing home and we knew Helen's situation – she had beaten cancer before but this didn't look like a good time, but nobody expected Duffy, and so as we are moving towards these things in the baseball program before long, both Duffy and Helen Bass are gone within 90 days of each other. The interesting thing for all of you out there that I felt and learned from those two visitations and funerals, seeing people, some of whom I hadn't seen since I was a student here, is that if you are a part of the University community – it's a tight loyal and loving community and you live a long, long time – so all of you have many, many years ahead because there were a lot of people there that were well into their 80s and looked great. So this to me is a wonderful day on behalf of all of the baseball alums and all of the friends of the Duffys. There is nothing more fitting than to name the baseball field – and Duffy played on all of the baseball fields - he played on Metcalf – he coached where Redbird Arena is now, which was the baseball diamond I played on and then he was the coach when they moved to the current location, which will be named Duffy Bass Field. He really is for the last six decades all that you would want - an ISU athlete, ISU teacher, coach and professor. At Duffy and Helen's funerals, a lot of the pictures were very interesting – they loved being the Homecoming King and Queen at the end of their five and six decades here. So I make the motion Chair Kasten that we name what is now known as Redbird Field – Duffy Bass Field.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you and thank you for your personal involvement in this project and your friendship with Duffy and Helen. Is there a second to the motion? Trustee Bergman: I will second it. I don't have the same relationship but with the very limited amount of interaction I had with Duffy Bass I understand exactly what Trustee McCuskey is talking about.

Chairperson Kasten: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye. I am also going to indicate for the record that Trustee Maitland, who is not here today, has indicated that she wanted to be shown as having supported this resolution.

Trustee McCuskey: If Joanne was here she would this – John and Joanne Maitland were taught at Normal Community High School by Helen Bass.

Resolution 2007.07/18: Naming of University Golf Course

D.A. Weibring is a 1975 graduate of Illinois State University. He won five PGA events before moving to the Champions Tour, where he is enjoying great success. D.A. is a founding partner of Golf Resources Group in Dallas—and he has been instrumental in improvements to the ISU Golf course over the years. In honor of his commitment and contributions to Redbird Athletics, we seek approval of this Resolution naming the ISU Golf Course after him.

Chairperson Kasten: First of all, is there a motion for approval? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Davis. In terms of discussion I want to say that I have appreciated the effort of our athletic director to name some facilities for some people who have been the heart and soul of this place for a long time. I think it has been long overdue. It started with Doug Collins and I am pleased to see Duffy Bass' and D. A. Weibring's names affixed here at the University. I can remember going to two or three of D.A.'s golfing outings whereby he would raise money for this University and for the Department of Athletics and eventually funded his endowed scholarship, and I can tell you that it was a joy to watch D. A. come into the room and auction all of these artifacts signed by professional golfers whom you and I would recognize their names everyday. They were stars of the tour that he had taken the time to go around and obtain signatures and autographs, and obviously he raised a lot of money doing that and in

promoting our name around the PGA tour and now the Champion's tour. Does anyone else want to make any comments?

Trustee Ommen: I think there were a number of years that the D. A. Weibring event totally funded both the men's and women's golf expenses – that was the only source of revenue we had to continue those programs and he came back for 20 straight years and did that – he has been a great alum for ISU.

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

Resolution 2007.07/19: Authorization for Tennis Complex and Recreation Fields on Gregory Street Property

This is actually several coordinated projects to take place on a 30-acre portion of the Gregory Street property northwest of campus. The first is the relocation of the tennis courts from the University Street location. The tennis courts will serve Intercollegiate Athletics, as well as ISU faculty, staff and students.

Companion projects include establishing a student recreation field, a parking lot to serve the tennis facility and recreation field, and a water detention basin to accommodate storm water drainage. The sources of funds for the project include proceeds from the bond issuance approved by the Board in February 2006, Athletic and Recreation Facility Reserve funds and Parking Systems Reserves. I ask you approval of this Resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Any discussion?

Trustee Ommen: How many tennis courts will be included?

President Bowman: Twelve.

Trustee Ommen: How many do we have currently?

President Bowman: Twelve.

Trustee McCuskey: When I did my Trustee-in-Residence earlier this year Larry Lyons took me on a tour and gave me the visual picture of how this would eventually look, and it certainly made a lot of sense and a good use of that property, so I think it is a wonderful part of our Campus Master Plan and certainly a good improvement.

Trustee Bergman: One of the uses of funds is Athletic and Recreation Facility Reserves. Are these the reserves that are built up with prior bond issues or are these monies that the athletic department has in their account somewhere that are unrestricted?

Dr. Bragg: Student fees.

Trustee Bergman: Student fees that have been paid in the past and have built up or student fees – just an allocation of what is being paid currently.

Dr. Bragg: Both – a combination of previous year's revenues and anticipated revenues.

Trustee Bergman: So student fees that have gone to the athletic department that they have put into a reserve account for future use and this is the future use.

Dr. Bragg: Correct – and the recreation department.

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

Resolution 2007.07/20: Authorization for Extension of Cisco Volume Purchase Agreement

This resolution is for a one-year extension of our agreement with the Burwood Group for the procurement of Cisco network hardware and software. With this extension, the University would spend up to \$950,000 for FY2008. I ask your approval of this resolution.

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

Resolution 2007.07/21: Prime Food Vendor

This resolution seeks Board approval to renew the prime vendor contract with Waugh Foods from now until June 20, 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$8 million annually. I ask your approval of this resolution.

Chairperson Kasten: First of all is there a motion to approve? Trustee McCuskey so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. This is a significant contract. Can we have more information?

Ms. Hosea: The Board approved the previous Waugh contract five years ago and so now we are up for that new renewal. The \$8 million comes into play because food costs are rising higher than inflation costs so we have accounted for the rise in food cost, and also this allows us to be able to account for any increase in sales in our facilities as well as allows us the flexibility to add other vendor contracts into this contract.

Trustee Ommen: Is there a bid process?

Ms. Hosea: Yes, there was a bid process.

Chairperson Kasten: Just out of curiosity, how many vendors bid on an \$8 million food contract?

Ms. Hosea: I think there were three.

Trustee McCuskey: What was our prior contract?

Ms. Hosea: The prior one was with Waugh Foods and prior to that it was with Cisco Foods.

Trustee McCuskey: I mean how much?

Ms. Hosea: Last contract was \$6 million.

Trustee McCuskey: So we are going from \$6 to \$8 million but we are then locked in for all five years?

Ms. Hosea: We do a five-year contract with five one-year renewals. A year from now what we plan to do is evaluate the contract to make sure it is in the best interest of the institution – that allows us the flexibility to go with another contract if we so choose.

Trustee Ommen: So we could get out of it in a year?

Ms. Hosea: Yes, we could.

Trustee Bergman: So basically it is a one-year contract with four additional one-year renewals.

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you for that background information.

Trustee Cekander: If you sign that five-year contract – is it a locked amount for those five years or does it take into account inflation because the one-year contract can jump each year I am assuming, but I wasn't sure if the initial four or five-year plan was a locked amount?

Ms. Hosea: It's not a locked amount.

Trustee McCuskey: When you said the \$6 million in the last five years – was that the last year of the five-year contract, or was that the beginning and we ended up higher than that? I just wondered what was our expenditure a year ago with Waugh Foods?

Ms. Hosea: For FY2007 – we spent right under \$5 million.

Trustee McCuskey: And the food has gone from \$5 to \$8 million?

Ms. Hosea: The \$8 million allows for any inflation and food costs as well as gives us the flexibility to account for any increased sales. So if we are going to purchase more food because our sales go up, we won't be going over that purchase amount.

Trustee McCuskey: So it is estimated not to exceed \$8 million but it could be less?

Ms. Hosea: Yes.

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

Resolution 2007.07/22: Foundation Master Contract

Our master contract with the ISU Foundation is indeed one of our best yielding investments. The \$260,000 figure remains the same as it has in years past, and according to FY2007 figures, the Foundation allocated more than \$6.3 million in direct support, scholarships and awards on behalf of the University.

Given the recent trend in state spending for public higher education, philanthropy will continue to be among the most important factors for growth at Illinois State. I want to thank Trustee Ommen for his service as Foundation Chairperson and thank Dr. Dianne Ashby, Vice President of University Advancement, who serves as the Foundation's Executive Director. I request your approval for this Master Contract.

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

President Bowman: Because the next resolution concerns the meeting calendar of the Board, I will ask Chairperson Kasten to read this resolution.

Resolution 2007.07/23: 2008 Board Meeting Calendar

Chairperson Kasten: In order to provide adequate notice of future meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University hereby determines the dates of meetings in the year 2008 and provides public notice of the dates of those meeting.

Those dates in 2008 are February 15, May 9, July 25, October 24, and November 6 and 7. Is there a motion for approval? Trustee Ommen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Cekander. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

President Bowman: That concludes today's Resolutions

Chairperson Kasten: Thank you President Bowman and thank you all for joining us today. I also want to note for the record that Trustee Maitland asked to be shown as having voted affirmatively on the resolution pertaining to the golf course naming D. A. Weibring. 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 Davis and was seconded by Trustee Bergman. 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 12:00 p.m. a motion to return to public session for the purpose of adjournment was made by Trustee Ommen and seconded by Trustee McCuskey. The vote by roll call was unanimous. At 12:01 p.m. the meeting was adjourned; the motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Cekander and seconded by Trustee Kinser. The vote by roll call was unanimous.