

MINUTES
Board of Trustees Illinois State University
July 28, 2023

[Rapping of gavel.]

Trustee Bohn: Good morning. In accordance with the board's bylaws, as Acting Chairperson I will now call the July quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University to order at 9:03 a.m. I note for the record that notice of today's meeting was posted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and the public has been notified of the date, time, and location of this meeting. As included in the notice of the meeting, the university has provided a YouTube link that allows all interested persons to contemporaneously view the meeting and hear all discussion and votes. Trustee Navarro, will you call the roll.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Bohn.

Trustee Bohn: Present.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Present.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: Present.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jones. Trustee Merminga. Trustee Navarro. Present. Trustee Tillis.

Trustee Tillis: Present.

Trustee Navarro: We have a quorum.

Trustee Bohn: Thank you, Trustee Navarro. We are excited to welcome Darren Tillis to this first Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Tillis, will you please approach and take the oath of office.

Please repeat after me. I do solemnly swear . . .

Trustee Tillis: I do solemnly swear . . .

Trustee Bohn: . . . that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States . . .

Trustee Tillis: . . . that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States . . .

Trustee Bohn: . . . and of the State of Illinois . . .

Trustee Tillis: . . . and the State of Illinois . . .

Trustee Bohn: . . . and that I will faithfully discharge the duties . . .

Trustee Tillis: . . . and I will faithfully discharge the duties . . .

Trustee Bohn: . . . of the office of the Board of Trustees . . .

Trustee Tillis: . . . of the office of the Board of Trustees . . .

Trustee Bohn: . . . of Illinois State University . . .

Trustee Tillis: . . . of Illinois State University . . .

Trustee Bohn: . . . to the best of my ability.

Trustee Tillis: . . . to the best of my ability.

Trustee Bohn: Congratulations.

Trustee Tillis: Thank you.

[applause]

Trustee Bohn: We are thrilled to welcome you and look forward to working together. Would you like to say a few words?

Trustee Tillis: I'm excited to be back home here at Illinois State. I'm looking forward to working with the board, and Go Redbirds.

[laughter] [applause]

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Bohn: You have before you the agenda for today's meeting. May I have a motion and a second to approve the agenda?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? Having no discussion, all those in favor say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The agenda is approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

You have before you the meeting minutes of May 12, 2023. Could I have a motion and a second to review and approve the minutes of the May 12, 2023 meeting?

Trustee Navarro: I so move.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Navarro made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Ebikhumi: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi is second. And is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The minutes are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Next on the agenda is Public Comments. We have no one who expressed an interest in making public comments to the board today, so we will move forward.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next item of business on the agenda is the election of officers. At the first board meeting of each fiscal year, the trustees elect board officers for the year by secret ballot as required by Illinois State University law. Are there nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University?

Trustee Navarro: I move to nominate Dr. Kathy Bohn for Chairperson.

Trustee Bohn: Is there a second?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I'll second.

Trustee Bohn: Okay. So the nomination was made by Trustee Navarro, seconded by Trustee Ebikhumi. Are there any other nominations? Okay. If there are no other nominations, then I ask for nominations to be closed. Is there a motion to close the nominations?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I'll motion.

Trustee Bohn: Okay. Trustee Ebikhumi has made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. All those in favor to close the nominations, say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The nominations are now closed.

Carrie Haas: Dr. Bohn has been nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. I will now ask the trustees to vote by secret ballot on a sheet of paper from the pad provided. Please write the last name of the individual you wish to vote for, fold the paper, and I will collect each trustee's vote and tabulate. Based on the sole nomination, I don't expect any upset here, guys. [laughter]

I have counted the votes, and Trustee Bohn has been elected Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University. Congratulations.

[applause]

Trustee Bohn: Well, thank you very much. I am truly humbled and honored by the Board of Trustees confidence in me. You know, this university gave this small-town girl from a town of 200 the start in my career path, and I consider it a privilege to give back to the university that has given me so much. I look forward to working with the entire Board of Trustees, the administration, faculty and staff to continue to move this university forward. Thank you.

We will now proceed with the election of Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University. Are there nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I'd like to nominate Dr. Robert Navarro for Secretary.

Trustee Bohn: Dr. Ebikhumi has nominated Dr. Robert Navarro.

Background: [laughter]. Not doctor yet. No, he is, too. Oh, Trustee Ebikhumi, I'm sorry. Probably will be. At some point.

Trustee Bohn: Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second the motion. Are there any other nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees? If there are no other nominations, I will ask for nominations to be closed. Is there a motion to close the nominations?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made a motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. All in favor to close the nominations say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The nominations are now closed.

Carrie Haas: Dr. Navarro has been nominated for the position of Secretary of the Board of Trustees. I will now ask the trustees to vote by secret ballot on that sheet of paper from the pad provided. Please write the last name of the individual you wish to vote for, fold the paper, and I will collect the vote and tabulate.

I have counted the votes, and Trustee Navarro has been elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University. Congratulations, Trustee Navarro. [applause]

Trustee Bohn: Would you like to say something, Trustee Navarro?

[laughter]

Trustee Navarro: I'm absolutely thrilled to continue to serve on the board. As Kathy mentioned, you know, coming from a small town and that whole thing, I'm first generation, and this is really exciting to not only come to the university to have all my degrees from here and then to continue to serve in this capacity. So it's really exciting, and I feel very fortunate. Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: With the beginning of a new fiscal year, it is time to make appointments to the Board of Trustees' committees and appointments to university and state boards. The Executive Committee, consistent with the board bylaws will consist of the Chairperson, the board's Secretary, and Trustee Julie Jones. The Audit Committee will consist of Trustee Bohn, who will chair the committee, Trustee Tillis and Trustee Jenkins. Trustee Tillis will serve as liaison to the Foundation Board, Trustee Navarro will serve as liaison to the Alumni Association, and Trustee Julie Jones will serve as the liaison to the Civil Service Board. The State Affairs Committee will include Trustee Jenkins as Committee Chairperson, Trustee Meringa and Trustee Ebikhumi. It is the duty of the board to select from the university staff an employee to serve as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. The treasurer serves in an ex-officio capacity and receives and disburses all monies and reports to the Board of Trustees on the financial status and fiscal affairs of the university. At Illinois State, that person traditionally has been the Vice President for Finance and Planning. We will continue with the tradition, so Dan Stephens will serve as Treasurer. In addition, it is a duty of the Board Chairperson to designate a university representative to serve as an ex-officio member of the Municipal Clerk's Training Institute Committee. The committee serves an advisory capacity and helps develop curriculum for Municipal Clerk's training courses. I have designated Rob Blemler, Director of Internal Auditing and University Ethics Officer for that task.

Good morning, and thank you for joining us for today's meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 28th, 2023. Earlier this morning, the Campus Communication Committee hosted a very informative discussion hour. I wish to thank the committee as well as David Marple, Director of University Risk Management, and Adam McCrary, Director of Environmental Health and Safety for their presentation this morning regarding pedestrian safety and dismount zones. Speaking on behalf of the board, I want to thank our students, faculty and staff who worked to update policy 5.1.8, Bikes, Skateboards, Scooters and Other Recreation Transportation Devices. As discussed this morning, the

safety of our campus community is of utmost importance. I want to congratulate our Admissions and Enrollment management teams and all students, faculty and staff who play a role in recruiting students to Illinois State University. Interim President Tarhule keeps us apprised of the status of applications, admits, and deposits. We anticipate strong enrollment for the fall 2023 term. Lastly, the board is aware that as we approach the beginning of 2023-'24 academic year, there are many questions regarding the status of the presidential search. We will share more information regarding the search process as soon as possible with the university community. So we have a very long agenda, and in the interest of time I will turn to Interim President Aondover Tarhule for his remarks.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you Chairperson Bohn. Congratulations in your appointment and also Secretary Navarro and welcome to Trustee Tillis to the board. I'd like to extend my congratulations to all of you who've been newly appointed in these roles, and I look forward to working with the board as we move into the 2023-'24 academic year.

I'd like to begin my remarks today by thanking the board for your support of Illinois State University and for the extensive amount of time that you devote without compensation to the university. Your dedication is very much appreciated. The U.S. Supreme Court rulings regarding the use of race in the college admissions process continue to raise many questions and concerns in the higher education community and among prospective students and their families. In a message to the campus in the wake of the rulings, I stated that Illinois State remains committed and intentional in our efforts to ensure students from all communities and identities across our state and beyond have access to Illinois State's educational opportunities. The President and Chancellors of Illinois' public universities are working together alongside the Illinois Board of Higher Education to understand the immediate and potential implications of these rulings as we await guidance from various education, law scholars and agencies. I stand by the commitment stated by the Illinois public universities in that, and I quote, "The Illinois public universities are united in our unwavering commitment to lawfully support and enhance student diversity in all dimensions." I will keep the campus community informed as the review and analysis progresses.

Summer is high season for campus construction and revitalization projects. Many projects are underway that will revitalize and enhance learning spaces. We are very excited about the start of construction on the new Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center. On June 23rd, more than 100 Illinois State University students, faculty, and staff, donors, alumni, and friends gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of this \$18,000,000 facility. The new space will enable the college to increase enrollment by 400 students at steady state. In addition, on August 18, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mennonite College of Nursing Springfield location. We look forward to this partnership with Memorial Health and in expanding our nursing program in the Springfield area.

You may have noticed progress on the indoor practice facility. Yesterday, conditions were just right, which was under 10 miles per high for wind, and so the dome was inflated, not blown up or something. [laughs] We look forward to the dedication ceremony which will be on Saturday, September 30th.

And lastly, work on the CVA rotunda classroom renovation is in full swing and on target for spring reopening. I think out students and faculty will be very excited about this renovated space.

Although we are still enjoying the summer months, we can't help but share our excitement about the enrollment forecast for the fall semester. Deposits for first-time in college FTIC students are up 3% compared to this time last year, which was already a record-breaking class. Preview numbers are also strong and up by 5% from last year. Average GPA is 3.62, and nearly 39% of the incoming class is predicted to be from racially diverse groups. Additionally, new transfer admits and registrations are even with last year's total. At this time, total enrollment is predicted to be around 20,800. Retention numbers look to be above 80%. I want to say a sincere thank you to Jana Albrecht, Jeff Mavros, and the enrollment management staff, admissions, housing, the Honors Program, university college, the Registrar's Office, the Graduate School, academic advisors and everyone who makes enrollment a success at Illinois State University. Career Services is pleased to be a recipient of the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Grant, fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$50,000. The Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program provides grants to both public and independent colleges and universities and is designed to enhance public, private sector partnership, expound internship opportunities, reduce student's reliance on loans, encourage permanent employment of Illinois graduates in Illinois and provide links between academic programs and employment.

You may be aware that earlier this summer, the university's official bookstore transitioned to Follett Higher Education Group, LLC. As a result, there has been a rebranding of the bookstore and Spirit Shop, which is now known as the Redbird Spirit Shop and features a one-store two-location model to better serve the campus community. Locations are in the building formerly known as the Alamo II and the Bone Student Center.

And speaking of the Student Center, the Bone Student Center's 50th anniversary will be Friday, August 25th. The Division of Student Affairs has planned a celebration to include breakfast, a dedication ceremony for the Barb Dallinger Crew Room, a student celebration featuring engagement with BSC building partners and a free student show that evening. We look forward to the celebration of this facility and all that it has meant to the campus community during its 50-year history.

As the university continues its commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, the Multicultural Center saw a marked increase in visits with over 11,000 entry swipes in FY23 compared to 6,800 in FY22. The Multicultural Center hosted signature programming like Welcome Week's Open House, Family Reunion, Late Night Breakfast, Safe-ish, Café Vibes, Mexican Independence Day, and graduate recognition ceremonies.

New programming took place regarding the following topics: health equity, interfaith, equity in sports, leadership and laughter, colorism, deconstructing professionalism, a series of programs around entrepreneurship, and a movie night. In addition to the six student organizations sponsored by the Multicultural Center, over 40 student organizations and campus partners have utilized the center for leadership development, community building, and equity-related programming. I am pleased to share that Illinois State's network of alumni continues to thrive with 40 alumni networks established across the country. This marks a 20% increase in event opportunities for our regional networks. This growth signifies our commitment to foster meaningful connections amongst our alumni and providing them with engaging experiences.

The success for university marketing and communications effort is evident through the achievement in trademark and licensing royalties. In FY23, we reached new heights with total royalties amounting to \$258,530. This marks the highest royalty figure in our program's history, reflecting sales of over \$2,100,000 in Illinois State University's branded apparel and specialty items. It is truly gratifying to see alumni and friends proudly displaying their connection to and support of the university. Our fundraising endeavors have yielded outstanding results in FY23. Private support production surpassed \$34,000,000, making it the third-highest production total in Illinois State's history. This is the second consecutive year in which we exceeded \$30,000,000 in private support production without relying on an eight-figure gift commitment. This accomplishment demonstrates the dedication of our generous donors but also underscores the ongoing upward trend in private support production. FY23 marks the fourth consecutive year of year-over-year growth in this area, a testament to the unwavering support we receive from the Redbird community. These achievements are certainly an indication of the collective effort and commitment of alumni, friends and staff. Our efforts are shaping the success and the future of Illinois State University.

And talking about success, Redbird student athletes continue to impress. For the fourth time in a row, Illinois State won the Missouri Valley Conference All Sports Trophy. In addition, Redbird athletics boasts six Missouri Valley Conference scholar athletes, which is the most of any valley school, and Illinois State has won five MVC team championships and five Coach of the Year awards. As we look ahead to the coming year, we look forward to exciting seasons for our student athletes, coaches, and fans.

As we near the end of my remarks, I would like to take the opportunity to share a few additional points of pride. Illinois State consistently attracts and hires outstanding faculty and staff. This fall, Illinois State will welcome 54 new tenure-track faculty and 7 new department chairs. I look forward to welcoming them to the Illinois State family and the Bloomington-Normal community.

And if you haven't already heard, Illinois State University was named among the best colleges in the U.S., scoring in the top third of all submissions of Money magazine's best colleges in the U.S. list. The Bloomington-Normal Innovation Alliance held a cybersecurity conference in June for the local business community and explored ways in which ISU and neighboring Illinois Wesleyan University can assist in protecting businesses from cyber threats. Speakers that included the Department of Homeland Security shared their expertise and confirmed the need for

public universities to help with cyber threat protection. Illinois State holds a unique position within the Normal-Bloomington community and values opportunities for local and regional involvement in partnership.

Once again, Illinois State University received the national Voter Friendly Campus designation. This is the second time Illinois State has received this honor. The designation is awarded by the Voter Friendly Campus Initiative led by national non-partisan organizations, the Fair Election Center's Campus Vote Project and NASPA. Student Affairs administrators in higher education.

On July 2nd, the Illinois State Solar Car team won the third place in the Formula Sun Grand Prix held at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, Kansas, beating out (listen), Ohio State, University of Wisconsin, Northwestern, University of Virginia, Western Michigan, and Dalhousie University. I like reading that list. Mercury 6 is the sixth car that ISU has made. The team traveled 447 miles each way, which took about eight hours of driving.

Our faculty are leading the way in their fields and infusing their knowledge into the classrooms. The winning teams in the inaugural advancing research and creative scholarship arts program have recently been announced. The program seeks to advance interdisciplinary scholarship at ISU to solve some of the world's most complex problems. Twenty-two teams applied, and three were selected for the larger awards track with awards set to begin this fall.

Beth MacDonald from Teaching and Learning will lead a team examining mathematical learning in students with learning disabilities.

Uttam Manna from Physics will lead a team developing an apical TIRF-illumination super-resolution microscope for cell biology research.

Lea Cline from Wonsook Kim School of Art will lead a team conducting archeological research in northwest Bolsena in Italy.

Jan-Ulrik Dahl, an Assistant Professor of Microbiology at ISU's School of Biological Sciences, is a lead investigator on a \$74,000 grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The grant is funding research to determine how some pathogens respond to certain antimicrobial medicines. Findings will inform treatment strategies that can better combat antibiotic resistance and treat infections.

Claire Lieberman, a professor in the Wonsook Kim School of Art, was a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome this summer. The American Academy in Rome supports innovative artists, writers, and scholars living and working together in a dynamic international community.

Ali Riaz, distinguished professor in the Department of Politics and Government, is a sought-after expert on South Asian politics and the politics of Bangladesh, in particular. He is routinely interviewed by international media outlets on the subjects of Bangladeshan politics, the upcoming elections in that country, and U.S. foreign policy towards South Asia.

I want to end my remarks by sharing that Brad Franke will be joining Illinois State University on August 1 as the Director of Public Affairs and Policy. We look forward to welcoming Brad and providing some opportunities for the campus community to meet and work with him to advance Illinois State University.

And that concludes my reports. So with that, I'd like to call on today's spokesperson for the Campus Communication Committee, Melissa Ramirez-Osorio. Melissa is an academic advisor, recruiter, and student success coach in the College of Education and serves as a campus communication committee representative from AP Council and the Chairperson of the Campus Communication Committee. Welcome, Melissa.

Melissa Ramirez-Osorio: Well, thank you. Thank you, President Tarhule, and thank you to the Board for the opportunity to be here to speak to you today. So as we eagerly anticipate the start of the new school year, I'm happy to represent the Campus Communication Committee, and I would like to thank Stuart Palmer from the Civil Service Council for his service as Chairperson and representative this past year in our committee. Today, on behalf of the Campus Communication Committee, I will also address several important matters and express our appreciation for the remarkable efforts of our dedicated faculty and staff.

First, I would like to thank our presenters this morning for their presentation regarding the dismount zones and how they will impact pedestrian safety. Recent updates to Policy 5.1.8, Bikes, Skateboards, Scooters, and Other Recreation and Transportation Devices, were crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals on our campus. We thank the presenters for discussing how the university will implement these recent policy changes and hope that these changes will help maintain safety for all members in our community. Additionally, we strongly encourage campus leadership to implement the results obtained from the Coache Faculty Survey, the Staff Success Survey, and we look forward to reviewing the results of the 2022 ISU Campus Inclusion Survey. The valuable insights gained from these surveys can play a significant role in enhancing our recruitment and retention efforts for highly qualified faculty and staff members.

We hope to foster an environment that attracts and retains exceptional talents by recognizing the needs, concerns, and successes of our faculty and staff. Moreover, we would like to reiterate our proposal for an open presidential search and request detailed information from the board regarding the Search Committee structure so that we may prepare committee selection processes for the upcoming year. An open search process ensures transparency, inclusivity, and active participation from the university community. By involving representatives from the faculty and staff and students on the Search Committee, we can identify and select a president that embodies the core values of Illinois State University. The Student Government Association is excited to announce the formation of the Mental Health Days Commission this upcoming fall semester. As we know, mental health plays a vital role in the overall well-being and academic success of our ISU students. The commission's purpose will be to advocate with legislators for the implementation of Mental Health Days for student state wide. We request the board's support in endorsing and championing this important initiative, which will address mental health issues.

On another inspiring note, we would like to highlight and applaud the efforts of our dedicated staff members who have been tireless working during the Preview to accommodate this very large incoming class. Advisors, housing staff, Preview staff, and all campus partners deserve our sincere appreciation for their commitment to providing support and guidance to our new students. Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation for the ongoing construction projects across campus. These projects will enhance the appeal and accessibility of our campus and foster environments conducive to learning, collaboration, and personal growth of our students. And it is with excitement that we await the upcoming year. We're confident that as a university we will continue to provide guidance and support to enable our students to thrive. And, with that, I close this letter by saying, "Go You Redbirds." Thank you.

[applause]

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you, Melissa. There will not be a legislative update today, so we will move forward with the agenda.

There is one report today, the Academic Plan 2023 to 2028, which is included in your board materials. The annual renewable plan includes a brief profile of the university, the university strategic plan, and inventory of academic programs at the university and academic program changes approved since June 30th, 2022 and inventory of academic programs and units at the university recognized by specialized accreditation associations and updates regarding academic initiatives, college strategic plans, summaries of academic program reviews conducted in the fiscal year 2023, and a tentative schedule of academic program reviews from fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2031. Are there any questions or comments from the board about this report? Seeing no questions, with the permission of the Board Chair, I would like to proceed with the resolutions.

Trustee Bohn: You may proceed.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution Number 2023.07/34. Approval of MS in Physics.

Illinois State University is seeking authorization from the Board of Trustees to seek approval of a proposal for degree-granting authority for the MS in Physics. The Illinois State University Physics Department currently offers a B.S. in five separate degree sequences within the major. The program is one of the largest Bachelor's-only physics departments nationwide. The proposed M.S. program will build on the success of the department and its mentorship

of undergraduates by offering opportunities for education and research to graduate students. As Illinois State becomes a more comprehensive university that includes engineering and other STEM disciplines, physics has the opportunity to grow into a department that not only supports these efforts but thrives because of them. The program will be administered by the Department of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences. Faculty have developed 14 new courses for the program. The program is expected to enroll up to ten students each year with a total enrollment of 20 students at steady state. One additional tenure-track faculty member will be hired to supplement existing faculty to deliver the new program at its inception. The proposal was approved by the Academic Senate on May 10, 2023. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve this resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Motion by Trustee Ebikhumi. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Second by Trustee Jenkins. Is there any discussion?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I have a question. Last meeting we approved a couple other programs, so I'm wondering what's the thought process behind adding a new program, and where does it originate? Is it with the Department Chair, the Academic Senate?

Interim President Tarhule: Yeah, Provost Ani will answer that question.

Provost Ani Yazedjian: Sure. Thank you for that question. Curriculum is within the purview of the faculty at Illinois State University as in any institution of higher education. So typically faculty will be charged with considering their curriculum, looking at their field, seeing what opportunities are available for students in the market place, and then they might discuss amongst each other and say we're thinking about developing this program. So then they'll reach out to the Provost Office, and this is something I did in my prior role as Associate Provost. And they would say we're thinking of developing a new sequence or a new program, and there's a financial implication form. We have a process that's outlined on our website, on the university website that tells units they're interested in developing new programs the steps they need to go through. What we might do is do a market analysis. Depending on the unit, they might have professional organizations that provide that information. Otherwise, we have a contract with EAB, which is a national data consultancy firm, and they'll do a market feasibility analysis for us for a particular program. Then we'll review that. The faculty reviews that, and then the unit will talk to their department chair, talk to their dean, and their college staff to look at the financial viability of a program like that. So there is this financial implication form. They align the rationale for the program, they talk about the finances needed to develop the program in the first year, to sustain the program in steady state by year five. That's approved at the department level. It's reviewed by the Department Curriculum Committee. It's reviewed by the dean and approved, the College Curriculum Committee, and then it comes up to the Provost Office. And then it goes to the Academic Senate that also reviews it. The university Curriculum Committee reviews it as well. So there is a process. There are a lot of different points where different stakeholder groups are reviewing it, primarily faculty stakeholder groups. The responsibility of the Office of the Provost is really looking at the financial commitment on the part of the university to maintain a program like that or to ensure its success.

Trustee Jenkins: I have a quick question.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: Thanks. I hope what's a quick question is, so the next step for this approval, does that then go to IDBE for approval for that program?

Provost Yazedjian: Right. So once we get Board of Trustees approval, we complete program proposal to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. It's an extensive proposal that includes many of the elements of the financial implication form and includes a broader rationale. We do a comparator analysis with other programs across the state

using data that IBHE makes publicly available. We also look at U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics, Illinois labor statistics, and then with IBHE's new strategic plan of Thriving Illinois, we also incorporate how we're going to focus on equity, sustainability, and growth, both at the university level and at the programmatic level. And once they approve it, then we can advertise and enroll students.

Trustee Jenkins: May I entertain one more question?

Trustee Bohn: Yes, Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: So as we think about these in the future, as they come through, is it a metric that we should look at around sustaining enrollment for a Master's program in the 10 to 20 student range? And we think of that in relationship to other Master's programs or even other programs as a metric we should think about, or is that just for physics for this particular thing?

Provost Yazedjian: That would be just for physics. So there's a lot of variation. The Illinois Board of Higher Education asks us to track low-producing programs every year, asks every university to track low-producing programs in terms of the number of graduates for undergraduate programs. It's ten graduates per year. For undergraduates it's five. So this would be a lower, a program with lower enrollment in comparison, for example, to our Master's in Computer Science that has about 175 students. But that's also related to market demand. And we are being conservative in our estimates here with the Master's in Physics, looking at other programs across the state. But we also have data that show that there is increasing demand for people who have a terminal Master's in Physics. Some people get a Master's along the way to getting a Ph.D., although those who are pursuing Ph.D.'s don't typically get a Master's in Physics. But there is growing demand for the skills beyond just what we might think of as traditional physics. But beyond the skills that come with a Master's in Physics, there is growing demand in the workforce. And I think the other part that is unique to the Master's program here is that we are going to be bringing in a lot of engineering students, and so there's going to be increasing demand for physics classes. And this is one strategy to help meet the course demands for engineering students and other students, as we anticipate enrollment growth at the university.

Trustee Jenkins: Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: So I'll recognize myself [laughs] to ask a question. How are you going to market this?

Provost Yazedjian: Yeah. So one driver for this program is we currently have physics undergraduate students, because we are one of the larger undergraduate students in the country. We have lots of undergraduate students that we actually send to other universities who would much rather stay at Illinois State, unlike students who are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. where you might recommend that these students go to another institution so they're exposed to different ways of doing physics or approaching physics. We already have some demand here, and what we are also proposing, which is not part of this resolution, is an accelerated Master's program. So as we've been looking at new Master's programs on campus, we've been recommending the accelerated Master's, which is really a four plus one. So that allows our students to complete the Master's degree in one additional year instead of two. High-achieving undergraduate students get to take up to 15 credits of graduate credit as a senior at undergraduate tuition rates, and so that, we think, is one way of marketing the program to our existing students. And then, even though we have University of Illinois in Urbana or in Champaign, those programs are actually offering Ph.D. programs, so they're offering the terminal degree, and we think we're going to be able to attract a different population of students.

Trustee Bohn: Okay. Thank you. Are there any other questions? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you, Chairperson.

Resolution 2023.07/35. Approval of Town of Normal Fire Services Agreement.

Annually, Illinois State University and the Town of Normal enter into an intergovernmental agreement for fire protection and emergency services provided to the university campus. The agreement is modified each year to require a new reimbursement rate to reflect the municipal costs associated with the provision of these services. The Town of Normal uses a price index to calculate the new reimbursement rate that is determined by the Illinois Municipal League and used throughout the state and in other university communities. The Illinois Municipal Price Index is designed to quantify the increases in prices of goods and services purchased by Illinois municipalities. The agreement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 required the reimbursement cost of \$628,348. The updated index released by the Illinois Municipal League in June 2023 requires a 4.32% increase over the previous-year cost, which equates to an annual increase of \$27,145. The new agreement is effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and includes a reimbursement cost not to exceed \$655,493 paid by general revenue and auxiliary facilities operating revenues. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve this resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/36. Authorization for Adobe Creative Cloud Software.

Illinois State University has used Adobe products for nearly two decades. The Adobe Creative Cloud software is recognized as a leader in business and creative software solutions. The university currently purchases the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite through an annual agreement from software reseller Dell Corporation for approximately \$440,000. In recent years, Adobe licensing models have changed to subscription-based suite licensing, which allows users access to a host of software programs. The new licensing models are more expensive; thus, the university has worked with other Illinois public higher education institutions to consolidate a volume-based pricing model. This volume-based rate, estimated to be \$342,000 annually, is significantly lower. Under this arrangement, each university will maintain their own agreement and be invoiced annually. This resolution seeks authorization to enter into a three-year agreement from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$1,026,000, which includes a 3.5% contingency for any additional services needed to be added during that term due to growth in enrollment or usage. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve this resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Tillis: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Tillis second. Is there any discussion? I'll recognize myself and ask a question.

Interim President Tarhule: Yes.

Trustee Bohn: So my understanding is we did approve a one-year for \$440,000.

Unknown speaker: Yes.

Trustee Bohn: And now with this deal, we're going to get it for about \$342,000 a year.

Unknown speaker: Right.

Trustee Bohn: And do we pay that yearly, or do we have to pay the whole 1 million at one time?

Interim President Tarhule: Dan.

Vice President Stephens: Thank you for that question. Charlie, I'm going to look to you. I would assume what we've engaged with is the ability to execute a three-year agreement, but our subscription is only going to be based on the annual amount, so I don't believe we would be paying the entire amount at one time. We just pay it each individual year, because we could end up with next year or the year after with substantially higher types of usage or lower. But this was designed to get a volume increase and an ability to work collectively with Adobe to get the best pricing model we could achieve.

Trustee Bohn: And we have not paid the \$440,000 yet?

Charley Edamala: We actually get credit for the portion we haven't paid for.

Trustee Bohn: OK. That was my next question. Okay, thank you. Is there any other discussion?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I have a question.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: You have a mix of funds as your funding source, general revenue and auxiliary facility system. Is there a reason why you're mixing funds?

Vice President Stephens: Because obviously our institution, we end up with the usage of both faculty, staff. If you may remember in our earlier presentations about the color of money, our goal and responsibility from an LAC compliance perspective is to try to allocate cost where there's an element of usage that does move into individual areas of funding. So we try where it's possible to track those types of cost so that it is not borne solely by one area.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/37. Authorization to Purchase Apple Computer Products.

Illinois State's TechZone is an authorized Apple reseller for students, faculty, staff, and university departments. This resolution seeks authorization from the Board of Trustees for TechZone to purchase Apple computers and devices for departmental use and retail. TechZone and Student Technology Support serve as a campus computer store as well as provide warranty and general servicing of computers. With approval, Apple computers and devices will be purchased from DNH Distributing for an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 for fiscal year 2024 to 2028. This amount is designed to accommodate growth consistent with recent fiscal years. Source of funding includes local agency funds to purchase computers for TechZone inventory and resale and general revenue, AFS, and other agency funds when TechZone resells the computers to various university departments. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve this resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Navarro: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Navarro second. Is there any discussion? I'll recognize myself again. When I read more of the information than what President Tarhule just presented to us, it appears that 45% is departmental spending, and 55% is retail spending. So my question is on the retail spending, do we lose money when we sell that to the various people at the university that we sell it to?

Vice President Stephens: Thank you for your question. No, as we acquire products, one of the advantages of acquiring our computers from a central point of contact is two: One, from a pricing and a volume benefit, but the other great advantage of this is also to permit safety and security around our IT equipment. And so the coordination through the TechZone and through Charley's division allows for that protection. And then from a retail point of view, obviously supporting our students, our volume discount that we're able to work with these retailers helps keep our cost down. And then our university does try to support this service in a combination of having some element of margin in there, but it's predominantly a support in order for both faculty, staff, and students, and the public. So we are a retail environment, but one of our goals from those purchase is to allow for that greater discount purchasing so it can be distributed across campus.

Trustee Bohn: So when I look at this 1.9 million, about 50% of it, we get the money back.

Vice President Stephens: That's correct. That's right. It's just the pass through coming through the budgets. They come and it just gets captured from an agency perspective. It runs through their books, and then it gets reimbursed back to the TechZone.

Trustee Bohn: Thank you. Are there any other questions or discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/38. Authorization for Campus Wireless Upgrade Phase 1.

In 2014, the Illinois State University Board of Trustees approved a resolution for a campus-wide wireless coverage project. Since then, demand has increased for coverage due to the rising number of devices per person connected to wireless resources. In 2022, the Board of Trustees approved Phase 1 of the campus-wide network upgrade. This project was to begin the replacement of the underpinning wired network infrastructure on campus as it approaches the end of its useful life and vendor-specific support. Technology Solutions is requesting Board of Trustees' approval to begin the phase of a strategic two-phase upgrade project for the wireless network. The requested upgrades will provide the ISU community with increased reliability, efficiency, security, and network speeds that will provide scalability. The strategic design of this request includes a planned useful life of approximately seven years to avoid costly shorter refresh cycles. The total number of wirelessly connected devices, applications, and data resources supported by ISU's network has increased significantly over the last decade and is expected to continue to grow dramatically. The campus WiFi network serves over 40,000 concurrent devices during peak times, an 18% increase since 2015. The WiFi network has also seen a 67% increase in the amount of bandwidth consumed per day since 2016. Each year there is a measurable increase in the amount and number of devices connecting to ISU's network. This resolution seeks authorization of expenditures estimated not to exceed \$650,000 for the necessary hardware, software, and related cost to upgrade wireless coverage throughout the campus. This project is funded by general revenue funds. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve this resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution Number 2023.07/39. Authorization for Raab Road Renovation and Staff Relocation to Support ISU College of Engineering Project.

This resolution builds on prior approvals of the Board of Trustees in support of the College of Engineering. To facilitate the upcoming construction and renovations at the John Green Food Services and Carter Harris buildings requires a relocation of all existing ISU staff currently located at those buildings into the 715 Raab Road facility. Prior to relocation, renovations of the Raab Road facility are required to convert open classroom spaces into functional administrative spaces, including offices, cubicles, conference rooms, etc. This resolution seeks authorization of expenditures not to exceed \$5,520,000 for all necessary Raab Road renovation and relocation costs in support of the new College of Engineering projects. Funds will be used to program, plan, design, and produce the required documents to vacate the John Green Food Services and Carter Harris building of all university staff and directs the university administration to establish a budget and appoint architects and engineers and other necessary project consultants deeds to work, hire contractors, and move staff. Sources of funding is general revenue funds. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? Trustee Navarro.

Trustee Navarro: So the Raab Road location, that is newly acquired to us, and it's currently empty, right? That's the one we did a couple of meetings ago?

Interim President Tarhule: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Okay. So there's nobody in there now, and you're moving people to there?

Interim President Tarhule: Correct.

Trustee Navarro: Okay. Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: I'll recognize myself. I think as we look at these next couple of resolutions and seeing they're from general revenue funds, we have a question in all of our minds as, do we have enough money in general revenue funds, and do you feel comfortable with that?

Vice President Stephens: Yes, ma'am. Thank you for that question. I've been working very closely with President Tarhule in studying the fiscal analysis, obviously, of the engineering program, both from conception and now and looking to the future. And one of the things that we will look at is these type of expenditures, these investments are long term, and they're needed obviously in order for us to establish the College of Engineering and the revenue resources generated by having not only the students that are coming to us that stay in engineering but also the additional students that come, that may start in engineering and move over to other disciplines on campus. So from a fiscal point of view, these are very wise investments.

Trustee Bohn: Is there any other discussion?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I have a question.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: You have in the background for the resolution that you potentially would like to include the cost of this project and the future debt offering for the College of Engineering.

Vice President Stephens: Correct.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Why is that, as we don't know what that debt offering is going to be?

Vice President Stephens: Thank you for asking that question. The reason that statement at the bottom is intended to be vague, it's an awareness to you that as we talk through our financial advisors (as a matter of fact, I had conversations with them just over the last couple of days), the analysis is we look forward with the potential bond offering or the actual bond offering we'll have to have in order to renovate the John Green facility and Carter Harris, will it be wise from a credit agency perspective for us to borrow these funds, which we are permitted to do, or choose to use reserves? At this point in time, given the interesting interest rate environment, we're actually doing a fiscal analysis where it may work out to be that if we borrow these funds because it is a long-term investment and because our institution is not permitted to refinance funds, unlike you do in the private sector, that it may end up being very wise for us to come back with not only this investment as a debt offering but also obviously the longer term investment in John Green. And doing some quick analysis with our financial advisors yesterday, giving some investments we can make by keeping those reserves with us and just simply paying an annual debt payment over the next ten years, we potentially have the opportunity to borrow these funds at a net investment somewhere less than 1% because we can actually earn some fairly very good returns through our treasury investments that actually are currently yielding pretty good rates compared to what we believe the credit offering rates would be on this loan. So I placed that there as an awareness to you, because we may in the next board meeting or next couple of board meetings come back with you to say we'd like to borrow those funds because it makes the most fiscal sense.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: This is kind of a question, but it's also kind of I think a statement, and it's framed from the perspective of how we talk about enroll . . . I'll go this way. So my father graduated from Georgia Tech in 1953. When he walked in as a freshman, they did the "Look to your left, look to your right. Only one of you is going to be here in six months." My brother graduated 20 years later, 30 years later from Georgia Tech, and they said, "Look to your left and your right, two of you are going to be here." As I've heard you all describe the engineering program at Illinois State, it's intended to be a different model. It's intended to be, "You look to your left, you look to your right, this is your community of learners. You're all going to go through it." So I hope that we think about this in those kind of terms and not as an opportunity for, you know, we bring in 500, we have 300 that then shift to other kind of degree programs. And it's not really directed, it's not sent in your way. I understand why you're doing it, and I understand that the whole concept of the enrollment management piece of that. I just want us to try and elevate the debate around engineering at ISU to be that different kind of program, and I think that's what we've expressed to IBHE in a state to support the types of program. So I'll end that with, "Would you believe?", and thank you, Madam Chair, for letting me make a comment.

Interim President Tarhule: Can I comment?

Trustee Bohn: Yes, Interim President Tarhule.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you so much, Trustee Jenkins, and I couldn't agree with you more. If you look at the new founding dean of the college, Dean Keyser is here, and I'm sure he'll back up everything I'm about to say. You are right. We're trying to set up this college as a new college, as an example for a number of things that error, if you will, the engineering profession. One of those is diversity. We've talked a lot about that. But you're right. The other is student success. Nationally, only about half of the students, I think it's actually around 48% if I'm correct, of the students who begin in an engineering program actually earn an engineering degree. In our proposal to IBHE we pledged that our engineering students are going to graduate at the same rate as the general student population at Illinois State. And right now that's 67.3%. So we've set a very ambitious goal, and we'd like to hold ourselves to that, hold Tom Keyser to that goal. [laughs] So I think your comments are absolutely correct, and I just wanted to say that they are in line with everything we've been thinking about this college from conception to date.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: So a follow up to Trustee Jenkins' comment. These wraparound services that we provide to future engineering students, that means that there's going to be a large cost. When can we expect the full cost for the College of Engineering, especially this, you know, this project in the following resolution will be included in that offering?

Vice President Stephens: Thank you for your question. We are currently in the design phase, and we appreciate the opportunity that we were afforded to do that. We've engaged CannonDesign to help us with, which was the original firm that actually helped in the conceptual discussion around engineering and potentially using the John Green. So right now the range of estimates, as they're looking at the design, is for the combination of the renovations to the John Green warehouse as well as it's about 5,000 square feet of space in the Carter Harris building right across the parking lot, that the range should be somewhere between 55 to 65 million. But it depends on the amount of contingency that we include in that. We're in the earlier stages of studying that, but we are also working with the dean and value engineering to make sure the investments we are making there not only make a benefit in the short run but also the long term. So we will know more over the next several months as those designs get closer and closer to documents that allow us to make even more accurate estimates before we go to bid. We will likely be seeking a resolution with an estimate so that we can go to bid, and then we will be looking to the final bid process to tell us exactly what that amount is, but we've got a very good history working with Cannon as well as making some very good cost estimates to ensure that when we do go out to the bond market and also gain your approval that we'll feel fairly comfortable that when the project is completed it'll be at those budgets and less.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: Yes, President Tarhule.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you, Trustee Ebikhumi. I think the question you're asking, the Vice President for Finance and Planning has provided most of the answers, but I just wanted to add a little bit more, because I have a feeling that other trustee members may also have similar questions. You can think about the cost of the engineering college in a number of large categories. One is obviously facilities. And we divide facilities into two. First we have to acquire the current building, because we don't own it. We estimate that will cost between 2 to 3 million. So that's the first cost associated with the engineering building. Second, we have to relocate the people and all the materials that are stored in the John Green building to replacement space. The cost of that is currently about 10.6 million. So buy the building, relocate the people and the resources in it out, and then renovate the building. And the cost of that renovation right now we think is going to be on the low end about 55 million, on the high end about 65 million. So that will be the next item that we'll be bringing to the board for approval to give us authorization to finance that project. And then in terms of the actual running of the college, the day-to-day operations, that will be just part of the operations budget. So that includes hiring personnel, the dean, the department chairs, the faculty, staff and so on. And then the annual cost wraparound services as you mentioned, that's no different from the type of services we provide currently in other colleges. It may be more expansive, it may be different, but this will go into the annual operating cost, and the board will approve the operating. Once you approve the operating budget, for the university, that would include part of the operating cost for the college. So those are the large term items that go into creating

the college. It's kind of hard to sum it all up and give you one number, because some of them are ongoing, but I'm hoping that provides some clarity about what is involved and what kinds of monies we need to spend.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/40. Authorization for Warehouse Move to Support College of Engineering Project.

This resolution also builds on prior approvals of the Board of Trustees in support of the College of Engineering project. In May 2023, the Board of Trustees authorized the lease of additional warehouse space at 1241 Bell Street, Bloomington, Illinois. To facilitate the upcoming construction and renovations for the future home of the College of Engineering, the John Green building and Carter Harris building will need to be vacated. All existing equipment, supplies, and storage operations currently housing those facilities will be moved to both Illinois State University-owned and the newly acquired leased warehouse space located at the East Bell Street location. The Illinois State University-owned warehouse will be renovated to represent our primary facilities operational warehouse dedicated to major operational needs. The East Bell Street property will also be renovated to meet university needs. Therefore, this resolution requests the Board of Trustees to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$3,450,000 for a project to program, plan, design, and produce the required documents to fully vacate the John Green Food Services building of all stored materials into newly renovated space at the ISU warehouse road facility and the 1241 East Bell Street warehouse facility. Source of funding is general revenue funds. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Jenkins: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Motion was made by Trustee Jenkins. Is there a second?

Trustee Ebikhumi: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Second by Trustee Ebikhumi. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/41. Authorization to Designate Surplus Real Estate and Delegation of Authority to Sell Surplus Real Estate.

In 1992, the university purchased properties located at 208, 210, and 212 Douglas Street, Bloomington, Illinois to serve as studio space for graduate students of the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts. After completion of an extensive facility condition assessment that identified significant and costly facility upgrades and improvements that exceeded the strategic value of the property commonly known as the Art Studio Building, the complex was fully decommissioned in summer 2023. Alternate student programming space has been identified. The amended State Property Control Act, 30ILCS605/1, allows the Board of Trustees of any Illinois public institution of higher learning, including Illinois State University, to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer or convey to a bona fide purchaser for value or a part of real estate deemed by the board to be surplus real estate. Further, the act permits university to retain the proceeds from such transactions but requires that such proceeds be maintained in separate account in the treasury of the university for the purpose of deferred maintenance and emergency repair of university property. Therefore, the

university seeks authorization to designate the Art Studio Building, 208, 210, and 212 Douglas Street as surplus real estate and permits university leadership to seek third-party bids to properly dispose of this property. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Navarro: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: The motion is made by Trustee Navarro.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Second by Trustee Ebikhumi. Is there any discussion?

Trustee Ebikhumi: I have a question.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Do we know the estimated value of this property before we designate it as surplus?

Vice President Stephens: Yes, we had a third-party appraisal done on this property fairly recently, and it indicated that it would likely sell in a public bid process somewhere in the low 100s. That obviously is an appraisal. Right now, property, this is in downtown Bloomington, we are already receiving an element of interest around this. So we feel very confident that once we get your permission to move forward with the public bid process that we may have even more interest in the property, and then as we review those bids we will end up updating you exactly as to what the final price was that we will consider selling the property for. And then those proceeds will be used, as President Tarhule says, to offset the investments we've had to make to relocate these MFA studios for the students' experience.

Trustee Ebikhumi: And a followup. So we will identify the alternative space. Where is that alternative space?

Vice President Stephens: We've been dealing with this particular facility, obviously, for a number of years. And over time, over the last several years in working with the Dean of the College of Fine Arts, trying to find studio space either on campus or off campus, we actually have plans on campus to have these studio spaces to be placed there, but we've got to have the Wonsook Kim Fine Arts project completed first in order to do that. So we found temporary space, little less than 10,000 square feet, out at the Eastland Mall through a bid process. And we were able to acquire that lease space very, very cost effectively, and so it has been worked on for the last, close to about a year, and we should have it opened in June or will be opened for this particular fall for the students. And then I believe we may have a grand opening for the board and others, because it's a very attractive space inside the Eastland Mall. It's also very safe. There is parking there, so we would like to get some greater visibility of ISU not simply on our campus but also in the community.

Trustee Ebikhumi: And my final question, I'm sorry. The sale of this property goes to a treasury account that's for deferred maintenance. Is that deferred maintenance for the Fine Arts, or is it just a general account for the entire university.

Vice President Stephens: It generally goes into obviously the total university because it was an academic facility that was purchased. It'll go into the GR space, which gives us the latitude to use it in any of our academic facilities, obviously from a direct relationship point of view. We've made investments for this new property. So in my mind, we are looking at the proceeds from this to essentially reimburse ourselves for the investments that we've made there.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/42. Authorization to Acquire Property Insurance, Amended.

The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University approved at the May 12, 2023 meeting Resolution Number 2023.05/22, which authorized the university to acquire property insurance for fiscal year '24 at an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,380,000, which is an annual increase of \$180,000 based on preliminary discussions with our insurance consulting carrier, Alliant Insurance Services. Since that time, final premium quotes have been received from Alliant, and the projected annual premium for fiscal year '24 has increased to an estimated \$1,450,000, an increase of approximately \$250,000 over the prior year. This increase is attributed to three main factors, including an increase in insured property values, significant large-dollar loss event by several universities within the state, including ISU's estimated \$3,000,000 insurance loss claim associated with the fire property damage at the university farm and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's water damage of over \$10,000,000 and, lastly, inflationary increases in replacement construction costs and labor shortage/supply chain constraints across Illinois and the nation. For fiscal year 2024, the university's property insurance program will have a \$1,000,000,000 bill current coverage limit with a \$100,000 deductible payable for each occurrence. The property insurance exposure is fully mitigated by the university self-insurance fund of approximately \$1,200,000. The university seeks board authorization to acquire adequate property insurance coverage for fiscal year 2024 from a collection of well-respected and financially sound U.S. and international insurance companies collectively prized as a consortium through Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. at an annual premium not to exceed \$1,450,000. The funding source includes general revenue and auxiliary facility system operating revenues. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? I just had one question regarding the loss at the Lexington farm. I know we did approve expenditure for that so that we could continue to use that facility for students, and I was just wondering if we have received some money from the insurance company for that loss.

Vice President Stephens: Yes, thank you for your questions. We actually, during the process over the last several months, have been working with the insurance company. We've got a final report. It's approximately around \$3,000,000. They have fronted us, I believe, well in excess of over \$1,000,000. Is that right, David?

David Marple: \$1,900,000.

Vice President Stephens: \$1,900,000 of that. That'll be finalized at the end. We're in the bid process right now, working with the dean and the faculty out there at the farm to try to take those insurance proceeds and utilize them in the best way for the purpose of the farm. If we're able to actually navigate potentially the position of where that farm, where that new barn will occur, we might relocate it, but we would not incur any additional cost. So that's why we're kind of doing a dual-bid process. So we'll hopefully have sometime in the next few months the final visit will tell us what options we have, but we are very confident. The insurance company said our loss was legitimate, and they're going to be paying up to at least that \$3,000,000 once they know exactly what the cost will be to incur the actual renovation that we do.

Trustee Bohn: Okay, thank you. Trustee Tillis.

Trustee Tillis: This is a two-part question. The first question is, "In the event of any type of claim that happens, where do the deductible funds come from?" And the second question is, "Did we ever entertain increasing our deductible to minimize the increase?"

Vice President Stephens: Thank you for asking that question. Actually internally within the university, inside our reserves, we've basically set aside an element of funds from essentially a risk mitigation perspective. Your point about evaluating the deductibility was one of the questions that as we started to get these projected cost increases, so I had Dave Marple, our insurance advisor, work through with the agents, with our advisors. And what we determined was that we've got currently \$100,000 deductible. We looked at what the deductible would be, annual premium would be if it was at \$250,000 or \$500,000. And after the analysis was confirmed with the insurance companies, it actually worked out to where we would not incur a sufficient amount of cost savings if we increased our deductible. As a matter of fact, Dave studied the last four to five years of losses. And if we had had an insurance deductible of 250 or 500, we actually would've incurred more losses over that period of time. And so because the premium that they offered did not justify raising that, we decided to keep it as is. We're going to continue to study it. One other point that is important in commercial real estate insurance is having \$100,000 deductible is not an easy thing to have. And sometimes if you choose to raise your deductible and at a later date seek to reduce your deductible, you may not even be given the opportunity to do so. Hopefully that answers your question.

Trustee Tillis: Thank you.

Trustee Bohn: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/43. Authorization to Issue Certificates of Participation, Series 2023, Capital Improvement Projects.

In addition to the authority provided to the Board of Trustees by the State of Illinois to issue revenue bonds for the construction and operation of auxiliary facilities, the Illinois State University law 110ILCS675/20 provides the Board with the authority to issue debt in the form of certificates of participation to finance or refinance all the capital improvements. These certificates of participation evidence payments are under an instrument purchase agreement and are limited to a maximum ten-year period. The instrument payments made under an instrument purchase agreement are payable both from state-appropriated funds and from budgeted legally available funds of the Board derived from sources other than state appropriations on an annual basis. The certificates of participation, series 2023, will be issues in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 to fund the total project cost associated with the Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Lab building construction project approved by the Board of Trustees at the May 7, 2021 meeting pursuant to Resolution 2021.05/20. Issuance of the certificates will result in annual debt payments that are not expected to exceed \$1,800,000, depending on the final interest rates secured at the closing of the certificates and will be funded by general revenue funds, foundation funds from private donors, and federal grants. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

Resolution 2023.07/44. Approval of Foundation Support Agreement.

The Illinois State University Foundation's purpose is to solicit, secure, and manage private gifts and other resources and to use those gifts and resources to support the distinctive excellence of Illinois State University in teaching, learning, scholarship, creative activities, and service to others. The State of Illinois legislative audit commission guidelines authorizes the university to enter into a written contract with the foundation to provide such services. The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University and the Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding in May 2008, which outlines the relationship and responsibilities of each entity in regards to the provision of such services. Therefore, the university seeks Board of Trustees authorization to contract with the Foundation for the provision of development and fund-raising services for fiscal year 2024 for in-kind consideration not to exceed \$2,978,000, a 4.7% increase over fiscal year '23 to address the increasing cost in personnel and operating expenses. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Navarro: I'll second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Navarro second. Is there any discussion? Trustee Jenkins, yes.

Trustee Jenkins: Is it metrics for fund raising, metrics for advancement, it appears like if there's about \$3,00,000, we've generated about \$30,000,000, it's kind of a 3:1 for the investment from the institution, is that a common, is that good, is it not good, what is that? Can I get some scope for that?

Interim President Tarhule: Pat, do you want to take that?

Pat Vickerman: Thank you for the question. And, yes, it is good. And so the return on investment is very good. This looks at our Foundation resources. They have been pretty lean, certainly over the years as far as the investment and our return has been good, but overall there's a very good return on investment from our Foundation funds that go into raising private gift support, and we look at that nationally. We work with a group, Case Counsel for the Support and Advancement of Education and compare very favorably with other institutions our size, but the return is very positive.

Trustee Jenkins: Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Tillis.

Trustee Tillis: Can you speak more of the plan to cultivate relationships with philanthropy as well as cooperate foundations the need to do it and what's the plan?

Pat Vickerman: Oh, absolutely. That's what we do. So as far as engaging our alumni, we have over 240,000 alumni. You heard the president talk about the increased alumni activity across the country. Certainly we're seeing more engagement opportunities but really being intentional with how we engage with them from the mentoring standpoint, from a career services standpoint, engaging with students, but then also certainly when it looks at foundation perspectives, giving people the opportunity to give back. And we've seen that considerably with the number of gifts. It was referenced our last campus campaign, Redbirds Rising, was just about \$181,000,000. That's a little bit in the rearview mirror now. So we are planning for the next campaign and what's coming next. So that level of investment that'll take to help us accomplish the goals of the university certainly is a focus. From a cooperate standpoint, we've ramped that up recently. We didn't have a person in that position, but we hired

somebody this past fiscal year. She has really hit the ground running and has been very active in renewing some of those cooperate relationships that were a little stagnant, but also looking at monetizing those relationships. That's the key from our perspective and talking about the new academic opportunities we have and the workforce development and the investment in our students and future graduates in the workforce. So not only looking at it from a gift standpoint but also workforce development, internships, co-ops, and other experiences as well.

Trustee Tillis: Thank you.

Pat Vickerman: Mm-hmm.

Trustee Bohn: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you. The next set of resolutions are for naming opportunities, and I know that some of generous donors and supporters who provided these opportunities are probably not in the room but may be listening online, and I just want to say to all of them on behalf of the entire university faculty and staff of Illinois State, thank you very much for your support.

Resolution 2023.07/45. Authorization to Name Senator John and Joanne Maitland Preparatory Room for Standardized Patients.

The Mennonite College of Nursing respectfully requests naming the locker room for standardized patients in the newly constructed Nursing Simulation Center as the John and Joanne Maitland Preparatory Room for Standardized Patients. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by John and Joanne Maitland for the new nursing building. Joanne and John Maitland are both former public servants with a strong commitment to higher education, Illinois State University, and the Mennonite College of Nursing. Raised in Normal, Senator John Maitland, Jr. began farming in 1959 as a third-generation farmer. He was first elected as state senator in 1979 and represented central Illinois for over two decades. Since 2002, ISU's Alumni Association has honored Senator Maitland through its Maitland Commitment to Education Award, which formally recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to or advocated for the field of education or Illinois State University specifically. Joanne Maitland has also been a tireless community volunteer and public leader. She was a member of the Mennonite College of Nursing Board from 1985 to 1991. In 2002, Joanne was appointed to Illinois State University's Board of Trustees and served until 2013. She was the honorary co-chair for the ERA Illinois Coalition in 2017 and also served as a national campaign volunteer for the Redbirds Rising campaign. Joanne currently serves on the Mennonite College of Nursing Dean's Cabinet. In recognition of their exceptional service to the community and Illinois State University, the Maitland's both received an honorary degree from ISU in 2015. They are members of the 1957 Society and created an innovative fund to help support interdisciplinary training and collaboration between ISU's Speech and Language Pathology Department and the Mennonite College of Nursing. The Maitland's have three children and several grandchildren. Senator John and Joanne Maitland have placed funds to support a space dedicated to standardized patients who are specifically trained to depict clinical scenarios for educational purposes, allowing students to learn critical interpersonal skills. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Tillis: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Tillis second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Thank you.

[applause]

And just to make clear, I believe I may have mispronounced Joanne. I called her Joan. I think it should be Joanne. My apologies to Joanne and the entire Maitland family.

Resolution 2023.07/46. Authorization to Name Brock Family Conference Room.

The Mennonite College of Nursing respectfully requests naming the conference room across from the multipurpose area in the newly constructed nursing simulation center as the Brock Family Conference Room. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by Anita Brock for the new nursing building. Anita Ormond Brock is a 1972 graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in education. After earning her degree, Anita taught elementary school at Oakdale School in Unit 5. She also taught preschool in Bloomington and raised two sons with her husband, Jeff Brock, a 1965 graduate of University High School. After college, Jeff worked for Brock Oil Company, the company his family founded in 1958. An avid Redbird athletics fan and hard-working community leader, Jeff served on several local boards and was a trustee at Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. In 2008, Jeff and Anita created Herschel O. Brock endowed scholarship in athletics in memory of Jeff's father. That same year, they also started the Esther Lion Brock endowed Scholarship as a living tribute to Jeff's mother who was a nurse for many years and very proud of her healthcare career. Although Jeff passed away in 2014, Anita has continued to support Illinois State University, especially nursing. Anita understands the need for more nurses and the profound impact that scholarships can have on students. As an engaged donor, Anita is consistently interested in personally meeting Mennonite College of Nursing's Scholarship recipients, sharing stories with them about her mother-in-law and hearing about their own nursing interests and career paths. Anita is a member of Illinois State University's 1857 Society and attends many Redbird and nursing events. Today, Anita enjoys spending time with her sons, Parker and Kyle, and her daughter-in-law and grandsons. Anita recognizes the opportunity the new space will provide for the Mennonite College of Nursing to expand and, as a result, has pledged funds to support the new Simulation Center. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve the resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second.

Trustee Navarro: I'll second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Navarro second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved. [applause]

Resolution 2023.07/47. Approval of 2024 Board Meeting Calendar.

I bring to you today proposed dates for the quarterly meetings of the Board of Trustees for 2024. I will note that the October 2024 meeting date may change and, if so, an amended resolution will come before the board at a future date for approval. I ask for your approval for this resolution.

Trustee Bohn: May I have a motion and second to approve this resolution?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The resolution is approved.

Interim President Tarhule: Chairperson Bohn, this concludes the resolutions for today.

Trustee Bohn: Thank you. I would now entertain a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5ILCS120/2C1 to discuss collective negotiating bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to 5ILCS120/2C2 and to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court of administrative tribunal pursuant to 5ILCS120/2C11. May I have a motion and second to approve the motion to move into closed session?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Tillis: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Second, Trustee Tillis. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, will the Secretary please call for roll call vote.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Bohn.

Trustee Bohn: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jones. Trustee Meringa. Trustee Navarro. Yes. Trustee Tillis.

Trustee Tillis: Yes.

Trustee Bohn: The motion is approved. We will now move into closed session. Following the closed session, the board will move back into public session solely for the purpose of adjournment. Thank you.

[End of recording]

(Closed Session)

Trustee Bohn: I would now ask for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Navarro: I so move.

Trustee Tillis: Second.

Trustee Bohn: I think the motion was made by Trustee Navarro and second by Trustee Tillis. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the motion please say aye.

Multiple People: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The motion is approved, and we are adjourned. Thank you all.