MINUTES

Board of Trustees of Illinois State University

July 26, 2013

The Board of Trustees convened at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2013, in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. Chairperson McCuskey called the meeting to order.

Before I call the roll I want to acknowledge the passing of Ronald Kinser, husband of Betty Kinser. So let’s please start with a moment of silence. Thank you. I will now call the roll.

The following members were present.

Trustee Bergman

Trustee Churney

Trustee Davis

Trustee Donahue

Trustee Kinser

Trustee McCuskey

Trustee Von Qualen

Absent:

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

Interim President Sheri Everts

Vice President for Student Affairs Larry Dietz

Vice President for Finance & Planning Dan Layzell

Vice President for University Advancement Erin Minné

Board Legal Counsel Jane Denes

Chief of Staff Jay Groves

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Do I have a motion to approve the agenda? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Churney. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Review and approval of Special Meeting minutes of January 12, February 2, February 13, April 4, April 8-9, April 16 and May 4 of 2013, and of regular meeting Minutes of February 22 and May 10, 2013. Do I have a motion and second to approve? Trustee Donahue so moved and was seconded by Trustee Von Qualen. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

I want to thank a couple of people who have joined us for a few minutes. On July 15 the Normal Town Council voted to invest $500,000 in the construction and renovation of project at Hancock Stadium. Mayor Koos said earlier this morning, the front porch not only of Illinois State University, but also one of those new features to recognize people into the Town of Normal. It’s also going to be an important economic driver along the Main Street corridor here to the University and the Town of Normal. So, Mayor Chris Koos and City Manager Mark Peterson brought that initiative to the Town Council meeting – they are here with us this morning so I ask them to stand so that we can recognize them and thank them. I also want to thank the Town Council for their leadership, support and obviously their vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

According to our Bylaws, the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board will stand for election, and voting will be by secret ballot. Since we are currently without a Secretary due to the departure of long-time secretary Joanne Maitland, I will now ask for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Donahue: I would like to nominate Anne Davis.

McCuskey: Do I have a second? Trustee Churney seconded. Hearing no other nominations I will move for the nominations to be closed. Do I have a motion for the closing of nominations? Trustee Donahue so moved and was seconded by Trustee Churney. Anne Davis has been nominated Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Because we don’t have a Secretary I will ask Board Counsel Jane Denes collect from you the vote for Secretary.

Bergman: Chairman, this issue came several years ago and there is a law or a rule somewhere which indicates that this cannot be done by secret ballot, it has to be done by speaking the person’s name, and that is what we have done in the last number of years.

Denes: The Illinois Statue provides that created Illinois State University and this Board requires that the voting be done by secret ballot.

Denes: I counted the votes and Anne Davis has been elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

McCuskey: Congratulations. So Trustee Davis you are now the Secretary and you can move on nominations for Chairperson.

Davis: Thank you. As my first duty I will ask for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Bergman: I would like to nominate Mike McCuskey.

Davis: Is there a second.

Von Qualen: I would like to second.

Davis: If there are no other nominations I will move that nominations be closed for Chairperson of the Board. Is there a motion to close nominations? Trustee Bergman so moved and was seconded by Trustee Von Qualen.

Davis: I will now ask the Trustees to vote by secret ballot.

Denes: I have counted the ballots and Michael McCuskey has been elected Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Congratulations.

McCuskey: There is another matter that we do have to take care of. It is the duty of the Board to select from the University's staff an employee to serve as Treasurer but not as a member. 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 has traditionally been the Vice President of Finance and Planning, and Dan Layzell will continue to fill that role.

In addition, it is a duty of the Board Chair to designate a University representative to serve as an ex-officio member of the Municipal Clerks Training Institute committee. The committee serves in an advisory capacity and helps develop curriculum for Municipal Clerks training courses. I have designated University Audit Director Rob Blemler for that task.

Report of Released Executive Session 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 received a recommendation from its legal counsel to release the following Minutes, all from 2013:

January 12
February 2
February 13
February 22
April 4
April 8-9
April 16

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. Do I have motion to release those Minutes? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Churney. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank Interim President Sheri Everts for her service during this time of great transition at Illinois State University. As you know, Illinois State’s 18th President, Dr. Timothy Flanagan, officially begins his duties on August 15. With Dr. Bowman’s retirement effective May 15th, transitional leadership becomes a critical aspect of smooth and efficient University operations. Dr. Everts has done an exceptional job in that capacity, and I ask you to join me in thanking her for her service.

I also want to thank the Campus Communication Committee for organizing this morning’s discussion hour. It is clear that the University’s relationships with the Town of Normal and City of Bloomington are better than ever, and it was exciting to hear about the progress and plans for both communities.

I would now like to invite the other Trustees to share their comments since our last meeting.

Donahue: I was able to attend the Professional Sales Institute Golf Outing, and a really big congratulations to Gerry McKean, the interim dean, as well as Mike Boehm and Dr. Longfellow. This is the second year I have been able to go to this event and it grew leaps and bounds from the year before. It is a fantastic event and the part I saw in the evening with the students interacting with the companies – that whole staff does a great job so kudos to them. I was also able to attend the Black Colleagues dinner in the city which was a marvelous event. Reggie Slaughter, I assume president of the organization, did a fantastic job. It is wonderful to see all those alumni come back and their Redbird pride. Also, a big congratulations to Doris Groves and her staff who make that evening such a wonderful event. I, too, would like to thank Sheri Everts for a great job in the interim – very professional and has kept the Board informed on matters we need to know.

Kinser: I think that the most educational experience that I had this last semester was the presidential selection committee and I think and hope that everyone knows that the Board of Trustees did go with the opinion and the want of the whole campus. It was really exciting to see that much congeniality between all the staff and faculty.

 I also would like to note that my husband and I used to go out to the horticulture center to walk around. It is gorgeous right now. Jessica Chambers has done a great job at that center. So I recommend you visit the center. The other thing that I would really like to note is that I spent a lot of time with a lot of nurses from the school of nursing and I have to say that those young people are remarkable. They were comforting and compassionate. One afternoon six or seven came into my husband’s room just to say hello and they visited often and were so cheery and helped everyone so much, so I just wanted to thank Dean Krejci and her students for their help. I happened to have a nurse that walked in who was a theatre major at ISU and became a nurse and her brother was one of my art majors and it was just great – I felt so good about ISU and the students that graduate from our programs. Thanks you very much for your thoughts and prayers – I do appreciate it.

Davis: I would like to first start out by thanking Rocky and Bob for nominating me as secretary and the Board for your vote of confidence. I considerate it a privilege and an honor to serve as Secretary to the Board. I would also like to thank Chairperson McCuskey for the work that you have done in the past years. I appreciate the leadership and congratulate you on your re-election.

The same as Betty, with our presidential search, that stands foremost in my mind. In terms of the unscheduled meetings that we found we needed to have. It was a learning experience for me but I particularly liked the collaboration with all the constituent groups and I think the process was one that really did work. In regards to other activities I do a summer hiatus and with that hiatus I have not had any activities campus-wide, but am looking forward to our new school year.

Von Qualen: I would like to start by congratulating the Chairman on re-election and to Trustee Davis as the new Secretary. I have been out of the country so have not had much of an opportunity to go to any events but am looking forward to the Bowman event tonight and getting back into Redbird Nation.

McCuskey: I want to thank you Aaron for your willingness to be here for your second year. The Board really appreciates the input of any student, let alone our student trustee. His vote has the same weight has the same as everybody else’s and his voice is always listened to.

Churney: Unfortunately I was to meet with Dan Layzell and Larry Lyons but was called out-of-state on business so that was on me. I was looking forward to learning more about the finances and the athletics at Illinois State. But over the summer, being in the insurance industry and we do like to socialize in that industry a lot, I have always been proud of Illinois State, but now being on the Board you come in contact in the business arena with a lot of people and especially with our insurance school. At these events I started taking note and I collected at the three events ten business cards of alumni of Illinois State that are underwriters in the working world right now. I have stayed in touch with them and I am starting to get more and more impressed with the type of individuals we are putting out there and I am assume not just in the insurance industry, but across the board. I was talking with my wife and I made the comment in our own company we have hired 18 ISU grads. I didn’t have a lot to say in that, but it just goes to show that we have found good quality candidates from this University and I think we are definitely on the right track and I am very proud of everything that we have done so far.

Trustee Bergman: As did Rocky, I attended the Black Colleague’s Association event in Chicago. It was a very enjoyable event and it was made even more so because I saw a couple of people from ISU that I hadn’t seen in a number of years. Also up until that night the only Reggie that I knew that was involved with Illinois State was Reggie Redbird. However, I did have the opportunity of meeting Reggie Slaughter that night who is a senior person with the Black Colleague’s Association.

One of the Trustees in the last several months made a comment about the show rate or the yield here at ISU. We admit so many students and then so many people show up. I found an interesting couple of statistics in one of the many higher education publications that I get that stated U of I expects a yield of about 33.5% for this year. I asked Jonathan a few minutes ago last year what was our yield at ISU and he said 33.6%. So I just wanted to point that out.

I usually try to give an update on the performance funding issue in this state. We have had some meetings but really the only thing to report today is that in the past the performance funding has only been .5% of the budget, which is really kind of insignificant. I think probably for the next fiscal year we are probably going to look at 3% to 5% of the budget of ISU and of the other universities will be based upon performance rather than everyone getting the same percentage increase or decrease.

Maybe once or twice a year I will get an email or letter from a retired faculty or administrator from ISU and it makes me feel good that they thought enough of me to send me a letter or email or whatever and let me know what they have been doing. I received an email from a retired professor in the College of Business, Khalid Razaki or Roz. What had happened a couple of weeks prior I was having dinner with a new president at one of the other universities and he had mentioned to me that he had previously been dean of the College of Business at Dominican University. I ended up getting an email from Roz a couple of weeks later and we actually went out to dinner. What Roz is doing now is a fulltime job as a professor of accounting at Dominican University and loves it there. And those of you who know his wife, when he taught here she worked for a CPA firm in Elgin. She is now the chief financial officer of the city of Elgin. In any event for those of you who knew Roz, that is what he is doing now.

McCuskey: I want to thank the Board for their support in nominating me. I always said I would stay as Chairman as long as enjoyed it. One of the things that I can say is that this Board is collegial, we like each other and it is a fun job and I hope all the people on the Board enjoy it. They are all ISU graduates, that is very unique in the State of Illinois for a Board. I don’t remember anyone ever being cross to anyone else for any reason. So I thank you all for your support, your collegiality and the enjoyment and I know that we will continue to deal with less from the state and tackle the problems of tuition and cost of college and the yield. But the one thing that I know is that everybody who does come here is going to leave better. And everyone who comes here is going to live in a wonderful college community of Bloomington/Normal. We don’t have people who are being mugged regularly near or one this campus. It does happen at other universities and they have to work hard to cover it up. This is still a place where your son or daughter can come, learn and still be safe too. So this is a wonderful community and a wonderful place to be.

I want to recognize one thing that I thought was fantastic that if you were anywhere in the world with your direct or dish TV you could watch the Missouri Valley baseball tournament. So I want to thank Larry Lyons and his staff for putting on a fantastic Missouri Valley Baseball Tournament – the first time ever. Unfortunately our team was required to win seven consecutive games to go to the NCAA College Division World Series. They started out at Carbondale having to win three games in a row to win the conference and they did. The tournament had already been scheduled here by Larry and the staff. Some of the schools, one of the coaches who was fired at the end of the season, didn’t like it being here because we just weren’t big enough. Well we had to then win four games and we won three in a row in a double elimination tournament and with the foresight of Larry having an artificial field put in, it rained every day and if it hadn’t been for that artificial field it would have satisfied that coach because it would have been a disaster. But the games were all played. Because of TV requirements they wanted the championship in a double elimination tournament – we hadn’t lost but we had to win that game even though we hadn’t lost in the tournament and unfortunately that became the 7th game we didn’t win, but we finished a fantastic tournament. It was on national TV with a fantastic team that won the conference and I just want to thank Larry not only for that leadership and now being our new athletic director and I want to give him a round of applause.

Now I will turn to Interim President Everts for her remarks.

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Thank you, Chairperson McCuskey, and congratulations to both you and Trustee Davis on election to your Board leadership positions. And to all of our Board members, we all understand that this transition process has added a lot of work to your already busy schedules, so I want to thank you on behalf of the University community for your outstanding service.

I would like to begin today with a couple of introductions:

Troy Johnson has been named associate vice president for Enrollment Management. Troy has direct oversight of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. He will provide leadership and strategic direction for the University’s student admissions and recruitment efforts, with strong emphasis on undergraduate enrollment. Previously, Troy served as vice provost and associate vice president of academic affairs at the University of North Texas. Troy, could you please stand so we can welcome you?

I would also like to introduce Ashley Ellefritz, who is our new associate director of Development and Governmental Relations. Ashley comes to us from Washington, D.C. where she served on the Senate floor for 8 years handling procedure and policy strategy as the Assistant Secretary for the Minority. Ashley, could you please stand so we can welcome you?

I also want to thank the Campus Communication Committee and our city leaders for this morning’s presentation—and also express my gratitude to the Town of Normal for their investment in the future of Illinois State. If you look closely at the growth of Illinois State, the Town of Normal and the City of Bloomington, it is easy to see the parallels and the many areas of mutual benefit.

As you know, summer is a busy time on campus. In addition to offering summer classes to more than 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students, we have wrapped up our Preview program, which prepares incoming freshmen and family members for the transition to Illinois State University. A special thanks to Mary Jo Fabich, the entire Preview staff, and everyone at the University who makes the campus so attractive and well-prepared for our new students.

Reports from public universities throughout the state show enrollment projections well below average, and Illinois State continues to battle a statewide trend of fewer graduating high school seniors and competition from out-of-state institutions that receive far greater state support than does Illinois. After attracting a record number of applications this year, Illinois State’s goal is a total enrollment near 20,000 students with strong academic credentials.

The numbers and academic quality of students from underrepresented groups continues to grow. Enrollment deposits for students from underrepresented groups are up 9 percent over last year. The average ACT score and Grade Point Average also moved slightly higher. Clearly, our efforts to attract and retain students from diverse backgrounds are paying off.

Despite a projected slight decline in overall enrollment, on-campus housing is practically full for the 2013-2014 academic year. Cardinal Court is at 100 percent capacity and most of our traditional residence hall floors range in capacity from 98 to 102 percent. We still have a few spaces available in Manchester Hall for late arrivals.

Although the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly didn’t accomplish all of its objectives, lawmakers did send to the Governor an FY2014 operating budget for Illinois State in excess of $74 million. This number represents level funding from FY2013. While that doesn’t exactly sound promising, this is the first time in several years that Illinois State and the other Illinois public universities did not receive a funding cutback. On June 26, the state released another FY2013 payment, bringing our total to about $52 million or 70 percent. We are still promised about $22 and a quarter million for FY2013.

On the private fund-raising front, we are encouraged to see high giving participation rates and increased generosity from Illinois State alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University. The Annual Fund hit an important milestone, breaking the 10,000 alumni donor mark just prior to fiscal year end to finish the year with 10,151 alumni donors. Overall, the number of donors to the University was up 4.9 percent.

Other giving highlights: Faculty/Staff giving reached a 35 percent participation rate—a 5 percent increase over last year—and the Senior Giving campaign reached an all-time high of 10 percent participation. University Advancement is pleased to report that total fundraising activity for FY2013 was nearly $15 million in new cash and commitments, the third-largest fundraising year ever for Illinois State.

Since the last board meeting, two of our corporate partners have made significant gifts to Illinois State. The University received a two-year gift commitment from State Farm Companies Foundation totaling nearly $1.9 million for areas represented by all six colleges, along with university-wide programs. The Caterpillar Foundation has also continued to invest in Illinois State through substantial gifts in support of scholarships. A recent gift of $70,000 will be used to bolster areas represented by three colleges. Congratulations to Erin Minné and her Advancement team for another successful year of fundraising.

For FY2013, grants totaled about $18 million with 223 awarded. Although grant submissions at Illinois State were up, the number of grants awarded and the total dollar amounts were lower than in FY2012, largely due to sequestration. The Association of Public and Land Grant Universities estimated that sequestration meant $10 billion less in government support for research and development in FY2013 alone and predicts $90 billion less through FY2021. Despite the challenges of limited federal funding, FY2014 is showing some early grant success for ISU, so we are hoping for a modest upturn for this fiscal year.

Combining stable enrollment, low debt, careful spending and strong alternative revenue sources, Illinois State heads into the new fiscal year in stable financial condition. What that will mean for faculty and staff salary increases will be the subject of discussions in August between Dr. Flanagan, his finance administrative staff and our shared governance leadership—though we do believe we will be able to offer a modest faculty and staff salary increase for the 2014 fiscal year.

Area teachers will learn new ways to approach lessons about energy thanks to an initiative from Illinois State University. The joint effort, known as “Teaching Next Generation Energy Concepts” is coordinated by the University’s Center for Renewable Energy and Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology and is supported by a nearly $160,000 grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Illinois State’s Police Department has launched a new application called Bird Watch, which gives security tips and updates on mobile devices. The app will provide an opportunity for students and family members to be more in touch with campus safety and security.

Congratulations to Erin Mikulec, assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at Illinois State. Dr. Mikulec has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the University of Helsinki, Finland during the 2013-2014 academic year. She will spend the spring of 2014 at the University of Helsinki working with the Subject Teacher Education Program in English and will serve as a guest lecturer teaching English in secondary schools throughout the Helsinki area.

Congratulations also to Associate Professor of History, Andrew Hartman, who has been named the 2013-14 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies at the University of Southern Denmark. A distinguished chair is the most prestigious appointment in the already prestigious Fulbright Scholar Program.

And finally, a high-five to Illinois State University’s solar car team, which took second place in the national Formula Sun Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas raceway in Austin, Texas. The team of Illinois State students who designed and built the solar-powered vehicle battled high temperatures and blown-out tires to complete 192 laps in the three-day, closed-course race.

The Town of Normal recently approved the installation of new red and white street signs to replace the current green and white signs along Main Street from Raab Road to Hovey Avenue, and along the north part of campus east of Main Street. ISU’s Redbird Pride Committee presented the idea of the sign change to the Normal City Council in June. Installation of the signs began on July 9, and will continue throughout the summer.

Illinois State University alumni, students and fans will notice several changes around the Redbird Athletics Department when they return to campus in August.  With new leadership from Larry Lyons and an ever-changing landscape, those groups should be very excited for the 2013-14 athletic year.

Last year, Illinois State continued its phenomenal streak by finishing in the Top-5 of the Missouri Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy standings for the 31st-straight year, with a runner-up finish to Wichita State.  ISU has finished first, second, or third in the standings in 22 of the past 23 years and won conference titles in women's cross country, women's golf and baseball.

The athletics year finished on a high note, with the town, university and athletics department shining bright during the hosting of the 2013 MVC Baseball Championship at Duffy Bass Field.  Despite some unfavorable weather, the spectators and visitors to the area thoroughly enjoyed their time on campus and the tournament was well-received by coaches, players and conference administrators.  The University will get a chance to show off again next year, when ISU hosts three more MVC Championships.

In addition to their success on the field, all of the athletic programs at Illinois State exceeded the NCAA's threshold for Academic Progress Rate. In addition, 15 of ISU's 19 programs finished above the national average, while nine teams achieved perfect 1,000 scores for the 2011-12 data year.

Athletics also continues to work on new television opportunities with our partners at the Missouri Valley Conference and Comcast SportsNet Chicago, and is working with University Marketing and Communications on plans to increase the University’s exposure in Chicagoland with billboards and digital media. This should add to the exposure of the University and continue to build excitement for the upcoming year.

That concludes my initial remarks. I would now like to call to the podium Lois Soeldnerfrom the Campus Communication Committee.

**CAMPUS COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

The Campus Communications Committee thanks the mayors *(or their representatives)* of Bloomington and Normal for their presentation at this morning’s coffee hour. The collaborative efforts of the mayors show in the healthy economic status of our twin cities. We want to give a special thank you to the Normal Town Council for its decision to fund $500,000 towards the expense of the Hancock Stadium Main Street Marque.

The committee thanks Provost Everts for her service as our interim university President. While the university waits for the August arrival of Dr. Flanagan, Interim President and Provost Everts has provided seamless transitional leadership. Our sincere appreciation goes to Dr. Everts and the staff of the Office of Provost.

For the first time in several years, the State of Illinois has allotted level funding for the university. Although the state has a continuing financial problem, it is important that our elected officials in Springfield recognize the importance of funding for higher education in Illinois.

Since the Board last met in May, two Illinois State professors have been named Fulbright Scholar Program Awardees. Associate professor of History Andrew Hartman was named the 2013-14 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense. Assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning Erin Mikulec was awarded a grant to continue her work at University of Helsinki, Finland. The committee wishes to recognize both professors for their prestigious Fulbright appointments.

In June, Campus Safety and Security announced the launch of BirdWatch. BirdWatch, a free mobile app allowing students, faculty and staff to access security and safety information, demonstrates the commitment Illinois State has made to crime prevention. The new service uses technology to share resources with the campus community while on or off campus. The committee applauds the implementation of this valuable addition to campus safety measures.

The CCC acknowledges continuing discussion in Springfield regarding Conceal and Carry. We anxiously await further information on the implementation of the law and how it will impact campus and community. We hope legislators have listened to the collective voice of the Presidents of the state universities and will allow exemption for campuses.

For the second time in three years, the Illinois State University Solar Car Team placed second in the Formula Sun Grand Prix, an international race that attracts teams from major engineering programs. This year’s event was the most closely contested ever, with only two laps separating the top three teams. We look forward to the solar car team’s entry in next summer’s North American Solar Challenge.

As representatives of the campus family, the Campus Communications Committee wishes to express its condolences to trustee Betty Kinser and her family on the passing of her husband Ron Kinser. Please know, Betty, that our hearts are with you.

Last Friday brought an end to the Preview program for this year. The sessions for incoming freshmen and their parents were once again hugely successful in preparation of the fall semester. The committee thanks the Preview staff and its many volunteers.

With enthusiasm, we anticipate the arrival of President Timothy and Dr. Nancy Flanagan, a campus full of students and what looks to be a great fall 2013 semester at Illinois State.

Everts: Thank you Lois**.** Now, I would like to call to the podium Louie Mossos, from our legislative consulting firm McGuireWoods, for a legislative update.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**Mossos: Good morning and I have Michael Bond here with us from State Street Public Affairs. As I think everyone knows by now the legislative session ended on May 31 and pension reform was at the forefront of the discussions. Unfortunately, at the end of the day this was left unresolved. We also had over 100 pieces of legislation that would have affected public universities – only 24 of these bills actually passed and of that number two were appropriation bills, one was a capital reauthorization bill – so most of these bills were minor with the exception of concealed carry.

Regarding appropriations there were two higher education appropriation bills – House Bill 208 and Senate Bill 2556. They passed both Houses and were signed into law and they did not receive a single Republican vote. During the start of the legislative session there were concerns that higher ed funding would be cut anywhere between one and five percent. I think the Governor’s proposed budget did call for a five percent cut. Higher education institutions aggressively lobbied members of the legislature and at the end of the day we avoided cuts and kept level funding to FY2013 levels. Since Trustee Bergman opened the door to percentages today, we actually received a 0.01% increase – so we got more money this year, and this comes at a time when social service programs, healthcare programs are getting significant cuts. I think higher ed has been getting cut for the last ten years at least, so it is good to see level funding or a small increase. Our appropriation was $74,088,200 for FY2014. The FY2014 capital reauthorization can be found in House Bill 215 and it is there where you can see re-appropriation for our Fine Arts Center and other projects totaling about $60.7M. I would like to thank Sheri Everts, Dan Layzell, President Bowman, Trustee Maitland and everyone who came down and helped us lobby. There were a lot of ISU alums. I had coffee with Representative Frank Mautino and he sends his best – he is an alum. So it made our job a little easier, but it was a big push collectively on behalf of the higher ed institutions. I would like to point out that K-12 did receive sort of a cut, so we were lucky this year.

Now on to the big stuff – pensions. One component of the pension discussion has been cost shift – transferring responsibility of paying the normal cost of employee benefits from the state to the universities and community colleges. There was a bill to do this – Senate Bill 1687 – it barely passed the House and ended up failing in the Senate the last few days of session. What this would have required is starting on July 1, 2014, higher ed institutions would have had to contribute .5% payroll towards the normal cost of benefits – this would increase gradually over time until the full cost was absorbed, but it did fail as well as all the other pension reform measures. There were several bills floating around. The House sent four bills to the Senate. Senate Bill 1 was voted down and the other three bills were never addressed. The Senate sent a union-backed bill, House Bill 2402, over to the House. The House has not called that bill up until now. And then we have Senate Bill 2591, which contains a pension plan published by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois. It is called Six Simple Steps Reforming the Illinois State University Retirement System. We will probably see components of all of these plans in whatever final plan we see.

Since they weren’t able to agree, the legislature appointed a ten-member committee of legislators – a conference committee – they haven’t used a conference committee in well over ten and maybe fifteen years. So the conference committee has held about three public hearings, they have several private hearings, they are gathering actuarial data. So the goal is for them to up out with a plan that will go before the legislature for a vote. They are not under any concrete deadline. You can see a plan as early as this afternoon or as late as a year from now. In an effort to urge them to find a quick solution, Governor Quinn has vetoed legislative salaries. He also decided to waive receiving his own salary until a solution can be found. Obviously, if it was an easy solution we would have seen it over the last five or six years that they have been trying to address it. Realistically we hope to see at the earliest maybe middle to end of August, shortly after the state fair or at least during the fall veto session late October – early November. One more thing to point out – we do have statewide elections so there is a component of politics over policy in these pension reform discussions now which might cause a delay.

Regarding actual bills, the Governor is taking his time signing bills. There are about 14 higher ed bills awaiting his signature right now. Regarding concealed carry, I think it is the biggest issue to come down. The universities worked together and they appointed a lead negotiator to speak on behalf of all public universities. In the end we passed House Bill 183, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, which provides the Department of State Police will issue a concealed carry license to qualified applicants. The Governor issued an amendatory veto that was overridden by the legislature so this is currently the law in Illinois. Specifically pertaining to universities, a licensee under the actual cannot knowingly carry a firearm, on or into any building property whether loaned or leased and any real property including parking areas, sidewalks and common areas under the control of a public or private community college, college or university. Institutions of higher ed have a great leeway to decide their own policies. For instance, you can decide how you want to address misconduct and discipline of students, faculty and visitors, how you want to deal with storage and maintenance of firearms while on campus, and more importantly you can decide whether you want to permit the carrying and use of firearms for hunting, military or law enforcement programs.

When we spoke to you in the spring there were numerous veteran related bills. Only three passed – HB2353 provides that a student using federal post 911 veteran’s educational assistance benefits will be deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes. Concerning the Illinois National Guard and Naval Militia grant program, SB2229 provides that any guardsman who has served over 10 years in the Illinois National Guard shall be awarded an additional grant of tuition and fees for an additional two years of fulltime enrollment. Finally, SB2245 provides that each public university shall give the earliest possible enrollment opportunity that the university offers to a service member or veteran.

I would like to close out on two bills concerning student safety. HB64 makes it unlawful for a university to request or require a student to provide a password or other related account information in order to gain access to student’s social networking media account. Exceptions are made when the university has reasonable cause to believe that the student’s account on a social networking site contains evidence that a student has violated a school disciplinary rule or policy. Finally, HB1443 creates the offense of failure to report hazing. It applies to school officials who observe hazing in the course of their official duties and responsibilities. Failure to report hazing is a Class B misdemeanor and if the act which the person failed to report results in death or great bodily injury, it becomes a Class A misdemeanor.

Baum: Just a quick comment on the importance of the university presidents coming together. We have seen them speak with one voice when it came to introducing the six-step pension plan, and we can see in the evidence of what ultimately became of the concealed carry bill. There are many issues in there that could have had a very adverse effect to your ability to govern the campus the way the stakeholders see fit, so when those ideas were brought together, speak with one voice, handed off to the teams like me and Louie and the rest of the administrative team, we can now tell a good story. That worked its way through the system like it should be. I would be happy to answer any questions related to the pension issues or any other appropriation matters.

As we know there are two entrenched positions. The House and taken a position that is pretty aggressive and the Senate has taken another position. The voice of reason has come back around and it’s the university coalition that has come together to bring those ideas to the table. So the conference committee is actually reviewing that proposal again and listening to all parties. So it is a testament to the leadership, the collegiality and the leadership of this group as you even relate to your peer universities. We work for you and you make it easy when we have a good story to tell. That paid big dividends when we went down and spoke to the appropriation chairman and produced really good results, so congratulations.

McCuskey: What difference is there if any between President Cullerton’s and Speaker Madigan’s bill as to the cost shift on pensions to the universities and any thought about the future on that?

Baum: The cost shift idea as you know has been carved out and was run as a separate bill. That is actually point number three of the six-point plan introduced by the university presidents.

Mossos: The cost shift was run as a separate piece of legislation. As I said it failed in the Senate. It would have passed easily – it did pass the House – I think it was a lot of this jockeying you see the last days of session. The House ended up voting down some important Senate proposals, so I think the reason the cost shift did fail ultimately in the Senate was kind of to send a message. I think, as Michael eluded to, it probably would have been a stand-alone bill and it will be in any future proposal that we see, but it was the politics taking over policy which caused it to fail this session.

McCuskey: Any belief that the stand alone bill would be changed more adversely to the universities in the conference committee or it is going to stay what the proposal was if it is going to pass?

Mossos: They are at the drawing board now so they are free to get as creative as they would like, but as Michael said it is a lot easier for a legislator and former state senator here if you have all the groups who are affected collectively backing a proposal. It is a lot easier to pass that than to do something that they would oppose, so I would be very surprised if they get too creative with tweaking it.

Baum: As it was originally introduced many of the university requests as it relates to more flexibility on the procurement rules and other kind of internal decision making to the campuses, that language was not included and it was later brought in as an amendment. I think it is not in bad shape right now so we would hope it would stay intact that way. The universities asked that the transition period be extended, that request was met. I have mixed feelings about running it as a separate bill. My hope is they do it all as a package.

McCuskey: A cost shift is going to happen, right? It’s just a matter of how much, how fast?

Baum: Yes. And I do agree with Louie that when the Senate shut down the cost shift bill even though it passed out of the House with pretty large numbers, that was more about sending a message, not being dictated on what bills we will or will not pass. So there probably is a will in the Senate to do that. They got to get the bigger issue out of the way first.

Davis: Staying with the cost shift, could you give a bit more detail in regards to cost shifting in regards to the graduated increase and what those increases are that the universities would then have to be responsible for paying?

Mossos: It’s half a percent a year.

Layzell: As both Louie and Mike said it’s again very fluid. It would be a half percent of payroll a year up to the maximum normal cost, which right now is just about 12% of payroll. For ISU what that total cost will be at phase in if we look at this year’s payroll, is about $22 M, but again it wouldn’t be all at once, it would be a half percent, then a percent, then one-and-a-half, so it would phase in over a number of years.

Davis: Reaching the maximum of what percent?

Layzell: The normal cost, which again varies a little bit from year to year, but it tends to be about 12%.

Donahue: First, I want to thank you guys on behalf of the University on the hard work that you do. Staying on this cost shift and what you just mentioned Mike about separate bill vs. a full package, are they only talking about universities right now or are they talking about this cost shift for local governments? Because I think we have to tie it all together. If we run separately as universities there is no advantage to us in my opinion.

Bergman: It’s a disadvantage to us.

Baum: That’s a good point. When it is just limited to universities and community colleges, one could argue why just those groups have to take their medicine so to speak. That is a very good point. I do have anxiety about that. That is why putting it altogether is really important. And if you really want to heal the state financially from a big picture standpoint thru pension reform and we are going to do cost shift, the magnitude of the impact of universities vs. the other part of the system – it’s night and day. The big improvement comes from the other part of the cost shift, which would be K-12.

Donahue: At one point there was talk or maybe it was just hopeful thinking if there was a cost shift on the universities somehow there would be a, for a lack of a better term, freeze on our revenue so to speak so you can’t double hit us – reduce our funding and take more – is that still on the table at all or has it never been on the table?

Mossos: We did raise that –we never received a commitment from the leaders to do so. They were talking about reducing our appropriation even when they thought we would get the cost shift this year, but at the end of the day they did keep us level. We expect them to hopefully be able to do it but as of right now they are not committing to do it.

Bergman: Just a comment on the cost shift. The committee of presidents and chancellors came up with this scheme in conjunction with I think the Speaker of the House was involved somehow. In my opinion it is really dumb because they have come up with a plan where they have said – okay universities we will over a period of time pay the cost of pensions – why is it dumb? Because we may end up doing that and K-12 doesn’t and municipalities don’t. Or at least the municipalities where they are involved with the state – they’ve got their own funds. So frankly I think it was a big mistake. If it were something for all of the educational institutions, fine, but we may get stuck absorbing these costs when K-12 does not.

McCuskey: A follow-up to that – what do the university lobbyists do now in the current situation or what should they do in your estimation?

Mossos: Regarding just the cost shift or the greater pension stuff?

McCuskey: Well you have got the conference committee meeting and obviously you get to see those people outside of the committee, is there lobbying going on, is it unified lobbying or is this a time where university lobbyists are saying…well let’s let things cool down? So what is the current plan if any or the current environment?

Mossos: They have had some public meetings. I think all interested parties were at the table. Unfortunately, at this point discussions have been going on for almost two years. Everybody knows what argument everyone is going to make. We have been making those publically – the universities and municipalities – so I think at this point it is just 10 people huddled in a room. We are free to lobby and we definitely have been, but I think at this point it is just these 10 people looking at actuarial data, trying to think outside the box. So I don’t know how effective any lobbying would be now unless there is something new that comes out.

McCuskey: So the next lobbying is when the plan hits the floor of the Senate and the House?

Mossos: Once we see actuarial data – the data is what is going to make all the difference now.

Baum: Since we are not in session now, and many of their hearings are public meetings and we know all the members at a personal level, the risk would be as if we are right now in session and something sneaks out at midnight and there is just no time to respond and they meet the minimum public disclosure deadline and it is hard to even get to it. The folks chairing the committee and the members involved, we talk to them regularly, we have their cell phones, they are trying real hard to work it out with their colleagues. So my only comment is a middle of the night thing is our only fear and we feel that the communication lines are wide open and there it true legitimate disagreement in philosophy and principle and they are trying to find common ground.

**REPORTS**I have one report for you this morning. With your approval Trustee McCuskey I will move to the report.

Report 2013.07/1100.01: Educating Illinois Progress ReportIn May 2008 the Board endorsed what was then the newly revised strategic plan for Illinois State University – *Educating Illinois 2008-2014.* At that time, you also asked for annual updates on the plan’s implementation, and in the materials you received is this year’s update shows we have made major progress.

A few of the highlights under our latest edition of *Educating Illinois* include:

* Strong retention and graduation rates that place us second among Illinois public universities and among the highest in the country
* National recognition for the American democracy project and associated activities related to student engagement
* A revised campus Master Plan, which the Board approved in 2011
* A number of successfully completed capital projects, including Stevenson and Turner Halls, Student Fitness Center, Cardinal Court Apartments and the Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Lab

Projects that are underway that complement *Educating Illinois* include:

* The Long-Range Financial Plan
* The LEAPForward initiative
* The reaccreditation process for the Higher Learning Commission
* International Strategic planning
* and the Foundations of Excellence First College Year Experience

Capital projects in process include the Hancock Stadium renovation, the Fines Arts Complex reconstruction, Phase 1 of the renovation of the Bone Student Center, Hovey Hall renovation, and a new Uptown Station Art Gallery in Partnership with the Town of Normal.

I want to thank Vice Presidents Layzell, Dietz and Minné for their continuing leadership in the implementation of *Educating Illinois* and those who work to keep track of our progress—including Kristen Hendrickson and Angela Engel from the Office of Planning, Research and Policy Analysis. We would be happy to answer any questions.

Davis: Looking at page 35 for the charts for six-year graduation rates, I was wondering because we are looking at 2002-2006, what was the graduation rate for 2012 and also for the years 2007-2011, which you showed for retention? Did those rates gradually increase?

Everts: Yes, those rates are increasing and we see the cohort for when they began, so that is what you are seeing there in regard to the graduation rate. So we are at 71% now for that six-year graduation rate. And retention rates show from the freshman to sophomore year – that is why you see what looks like a more current figure.

Davis: So for 2012 you are saying it was 71%?

Everts: In essence, yes.

Donahue: Are you suggesting 2006 isn’t the year they graduated, that is the year they started?

Everts: Yes, that is correct.

Donahue: Okay, thank you.

**ACTION ITEMS**There are six resolutions this morning. With your approval, Trustee McCuskey, I will move to them now.

Resolution 2013.07/14: Approval of Academic Plan 2013-2018
The Academic Plan 2013-2018, 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 May 8 of this year, and is now submitted for Trustee approval. I ask your approval of this resolution.

McCuskey: Do I have a motion to approve? Trustee Donahue so moved and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

Kinser: What is the timeline for another evaluation of the Academic Plan?

Everts: It goes on yearly – you just receive different updates each year.

Bergman: I would like to make a comment. I hope that the people who obviously put a lot of time in putting this together do not take the Board’s non-asking questions as a fact that it wasn’t reviewed or it wasn’t looked at it. This took a lot of time and effort to put together and I would like to tell you that most if not all on the Board have reviewed it and please be aware of that and I would like to laud the people that put it together.

Kinser: I just want to add to all of that because I was on several committees when it began and I feel that Interim President Everts and Vice President Dan Layzell have done a great job and I have been to several of the presentations and have learned a lot about what this is about and it is very impressive.

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

Resolution 2013.07/15: Authorization to Contract for Student Information System Environment
Illinois State is in the midst of a five-year initiative called LEAPForward to redesign its academic information environment. The current systems that support the University’s academic programs and services are more than 30 years old, and not sufficient to meet the many demands placed on the systems by students, faculty and staff.

As a result, in 2011, the University recommended, and this Board endorsed, a more flexible and modern system to support the academic information infrastructure. I would now like to play for you a short video that describes LEAPForward.

Our next step is to create a seamless, scalable and flexible academic information environment with the goal of decommissioning all current systems on the mainframe by the summer of 2016. Our evaluation and RFP process produced two responsive proposals, and we are poised to complete the final stages of vendor evaluation and selection.

This resolution seeks your authorization to enter into a three-year contract, with up to seven, one-year mutually agreeable renewals with the most favorable vendor at an estimated initial cost of $5 million, with average renewal rates over the renewal period not to exceed $2.5 million per year. Upon Board approval, the University would commence price and contract negotiations with the successful vendor and plan implementation activities in late fall of 2013. I ask your approval of this resolution.

McCuskey: Do I have a motion to approve? Trustee Von Qualen so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Aaron, can you tell us what has gone on and what might go on?

Von Qualen: I think with increasing technologies, almost everybody has two or three devices that are connected to the Internet. Technology is not what it was 30 years ago and it is going to be completely different in the coming years. To stay competitive within the state and outside in the region, this is definitely a necessary update and a very necessary initiative.

Donahue: I agree with Aaron. My question is more about the RFP status. Two vendors submitted bids – it seems low to me – is there a reason why we only had two responses?

Layzell: That is a very good question. There are thousands of tech-related companies across the world, but for this specialized kind of system, which is Enterprise wide, there really are only a handful and we got the two that are the main participants in that marketplace. We went through a very detailed process as it was highlighted in the video in terms of developing the requirements that we knew we were going to need for this system going forward. And, again, given the robust requirements there really are only a couple of providers in the marketplace that can meet our needs.

McCuskey: In the video Ohio University was shown, which would be a similar size state institution, have one of our bidders worked with Ohio University?

Layzell: Yes, one of them has.

Bergman: I would just like you to clarify the cost. Looking at this resolution, three-year contract with up to seven one-year mutually agreeable renewals. Estimated initial annual cost of $5M with an average renewal rate over the renewal period not to exceed $2.5M. Does this mean that the first three-year contract is $5M/year?

Layzell: No, the first three-year contract it is up to $5M/year for the first three years. But that is the initial annual cost that we are anticipating. The solution that we are contemplating here as noted in the resolution is what is called a hosted solution, which means we are not going to have the boxes here at ISU – they are going to be essentially in the cloud. You have probably heard of cloud-based solutions where you have got a service provider that actually handles all the maintenance, upgrades and processing and we just have a secure access to our data. So the largest cost is going to be in the first couple of years in terms of just implementing the system, doing the data transfers, getting everything in place for us to make use of the system. Once that system is in place we will have kind of an annual maintenance cost that we will pay.

Bergman: So then can we say the three-year contract is going to run us about $15M over the three years and then the annual renewals of $2.5M.

Layzell: Yes, I would say at a maximum it would be $15M over that three-year period. Again, the bulk of the cost is going to be in the first year and then it will ratchet down. Because we are still at the best and final offer negotiation, we want to give ourselves a little bit of flexibility.

Bergman: I understand – I just want it clarified.

McCuskey: It reads like an insurance contract and I think what J.D.’s point and Rocky’s is if it goes 10 years, are we talking $15M in the first three and $17.5M?

Layzell: Yes.

McCuskey: Okay, now why don’t we have the not to exceed in the first part of it. So in the first three years we don’t have not to exceed an annual cost of $5M, so that is open. And then we come back in the next seven not to exceed – is there a reason we don’t have a not to exceed in the first three years?

Layzell: Again, because we are still in the negotiation phase and again would like a little flexibility as we are going into this. We do not anticipate that it will exceed that amount in that three-year period.

McCuskey: What about the situation that you have to come to the Board every time you need another $500,000? Does that mean that if the initial cost is $5,450,000 for each of the three-years, this will allow you to do this but if it is $5,501,000 you have to come back?

Layzell: Well again that is why we are asking for the amount that we have – we believe that based on what we are hearing that we will be able to negotiate below that amount.

McCuskey: What if it is above the $5M in the first year of the three?

Layzell: I am going to ask Andrea Ballinger who is leading this project to answer that.

McCuskey: I know the Board is saying – are we giving a blank check when it doesn’t say not to exceed?

Ballinger: Thank you for asking. We did receive the bids already – so we have the worst case scenario and the $5M will be the top of that list.

McCuskey: So what is wrong with amending it to not to exceed?

Layzell: We can certainly do the not to exceed.

McCuskey: So if it read…Therefore, be it resolved the authorization to enter into a three-year contract with up to seven one-year mutually agreeable renewals with the most favorable vendor at an estimated initial cost not to exceed $5M with an average annual renewal rate for the renewal period not to exceed $2.5M.

Bergman: Do we want to leave the word estimated in there or take it out since we are putting in a not to exceed, which is a firm number?

Layzell: Yes, you are right.

McCuskey: We will have to have a motion to amend.

Bergman: I move to amend the motion on the floor as just discussed.

McCuskey: So it will say…an initial annual cost not to exceed $5M with an average annual renewal rate over the renewal period not to exceed $2.5M per year. That is your motion?

Bergman: That is my motion.

McCuskey: Do we have a second?

Donahue: I will second but can I ask a question? I am even more confused now. I guess where my confusion comes into is we have two vendors, which I assume you believe are competent and bidders, why don’t we just have a price here – this is what we are going to pay? I guess I am confused – I feel like I am giving you a blank check.

Layzell: We are in the stage now where we are getting what is called their best and final offer, which will be below that amount likely. But again we can’t go through with completing the negotiation on the best and final offers until we have your authorization to do so.

Donahue: So are we authorizing you to enter into those agreements or are we authorizing you to do those agreements plus giving you money? One thing for authorization – it’s another thing if you are saying we are giving you funding here so to speak?

Layzell: You are giving us the authorization to finalize the negotiations with the most favorable vendor and then enter into that contract with them to spend not to exceed the $5M. So they are both related, but we need to have your authorization before we can proceed with finalizing the negotiation.

Bergman: Many of the other contracts that come before us – we know who the vendor is and we know what the amount is. Is there a reason that you just did negotiate with these two vendors or however many there are, cut a deal subject to Board approval and then come back to us so we know more specifically how much it is going to cost and who it is?

Layzell: It is the timing of the procurement process that again we went through a several month period and we are now at the point where we have the bids in, we know as Andrea mentioned what the worst case scenario is, we are going to negotiate with them pending your approval to get the best and final offer and that way once we have that done we can proceed to the next step. It’s a timing thing – both in terms of procurement timing as well as then an implementation timing issue.

Churney: I have one other question. I am all for not giving blank checks, but given that technology is always changing, is there something in the bid specs that talk about not exceeding $2.5M per year? We are talking about seven years out as technology is evolving everyday – is that their best guess that we won’t be losing out in three and coming back and having to upgrade?

Layzell: That is a very good question. That is one of the main reasons that we are going with this hosted option, because they assume the responsibility for the upgrades, for the maintenance as part of the contract. So we don’t have to handle that ourselves at this end. As part of the contract with the selected vendor, they handle all those upgrades and any additional enhancements that need to be made.

Churney: And that is for that seven year period? Now if in seven years we decide we are going out to bid again, do they have any rights?

Layzell: We have complete ownership of the data.

Churney: Okay.

Donahue: I just want to verify that we have identified the funding and we have the money to pay for this.

Layzell: Yes, we have the money. I need to note to you that we will be coming back to you in October as part of the financing for this system and ask for authorization to issue certificates of participation to fund the total cost, again given the significant cost that we have upfront. Now once we have the resources to pay that debt service and we have the resources to pay the initial implementation cost, we will need to go to market. Again, that is consistent practice with what the University of Illinois has done and what other universities just given the significant upfront costs.

Donahue: So the long-term plan if I heard you correctly is we are going to issue debt to pay for this.

Layzell: Yes.

McCuskey: So to make sure that it is clear the amended Resolution No. 2013.07/15 Authorization to Contract for Student Information Environment has been amended in the last paragraph which now reads: Therefore, be it resolved the authorization to enter into a three-year contract with up to seven one-year mutual agreeable renewals with the most favorable vendor at an initial annual cost not to exceed $5M with an average annual renewal rate over the renewal period not to exceed $2.5M per year. That amended resolution has been made by Trustee Bergman and seconded by Trustee Donahue.

Bergman: We need to vote on the motion to amend the resolution first, then we vote on the amended resolution.

McCuskey: So this is the motion to allow the amendment of Trustee Bergman. All those in favor of allowing the amended resolution signify by saying aye. Vote recorded as all members present voting aye. Now we are voting on the amended resolution. All those in favor of the amended resolution signify by say aye. Vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2013.07/16: Town of Normal Fire Services Agreement
Although Illinois State University has its own police department, fire services are contracted though the Town of Normal. The FY2014 contract for fire protection services is at a cost not to exceed $530,400. I ask your approval of this resolution.

McCuskey: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Donahue so moved and was seconded by Trustee Davis. I can’t remember how many years ago we first saw this and, of course, the question was raised why we were just seeing it now and it’s because it hit $500,000. The Illinois Municipal League requires a 2.46% increase over the previous year and so we have been having those annual increases. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2013.07/17: Hancock Stadium Scoreboard and Marquee Authorization
This resolution follows the good news that we have all heard about the Town of Normal’s investment in the Hancock Stadium renovation project. As you also know, Larry Lyons took over as ISU’s athletic director on July 1, and I would like to invite him to the podium for a brief stadium update and how this resolution fits into the project---Larry?

Lyons: Before I start, there have been a couple of comments about the baseball tournament and it was a significant enterprise for us to undertake. It was a week-long event and I would like to commend Peyton Deterding, Associate Athletic Director, who did all the heavy lifting in managing that event and helped get that turf in so that we were successful.

McCuskey: I remember when the stadium was completed and I remember the day you were very unhappy with the bids because you didn’t think it would happen. You came back to the Board and we got a little extra money and it happened. My first comment was why all the money in this press box? And Larry said some day we are going to have baseball on TV and we have to have a sufficient facility to meet that requirement and it happened. So I give you credit for foresight and in planning ahead.

Lyons: Regarding the stadium update, as of the past Tuesday’s construction meeting and they meet weekly now to go over the progress they have made and what still needs to be done – I am going to lump several areas together as I give you the update. There are essentially four floors of work taking place. There is the ground floor which is the concourse, there is a mechanical level which really is about four stories up, the club and suite area and then the press area. In all those areas essentially they are closed in. Floors, walls and ceilings are being worked on. Electrical, plumbing, mechanical, painting, fire safety work continues on all those levels. They are progressing very, very well on all those levels on the interior work.

Of note, if you were on the west side of the stadium and looking back at the east side, the west face or the field side of the club and suite area – the glass is being installed this week. Much like the glass made a big difference on the east side when that went up – the glass on the west side is going in so you are going to really see the shape of the building. For the grandstand, the bleacher and the bleacher backs are essentially all in. The chair backs are going to be installed next week.

The main structure – exterior building finishes are on-going. The biggest question that we have had for the last four weeks is – is that green color going to stay? That green color is really a base coat or a sealer coat and the exterior siding is being installed so we are covering up the green. We may leave some green somewhere just so people can still ask that question. You will also notice that yesterday some letters are being installed at the very top of the stadium and of last night it was TATE UNIVERSE. Some people were asking questions about that at the Town of Normal reception and I just told some of them that was the new name of the stadium because we were going to have a naming gift. But eventually that will say ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY. The parking lot is being reconstructed and rebuilt at this time and a big portion of the work outside is cleaning up the site. All the subcontractors are moving all their materials out of the way as the parking lot is being reconstructed and the ground floor is being finished.

When we talk about substantial completions, let’s define in my terms what that means. What may not be done are really some finishing things. There may not be some trim work that’s completed around some doors and in some areas like that. Carpeting may not be installed, paint touch up may not be finished. Punch list items may not have been completely gone through when we open the stadium on September 21st. We are going to play Abilene-Christian on September 21 and we will inhabit that building. It will be safe, it will be clean, it just may not be quite completely finished so it will be a really nice surprise at Homecoming two weeks later. There are several people in this room that are watching that literally on a daily basis and we feel very confident that they are going to move forward very quickly and we will have something to be very proud of when we open that building.

Now that the Mayor and Mark Peterson left I would also like to thank them for their contribution to this project. It was significant for them to recognize that is a transformational building on Main Street, on this campus, and this community so I would like to thank them.

McCuskey: You are sure that we are going to have all those happy people who have paid that money for those seats and suites on time?

Lyons: We are confident they will be there in their seats, they will have an elevator to get them upstairs, the restrooms will be working, concession stand will be operating and the beverages will be cooled to appropriate temperatures and that people will enjoy it. Again, you are going to have to pardon our dust possibly but we are confident that everyone will enjoy September 21st. I was over there about a month ago. We don’t go up there that often because we don’t want to get in anybody’s way, but I was over there late in the afternoon and several guys were walking out with their lunch pails and they had their hats in their hands and one guys said – are you the new athletic director – and I said in a month or so I will be – and he said we are going to get it done. So everybody is invested in making sure that building gets done on time.

Kinser: Is it intentional when you are standing with your back to the east at certain times of the day the Hancock is reflected on the windows?

Lyons: Not intentional, unintended benefit. There is a picture circulating right now after the Hancock sign went up, depending on the time of the day you are out there, early in the morning between 9:00 and 10:00 as the sun shines across that steel structure it throws a shadow onto the ticket building and you can also read the sign Hancock Stadium into that shadow. It’s really kind of remarkable – again unintended consequence but pretty unique.

McCuskey: What about the marquee. We are talking about the one out in the parking lot, right?

Lyons: That is part of the scoreboard and I will get to that in a second.

Donahue: Larry, thanks. It is very exciting and I am looking forward to the new stadium. Are we just as confident not only opening but that it is going to be on budget also?

Lyons: Yes, there are several people in this room that are watching the budget. There has been no indication that I am aware of that we are going to have a budget issue for the authority that you have given us. We are going to roar right up to the number probably, but I don’t think any of us are aware of any issues there on terms of budget for the project.

Lyons: I will not restate the scoreboard resolution but will mention the existing scoreboard is on its last leg. The sound system is not adequate for the size of the new stadium and as you all know the marquee failed and we essentially turned it off several months ago. We did not include the scoreboard package as part of the stadium project as to not take away any of the highest priorities that are existing in that stadium. However, we did include basic infrastructure or wiring from the scoreboard locations to the new press box and from the press box to the Redbird Arena video production room as part of the project. We needed that anyway for the existing scoreboard. Coordination for this new installation will take place along with the stadium project because they are going to happen at the same time.

We began investigating scoreboard options last fall. We knew something had to be done but it wasn’t the highest priority. We conducted site visits last fall and this past spring. We were fortunate that the University of Illinois had just completed a scoreboard request for proposal (RFP), so we had an acceptable RFP template to follow through the purchasing process. Our RFP process was completed in early May, which gave us a number of viable options to choose from and gave us current pricing for which to build a budget. Let me describe the components. It is a scoreboard not in the truest sense of a scoreboard. We are used to seeing a scoreboard that has a scoreboard section and then a video section. This is really going to be one big video screen, much like a flat screen television that can be segmented. The overall size will be slightly smaller than the existing scoreboard/message board that you see on the north end. To give you some perspective, the new video board will be 48’ wide and 20’ tall. The old video segment on the existing scoreboard is 18’ by 11’, so we dramatically increased the size of the video component but not quite the same size as the structure that is out there now. This new video will be segmented so at some times we will have full replay – whole screen size, and at other times we will have true scoreboard components shown in a segment – time, score, down and distance – those sorts of things. At other times we will be able to put sponsor advertising up there and at all the times we will be able to have a video component. We need to get away from calling them scoreboards and start calling them video boards.

As part of the installation, the old scoreboard and frame will be dismantled. A new frame will go up and the sound system is integrated into that framing system at the very top. That will be part of the installation. The current video board is 19 millimeters which is the distance between the little LED pixels – the new board will be 15 millimeters, so the picture will be much better. We are going to add an auxiliary board at the south end. If you remember three years ago when we took down the south bleachers, the scoreboard was built into the frame of the south bleachers. We do need an auxiliary scoreboard, which is a basic traditional scoreboard. That will be installed on the south end. The message center and the marquee will be replaced. The existing frame will stay. We will replace the message part of the marquee. Again, with 15 millimeter LED and out there right now is 23 millimeters. That will be managed in our video room in Redbird Arena. During games the video components will also be managed in the video room in Redbird Arena. That is newer technology too. Right now we are running it out of a trailer that we attached in Horton Field House. We are going to run the fiber optics through the press box, through the steam tunnel, into Redbird Arena. Also, score timing – down and distance – the basic scoring functions will be worked out of both press boxes because we are still going to use the west press box for high school football, so we want to have the capability to go both directions. Target completion date is September 13 for this project.

Bergman: Talking about main scoreboard, I understand north end; auxiliary scoreboard south end; and a marquee message center at Hancock?

Lyons: The marquee is in the parking lot on Main Street.

Bergman: Well that sign is probably only four or five years old.

Lyons: The sign is staying, the actual message center component – the LED – that software has failed so we are replacing that component.

McCuskey: Do I have a motion to approve? Trustee Churney so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2013.07/18 Approval of B.S. in Biological Sciences Teacher Education
The B.S. in Biological Sciences Teacher Education program is designed to prepare students to teach biology and other sciences at the secondary education level in Illinois. The proposed program is based on our already long-standing teacher education *sequence* of in the B.S. in Biological Sciences. Your approval would make this the first program of its kind at an Illinois public university. I ask your approval of this resolution.

McCuskey: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Von Qualen.

Bergman: Mr. Chairman please note that I am going to abstain on this motion because it requires the approval of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

McCuskey: So noted.

Kinser: They expect the program to grow to 110, is that right?

Everts: It is currently at 110, the current sequence, it would then grow then by approximately 40 students.

Kinser: What indicates that growth is going to be there?

Everts: Their expectation is in regard to conversations with graduates of the K-12 field, and secondary field.

Kinser: And is biology sciences still a very important part of high school program?

Everts: Yes.

McCuskey: Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as six members present voting aye and one abstention.

Everts: Trustee McCuskey, I turn the agenda back to you for the remaining resolution.

Resolution 2013.07/19: 2014 Board Meeting Calendar
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 2014 and provides public notice of the dates of those meeting.

Those dates in 2014 are February 21, May 9, July 25, October 24, and November 5-7. May I hear a motion and second for this Resolution? Trustee Donahue so moved and was seconded by Trustee Churney. Motion made, seconded and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

McCuskey: Before we conclude today’s business, are there members in the audience who have comments or questions? That concludes today’s business. Thank you, Dr. Everts, and thank you all for joining us today.

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 so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. 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 for a discussion of Board committees. No action will be taken during that session. A meeting of the audit committee will follow. Thank you.