

Report to the Board of Trustees Meeting

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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AGENDA

June 20, 2024

Grand Ballroom, MLK, Jr. University Union Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL 61920

- 11:30 a.m.
- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Executive Session (If voted upon by the Board in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.)
- 1:00 p.m.
- III. Reports
 - A. Report from the Board Chair
 - B. Committee Reports
- IV. Action Items
 - A. Approval of Minutes April 19, 2024
 - B. Purchase Approvals
 - 1. Greek Court Construction & Maintenance
 - 2. Fine Line Print and Mail Services
 - 3. StarRez Housing Management System
 - C. FY25 Preliminary Budget Approval
 - D. Approval of Non-Indentured Reserves
 - E. 2024 Board Meeting Calendar Revisions & 2025 Board Meeting Calendar
 - F. Tenure Recommendation Dr. Ngozi Onuora
 - G. Conveyance of Buckler Farms to the EIU Foundation
 - H. Multi-Year Personnel Contract Intercollegiate Athletics, Ms. Tara Archibald
- V. Information Items
 - A. President's Report
 - 1. Inclusive Excellence at EIU Mr. John Blue, SDIO
 - B. Reports from Constituencies
 - C. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 \$249,999
 - D. University Highlights
 - E. Other Matters
 - F. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

<u>BOT Committee Meetings – Booth Library, Witters Conference Room:</u>

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Executive/Planning Committee

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Finance/Audit Committee

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

<u>Executive Session – Booth Library, Witters Conference Room:</u>

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. Executive Session

<u>Lunch – MLK 1895 Room:</u>

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

II. REPORTS

A. Report from the Board Chair

B. Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Christopher Hicks, Chair

Finance/Audit Committee

Bernie Ranchero, Chair

Academic/Student Affairs Committee

Timi Ngoboh, Chair

<u>University Advancement/Alumni Relations Committee</u>

Julie Everett, Chair

Civil Service Merit Board

Barb Baurer, Chair

Board Regulations

Executive/Planning Committee

Note: All trustees are members of all committees.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

April 19, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

April 19, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on April 19, 2024 at 11:33 a.m. on the Dvorak Concert Hall Stage of Doudna Fine Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Ms. Joyce Madigan, Chair presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

Ms. Baurer	Present
Mr. Biernbaum	Present
Ms. Edwards	Present
Ms. Everett	Present
Mr. Hicks	Present
Ms. Madigan	Present
Mr. Timi Ngoboh	Present
Dr. Ranchero	Present

Also present were the following:

Dr. Jay Gatrell, President

Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Matt Bierman, Vice President for Business Affairs

Mr. Mike Hutchinson, Director of Business Services/Treasurer

Dr. Anne Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs

Ms. Mindy Spencer, Vice President for University Advancement

Mr. Josh Norman, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Mr. Austin Hill, General Counsel

Ms. Cindy Hutchison, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

Executive Session

Mr. Biernbaum moved that the Board of Trustees convene in Executive Session to consider employment of employees, collective negotiating matters and executive session minutes as

permitted by Section 2.C.1, 2 and 21 of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

By unanimous consent the Board agreed to return to Open Session.

The Board of Trustees reconvened after lunch on the Dvorak Concert Hall Stage of Doudna Fine Arts Center for the remainder of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Report from Board Chair

Chair Madigan welcomed the Trustees and all others to the Board meeting, mentioning how nice it was to meet in Doudna. She also noted it was a busy time on campus with Spring Celebration currently going on and graduation in a few weeks. Chair Madigan welcomed and introduced newly hired Vice President of University Advancement, Mindy Spencer.

Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Ms. Madigan shared an update on Springfield. An 8% increase in the budget was requested but the Governor's Office and the IBHE proposed only 2%. A statement was also made to request an expansion of mental health on campus. The Illinois Commission on Equitable Public University Funding submitted new formula recommendations to the General Assembly. This will help close the gap of inadequacy between institutions. Every institution will receive an increase, but at different percentages. President Gatrell did not expect the bill to move during this session. VP Norman shared new incoming Freshman enrollment numbers are down due to FASFA delays but International and Graduate enrollments are tracking higher than last year. Collective Bargaining Agreements will be voted on at today's meeting as well as a proposed change in meeting dates for the Board Meeting and Retreat in June.

Finance/Audit Committee

Ms. Everett reported on the line-item status report and shared the seven purchase approvals to be voted on as well as the fee and tuition recommendations. Proposed for FY2025 undergraduate students will be charged \$338.35 per credit hour at a 2.5% increase and graduate students \$344.25 per credit hour at a 2.5% increase. Additional proposed fee changes are increases to the Shuttle Bus Fee, Athletic Operations, Grant in Aid, Lantz-O'Brien and a decrease in fees for Textbook Rental. Trustee Everett also shared VP Bierman's update on campus projects. Insurance dollars are being used to replace roofs in Greek Court; smokestack no longer used will be removed; reducing dead end water lines in basement of Old Main; resurfacing several parking lots including Lantz lower and upper parking lots; repairing drainage issues at Student Rec Center. CENCERE project is completed – was paid for with \$1M grant. Utility tunnel rehab is projected to begin the construction phase April 2025. The new science building has a verbal agreement between CDB and the design architect, but a contract has not been signed. Ms. Everett shared Natalee Black's Charter Update – IIA Standards

were updated 2024, Audit and Resource Schedule – due to vacancy the FY24-25 schedule was not prepared by 6/30/2023, and Annual Report – due to vacancy the 2023 report was not prepared by 9/30/24. Results of internal audit work performed as of 6/30/2023 and to date were discussed.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Ms. Edwards reported on the plan to pause Thomas and Weller housing for next fall. Housing & Dining, along with the Board Revenue committee, has proposed moving toward a 2-year residency requirement effective FA2025. Data from cohorts starting in2024 to present (with the exception of the 2020-2022 years, due to COVID) has demonstrated increased GPAs, retention and graduation rates. Housing and Dining has proposed for FA2025 moving toward an all-access meal plan with one or two additional options. A 5% increase for Residence Halls and Greek Court is also being proposed for FY2025 and a 1.4% increase for apartments. VP Hendrickson is working on a DWF Initiative to increase grades by asking faculty to consider revising course design. Four Academic Programs are being voted on today: B.A.A.S Health Practice, B.A.A.S Cyber Security, B.S. Computer Engineering, and M.A.T. Elementary Education and 11 individuals will be recommended for Tenure.

University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee

Mr. Hicks gave a fundraising update for FY24 sharing VP Spencer's report that as of 4/1/2024 total dollar donations are down compared to 3/27/2023 but total donors have increased from 2941 to 3049. Day of Giving is April 24, 2024 with 4 areas highlighted: Community Ambassadors Scholarship; Study Abroad Scholarship; Panther Retention Scholarship; Fraternity & Sorority Life. VP Spencer has developed a new system for determining fundraising goals for major gift fundraisers and annual giving officers with a focus on planning, strategy and collaboration. A draft of the campaign case statement was shared; Today.Tomorrow.Together. An update on alumni events was given reporting on past events in TX and future events. Alumni Award Nominations are due May 15. EIU Foundation sent out the notifications of available spending and donor endowment statements have also been sent out with the option to view those via an online portal, or receive the information by mail or email. Stewardship process is beginning for student recipients to send thank you notes to the donors.

Action Items

- A. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2024 meeting. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- B. 1. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the revised BSN Sports, LLC apparel proposal at an estimated annual cost of \$100,000. Total spend under contract not to exceed \$500,000 annually. Under the prior RFP all embellishments (embroidery, logo application, etc.) was provided by a different party. These embellishments will now be provided by BSN Sports, LLC. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer Yes

Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

2. Dr. Ranchero moved to approve the purchase of telephone services for the time period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 from Consolidated Communications, Inc. This is a one-year contract period with no options to renew. The agreement includes Centrex (local telephone), long distance, emergency, and data services. Not to exceed \$275,000. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

3. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the Lantz Arena Roof Replacement. Not to exceed \$400,000. Invitation for Bid EIUMRW2415 is being conducted in accordance with 30 ILCS 500. It is set to open Friday, April 5, 2024. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

4. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the Housing Management Software and Maintenance. StarRez to provide a complete housing management system (software and maintenance) that includes, but not limited to, the applications and housing assignments, integrations with existing software solutions, database communication management and logs, billing capabilities and desktop and mobile platforms for students and staff use, through the time period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. Estimated 4.5-year total of \$394,940. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

5. Dr. Ranchero moved to approve the Ellucian License and Maintenance agreement for the Banner suite of software products with a contract term not to exceed July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029. This agreement will migrate EIU to a new license model which will provide additional functionality and services. EIU is still negotiating with Ellucian on the final term and cost. Cost not to exceed \$3,173,834. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

6. Mr. Hicks moved to approve the Group Insurance Reimbursement, Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Ms. Everett seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

7. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the Maintenance of Parking Lots and Drives at up to seven campus locations. Invitation for Bid IEUMRW2413 was conducted in accordance with 30 ILCS 500. Ne-Co Asphalt Co., Inc. not to exceed \$542,145.18 (bid price of \$492,859.25 with a 10% contingency). Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

- C. 1. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the extension of Personnel Contract for Thomas Michael, Athletic Director. Extending current renewal term (set to expire August 10, 2026) for two additional years, terminating August 10, 2028. Annual salary of \$205,000 effective July 1, 2024. All other terms shall remain in effect. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
 - 2. Dr. Ranchero moved to approve the extension of Personnel Contract for Martin Simmons, Head Basketball Coach. Extending initial term of four years (set to expire March 31, 2025)

for two additional years, terminating March 31, 2027. Usual terms offered to EIU's coaches shall remain in effect. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- D. Ms. Everett moved to approve the 2024-2025 Tuition Recommendations. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- E. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the Student Fee Recommendations FY25. Shuttle Bus Fee; Athletic Fee; Grant in Aid Fee; Lantz/O'Brien; Textbook Rental Fee; Student Insurance. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- F. Ms. Everett moved to approve the 2024-2025 Housing & Dining Recommendations. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- G. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the revised Internal Auditing Charter. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- H. 1.2. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement AFSCME Local 981: Clerical/Technical and Service. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Yes
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes

Motion carried.

3. Ms. Everett moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Carpenters Local 243. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Mr. Biernbaum	Yes
Ms. Edwards	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes

Mr. Ngoboh Yes Dr. Ranchero Yes Ms. Madigan Yes

Motion carried.

- I. Dr. Ranchero moved to approve Academic Program, B.A.A.S., Health Practice. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
 - 2. Ms. Edwards moved to approve Academic Program, B.A.A.S., Cyber Security. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
 - 3. Ms. Baurer moved to approve Academic Program, B.S., Computer Engineering. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
 - 4. Ms. Edwards moved to approve Academic Program, M.A.T., Elementary Education. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- J. Ms. Everett moved to award tenure to the following 11 individuals effective with 2024-2025 academic year:
 - Dr. Jennifer Brown, Assistant Professor, Department of Music
 - Dr. Trang Doan, Assistant Professor, School of Business
 - Dr. Eric Dongheon Ha, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics
 - Mr. Brian Keith, Professor, Library Services
 - Dr. Andrew Kerins, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology, Sport & Recreation
 - Dr. Mari Kita, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
 - Dr. Caitlin Lynch, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
 - Dr. Cori More, Assistant Professor, Department of Special Education
 - Dr. Farhad Sadeh, Assistant Professor, School of Business
 - Ms. Samantha Tableriou, Assistant Professor, Department of Art and Design
 - Dr. Elliott Zieman, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences
 - Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- K. Mr. Austin Hill conducted the election of officers for the Board of Trustees for the 2024-2025 term.
 - Ms. Baurer nominated Mr. Hicks for Chairperson. Mr. Hicks was elected Chairperson by secret ballot.
 - Mr. Hicks nominated Ms. Everett for Vice Chairperson. Ms. Everett was elected Vice Chairperson by secret ballot.

Mr. Hicks nominated Ms. Edwards for Secretary. Ms. Edwards was elected Secretary by secret ballot.

Mr. Hicks nominated Ms. Baurer for Member Pro Tem. Ms. Baurer was elected Member Pro Tem by secret ballot.

L. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the revised schedule for the June Board Meeting and Retreat. The Board meeting will take place on Thursday, June 20, 2024 with the Annual Retreat on Friday, June 21, 2024. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Information Items

President's Report

President Gatrell introduced Ryan Gibson to give an update on Plan 2028. Achieve (achieve success for all learners), Engage (engage the community, region, state & world), Create (create a 21st century campus & culture), Resource (encourage innovation, diversify revenue & grow enrollments). March 2022 - June 2023 creating of a strategic plan; July 2023 – June 2024 identify Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and track data as well as begin implementing changes; July 2024 – June 2025 we will track data and gauge success of new initiatives. Each theme has Campions and those champions work with campus to set up KPIs and report results; 50+ individuals collaborating on reporting results. At the time of this meeting, 36 of 42 themes have benchmarks and 5 goals have been met. 6 have not been started yet. EIU's Strategic Plan 2028 can be viewed at eiu.edu/strategicplan and Plan 2028 Tracking is also linked to this page where you can see the progress being made.

Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Todd Bruns greeted the Board and shared that Faculty Senate had previously met with John Blue about a Diversity Counsel they will be creating. Faculty Senate are considering a course fee resolution as they want transparency with administration on hidden fees.

Student Senate – Nidi Patel, Student Body President shared that the constitution was being revised to remove the Judicial Branch as it is no longer applicable and the Executive VP and Student Board of Trustee will be separate members. Spring 2024 Election Results are: Student Body President, Taylor Cloud; Executive Vice President, Ameenah Morris; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Ty Rea; Vice President of Student Affairs, Carlos Rodriguez and Speaker of the Senate, Madison Veatch.

Staff Senate – No report

Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	Type of Purchase	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gordon Food Service	Dining Food and Supplies	(A)	\$2,907,603.00
BSN SPORTS	Scoreboard	(B)	\$1,104,000.00
CORE Construction	Chick-Fil-A Remodel	(C)	\$627,000.00
City of Charleston	Fire Protection	(D)	\$397,715.75
Irwin Seating Company	Basketball Arena Seating	(E)	\$305,636.77
McGraw-Hill Education	Textbooks	(F)	\$300,000.00
Cengage Learning	Textbooks	(G)	\$300,000.00
Pearson Education	Textbooks	(H)	\$300,000.00
Chick-Fil-A	Dining Food and Supplies	(1)	\$241,000.00
Cordogan Clark	Facilities Planning Management Services	(J)	\$210,000.00
CORE Construction	South Quad Dining Refresh	(K)	\$176,678.00
CORE Construction	Old Main Basement Duct Removal	(L)	\$167,790.00
TriMark	Kitchen Equipment – Chick-Fil-A	(M)	\$160,970.36
Macmillan Holdings	Textbooks	(N)	\$150,000.00
W. W. Norton and Company	Textbooks	(O)	\$150,000.00
Dell Marketing LP	Microsoft Office 365 Renewal	(P)	\$145,621.91
D2L Ltd	D2L Annual License& Support	(Q)	\$116,785.00
Sage Publications	Textbooks	(R)	\$110,000.00
Pace Systems Inc.	Machine Leasing Email Security	(S)	\$108,756.00
SHI International Corp	Adobe Creative Suite	(T)	\$107,903.40
Qualtrics LLC	Custom Research Services	(U)	\$100,320.60
MBS Textbook Exchange	Textbooks	(V)	\$100,000.00
John Wiley and Sons	Textbooks	(W)	\$100,000.00

- (A) IPHEC Contract #JMT201707; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (B) IPHEC Contract #2110GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (C) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (D) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (E) IPHEC Contract #2311GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (F) IPHEC Contract #2311TXBK; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (G) IPHEC Contract #2303TXBK; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (H) IPHEC Contract #2311GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (I) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (J) Professional Services Qualifications (QBS) EIUMRW2409
- (K) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (L) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (M) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (N) IPHEC Contract #2309TXBK; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (O) IPHEC Contract #2317TXBK; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

- (P) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (Q) IPHEC Contract #2409GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (R) IPHEC Contract #2400LBM; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (S) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2011; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (T) IPHEC Contract #RM071017; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (U) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2217; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (V) IPHEC Contract #2310TXBK; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (W) IPHEC Contract #2306TXBK; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

Deposit and Investment Report for the Quarter ended 03-31-2024

For the quarter ending March 31, 2024, the University had an average daily invested cash balance of \$116,036,111.76 and a net average daily balance of \$117,796,537.87. The annualized average yield was 5.40%. The market value of the university's endowment portfolio as of March 31, 2024 was \$9,774,534.98. Included in that, the university's Buckler Farm had a total market value of \$4,292,021.81 as of March 31, 2024.

University Highlights

President Gatrell provided a summary of University Highlights. Two EIU employees received recognition as Coles County Area 20 under 40 honorees for 2024: Amber May, Director of Alumni Services and Mahmoud Al-Odeh, Chair School of Technology. Campus will be busy in a few weeks with the high school state track meet giving EIU an opportunity to showcase the campus to potential students and their families. Panther shuttle will be used to bring families from campus to the downtown area.

Other Matters - None

Public Comment – None

<u>Adjournment</u> – Mr. Hicks moved, and Ms. Edwards seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

B. Purchase Approvals

- 1. Greek Court Construction & Maintenance
- 2. Fine Line Print and Mail Services
- 3. StarRez Housing Management System

B.1. Greek Court Construction & Maintenance

Purchase Item: Greek Court Roof Replacements

Description / Explanation: This purchase is for replacing the Greek Court Roofs.

Invitation for Bid EIUDLS2406 was conducted in accordance with

30 ILCS 500.

Cost: NTE \$535,810.00

Recommended Vendor: Top Roofing, Inc.

Summary of Bids: Top Roofing: \$535,810.00

D.E. Martin Roofing: \$665,000.00 Industrial Services of IL: \$767,948.50 Advanced Commercial Roofing: \$966,191.60

BEP Goals: IFB EIUDLS2406 was posted with a BEP Goal of 30% and a VBP

goal of 3%. Top Roofing Inc. is in the process of getting certified as a BEP vendor. The 30% BEP goal is waived pending successful certification. A change order will be complete to the contract to include 100% BEP participation upon certification. Top Roofing is subcontracting 3% of the contract award to a registered VBP

vendor to meet the goal.

Fund Source: Renovations and Alterations

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

B.2. Fine Line Print and Mail Services

Purchase Item: Printing Services

Description / Explanation: This purchase is for printing and direct mail services for various

departments across campus.

The initial term for this contract was April 24, 2018 through June 30, 2019, with the University's option to renew for four additional two-year periods. The contract was renewed for the term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 with a not to exceed amount of

\$350,000.

This request is to increase the not to exceed amount from \$350,000 to \$450,000 for the remainder of the renewal term,

through June 30, 2025.

Cost: NTE \$450,000

Recommended Vendor: Fineline Printing Group, Indianapolis, IN

Summary of Bids: There were three (3) unsuccessful respondents

Premier Print Group, Champaign, IL Stolze Printing Company, Bridgeton, MO RR Donnelley, Heyworth, IL (Late Submittal)

BEP Goals: Fineline Printing Group is a 100% self-performing certified

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

Fund Source: Various

Rationale / Justification: This contact has assisted the University in driving brand

consistency and consolidating print marketing efforts, helped meet the campus-wide need to produce promotional materials for recruitment and retention, accelerated and fostered efficient procurement processes to support University-wide marketing and recruitment. Further print projects will include direct mail services in conjunction with traditional print materials including variable data printing to increase the level of personalization for critical recruitment print materials. Eastern Illinois University has also utilized Available Application Programing Interface (API) for integration with our Client Relationship Management System (CRM) to assist in creating a dynamic communication flow for

prospective students.

B.3. StarRez Housing Management System

Purchase Item: Housing Management Software and Maintenance – Change Order

Description / Explanation: StarRez is providing a complete housing management system

(software and maintenance) which was originally approved by this Board in April 2024. During the build process with StarRez, it was discovered that to allow for individuals to buyout a double room as a single, we need to include additional beds in our bed count.

Cost: Original approval was for an estimated 4.5-year total of

\$394,940.00.

Requesting to add \$4,500.00 for an additional 300 beds to be

included in our bed count.

Estimated 4.5-year total of \$399,440.00

Recommended Vendor: StarRez Inc.

Summary of Bids: Sole Source EIUDLS2403.

BEP Goals: N/A

Fund Source: Revenue Bond Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

C. FY25 Budget Approval

The Budget Process

Each year, Illinois public universities define their appropriated and income funds budget requirements. The process follows this approximate timetable:

- Operating and capital budget projections as reviewed by the Board of Trustees will be sent to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by October 15, 2024. The contents of these requests will be articulated in detail in Eastern's Resource Allocation Management Plan—RAMP—document.
- IBHE staff members meet in late October with each public university to discuss local and state-wide issues and priorities.
- The IBHE issues its recommendations to universities in early December. These recommendations are made available to the Governor's office.
- Eastern's recommended appropriation for FY 2026 is published by the IBHE in late January.
- The Governor presents budget recommendations in the annual State of the Budget address, normally given in February.
- Universities prepare and submit Illinois State Legislature (ISL) forms and narrative to the General Assembly offices within 48 hours after the Governor's budget address. The ISL document provides budgetary and descriptive statistics about the operation of the University.
- University presidents and senior staff provide testimony regarding their budget requests before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in March through May.
- Eastern's appropriation bill is drafted in April or late May.
- On or about May 31, the General Assembly finalizes appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year that starts on July 1.
- The Governor signs the appropriation bill on or about July 1.
- The appropriated funds are available to the university by early July.

Eastern's appropriated funding (General Revenue Funds (GRF), primarily from tax revenues, and, Educational Assistance Funds (EAF), from gambling proceeds) peaked in FY 2002. At that time, about two-thirds of Eastern's total appropriated/income funds came from GRF, while the remaining one-third came from income funds (primarily from tuition revenues). Eastern's FY 2024 appropriation came from EAF and was below FY 2001–03 levels. In FY 2024 EAF funding represented approximately 50% of the University's total appropriated/income funds. EIU's projected state appropriation for FY 2025 is \$47,471,100, up 2% from its FY 2024 appropriation.

EIU enrollment management, admissions, financial aid, marketing, and academic staff have been strategically working to increase enrollments.

State statues require governing board approval of operating budgets prior to the beginning of a fiscal year, we are requesting the approval of the FY 2025 financial plan.

TABLE 1. REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND FUND BALANCES

(All Amounts in Thousands)

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY25 VS	6 FY24
FUND SOURCE	URCE ACTUAL ACTUAL PROJECTED BUDGET	BUDGET	DOLLARS	PERCENT		
OPERATING FUNDS:						
Appropriated/Income Funds:						
A. State Appropriations	43,495.6	43,495.6	46,540.3	47,471.1	930.8	2.0%
B. Student Achievement Appropriation	=	-	500.0	500.0	-	0.0%
C. Tuition and Fees	53,962.6	59,752.1	59,818.8	58,326.2	(1,492.6)	-2.5%
D. Misc Inc (includes excess funds)	623.8	811.7	234.8	207.0	(27.8)	-11.8%
E. Waivers	(10,233.6)	(10,570.8)	(11,236.7)	(11,464.5)	(227.8)	2.0%
Total Appropriated, Tuition and Fees	87,848.4	93,488.6	95,857.2	95,039.8	(817.4)	-0.9%
Deduct Expenditures	80,260.2	92,843.9	94,935.3	95,039.8	2,195.9	2.3%
F. Net Suplus (Deficit)	7,588.2	644.7	921.9	-	(3,013.3)	
Non-Appropriated Revenues	40,400.0	00.444.0	00.774.0	00 407 4	(0.44.0)	4.70/
H. Student Fees	18,438.3	20,441.8	20,771.6	20,427.4	(344.2)	-1.7%
I. Federal (Pell, SEOG) and Other Grants	28,003.1	21,548.8	18,905.3	24,673.0	5,767.7	30.5%
J. Gifts	3,823.2	4,595.7	4,061.0	3,833.4	(227.6)	-5.6%
K. Other Income	3,123.2	4,902.8	4,157.4	3,986.9	(170.5)	-4.1%
L. Housing and Dining Services	19,928.3	20,914.1	21,981.2	22,927.2	946.0	4.3%
M. Sales and Services	6,431.2	7,023.0	7,145.2	7,271.4	126.2	1.8%
Total Non-Appropriated Revenues	79,747.3	79,426.2	77,021.7	83,119.3	6,097.6	7.9%
Deduct Expenditures	75,596.0	71,700.7	74,369.6	83,119.3	8,749.7	11.8%
N. Net Surplus (Deficit)	4,151.3	7,725.5	2,652.1	-	(2,652.1)	
ALL OPERATING FUNDS:						
O. Revenues	167,595.7	172,914.8	172,878.9	178,159.1	5,280.2	3.1%
P. Expenditures	155,856.2	164,544.6	169,304.9	178,159.1	10,945.6	6.5%
Q. Net Surplus (Deficit)	11,739.5	8,370.2	3,574.0	-	(5,665.4)	

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS (All Amounts in Thousands)

	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 PROJECTED	FY25 BUDGETED	FY25 VS F	Y24
Expenditure Class	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	DOLLARS	%
Personal Services	81,844.6	84,520.3	89,914.2	94,958.0	5,043.8	5.6%
Retirement - Contribution	298.2	176.0	589.1	597.3	8.2	1.4%
Medicare	1,176.9	1,172.7	1,212.7	1,274.7	62.0	5.1%
Group Insurance	2,384.3	2,397.1	2,395.2	3,008.3	613.1	25.6%
Contractual Services	15,608.2	19,466.5	18,730.3	22,271.1	3,540.8	18.9%
Utilities	11,996.9	12,853.0	12,788.8	13,893.1	1,104.3	8.6%
Travel	450.3	709.3	918.7	796.3	(122.4)	-13.3%
Commodities	3,089.4	3,547.2	3,761.4	3,782.4	21.0	0.6%
Equipment	3,245.0	4,128.4	3,465.6	3,664.6	199.0	5.7%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	268.0	244.6	201.5	199.2	(2.3)	-1.1%
Telecommunications	480.3	461.9	423.2	195.9	(227.3)	-53.7%
Permanent Improvements	1,039.2	1,186.5	2,565.7	3,672.0	1,106.3	43.1%
Awards and Grants	28,453.0	23,153.1	24,020.8	24,251.6	230.8	1.0%
Purchase for Resale	2,815.1	3,181.9	3,402.7	3,894.6	491.9	14.5%
Transfers to Reserves	2,594.9	6,813.6	4,915.0	1,700.0	(3,215.0)	-65.4%
Excess Funds	111.9	532.5	0.0	0.0	-	0.0%
Total All Funds Expenditures	155,856.2	164,544.6	169,304.9	178,159.1	8,854.2	5.2%

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- STATE APPROPRIATED and TUITION INCOME FUNDS (All Amounts in Thousands)

	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 PROJECTED	FY25 BUDGETED	FY25 VS	FY24
Expenditure Class	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	DOLLARS	%
Personal Services	57,482.5	60,896.7	64,655.7	65,587.6	931.9	1.4%
Retirement - Contribution	93.3	92.2	323.6	100.0	(223.6)	-69.1%
Medicare	1,141.4	1,130.4	1,170.5	1,193.9	23.4	2.0%
Group Insurance	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	4,199.9	6,405.4	5,809.5	6,894.2	1,084.7	18.7%
Utilities	6,127.0	6,764.9	6,526.7	7,000.0	473.3	7.3%
Travel	132.0	210.1	347.0	210.1	(136.9)	-39.5%
Commodities	623.7	748.8	818.0	803.3	(14.7)	-1.8%
Equipment	926.7	1,151.4	1,115.3	1,208.5	93.2	8.4%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	113.2	150.6	127.0	127.0	-	0.0%
Telecommunications	236.0	216.4	211.1	33.0	(178.1)	-84.4%
Permanent Improvements	55.5	211.9	880.0	2,000.0	1,120.0	127.3%
Awards and Grants	7,053.4	8,415.8	7,522.6	7,668.9	146.3	1.9%
Transfers to Reserves	362.3	4,736.0	3,715.0	500.0	(3,215.0)	-86.5%
Total Appropriated Expenditures	80,260.2	92,843.9	94,935.3	95,039.8	104.5	0.1%

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS (All Amounts in Thousands)

	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 PROJECTED	FY25 BUDGETED	FY25 VS	FY24
Expenditure Class	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	DOLLARS	%
Personal Services	24,362.1	23,623.6	25,258.5	29,370.4	4,111.9	16.3%
Retirement - Contribution	204.9	83.8	265.5	497.3	231.8	87.3%
Medicare	35.5	42.3	42.2	80.8	38.6	91.5%
Group Insurance	671.0	683.8	681.9	1,295.0	613.1	89.9%
Contractual Services	11,408.3	13,061.1	12,920.8	15,376.9	2,456.1	19.0%
Utilities	5,869.9	6,088.1	6,262.1	6,893.1	631.0	10.1%
Travel	318.3	499.2	571.7	586.2	14.5	2.5%
Commodities	2,465.7	2,798.4	2,943.4	2,979.1	35.7	1.2%
Equipment	2,318.3	2,977.0	2,350.3	2,456.1	105.8	4.5%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	154.8	94.0	74.5	72.2	(2.3)	-3.1%
Telecommunications	244.3	245.5	212.1	162.9	(49.2)	-23.2%
Permanent Improvements	983.7	974.6	1,685.7	1,672.0	(13.7)	-0.8%
Awards and Grants	21,399.6	14,737.3	16,498.2	16,582.7	84.5	0.5%
Purchase for Resale	2,815.1	3,181.9	3,402.7	3,894.6	491.9	14.5%
Transfers to Reserves	2,232.6	2,077.6	1,200.0	1,200.0	-	0.0%
Excess Funds	111.9	532.5	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Non-Appropriated Expenditures	75,596.0	71,700.7	74,369.6	83,119.3	8,749.7	11.8%

D. Approval of Non-Indentured Reserves

Non-indentured Reserves

In order to retain working capital allowances and adequate funds for repair/replacement of equipment and/or relevant facilities, and in accordance with Section V.G.5 of the Board of Trustees Regulations and/or Sections IV.A.1 and IV.C.2 of the University Guidelines 1982, Board approval is requested to increase/decrease reserves as follows:

Entity	Current Authorized Amount	Increase (Decrease) Requested	Revised Authorized Amount	Current Fund Balance
Material Fees	85,000	-	85,000	63,175
Student Fee Programs/Services	2,150,000	(1,800,000)	350,000	102,517
Service Departments	1,550,000	(550,000)	1,000,000	741,547
Student/Staff Programs/Services	140,000	-	140,000	46,286
Educational Services	80,000	-	80,000	72,244
Auxiliary Enterprises-Other	2,200,000	-	2,200,000	1,491,582
Public Services	35,000	(25,000)	10,000	45
Extended Learning - Contract Credit	65,000	-	65,000	52,554
Income Fund Equipment	6,000,000	-	6,000,000	2,289,368
Reserve for Compensated Absences	2,500,000	(1,000,000)	1,500,000	440,928
Reserve for Student Health Insurance	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,523,908
Self-Insurance Reserve (replacing SURMA)	600,000	-	600,000	576,590
Capital Projects - Old Main Corridors**	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	701,632
Capital Projects - Science Building Renovations**	5,400,000	-	5,400,000	4,174,083
Capital Projects - Building Security Upgrades**	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,635,918
Capital Projects - Lantz Water Infiltration**	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,221,220
Capital Projects - Lantz Generator*	400,000	-	400,000	299,355
Capital Projects - Buzzard Roofing	300,000	(300,000)	-	280,000

D. Approval of Non-Indentured Reserves

Entity	Current Authorized Amount	Increase (Decrease) Requested	Revised Authorized Amount	Current Fund Balance
Capital Projects - Plumbing Dead Ends**	500,000	-	500,000	150,000
Capital Projects - Lantz Weight Room Roofing	250,000	(250,000)	-	250,000
Capital Projects - O'Brien Stadium Repairs**	100,000	200,000	300,000	100,000
Capital Projects - Booth Library Envelope**	100,000	300,000	400,000	100,000
Capital Projects - Physical Science Condensate Piping	200,000	(200,000)	-	200,000
Capital Projects - Elevator Upgrade**	100,000	400,000	500,000	100,000
Capital Projects - Campus Master Plan**	100,000	50,000	150,000	100,000
Capital Projects - Water Main Replacement*	-	50,000	50,000	-
Capital Projects - Stream System/Air Compressor*	-	100,000	100,000	-
Capital Projects -Baseball Stadium Repairs*	-	900,000	900,000	-
Capital Projects - Ninth Street Water Infiltration*	-	100,000	100,000	-
Capital Projects - Steam Plant Repairs*	-	400,000	400,000	-
Capital Projects - Building Automation System Upgrades*	-	500,000	500,000	-

^{*} Authorization of these capital project reserves is being requested.

^{**} Re-authorization of these capital project reserves is being requested.

D. Approval of Non-Indentured Reserves

Indentured Reserves

The following are reserves for areas covered by revenue bond resolutions. In order to retain working capital allowances and adequate funds for repair/replacement of equipment and/or relevant facilities as well as repayment of debt, the bond resolutions allow for the transfers to reserves. In accordance with provisions of the bond resolutions in effect, Board approval is requested to transfer amounts up to the following limits as follows:

Entity	Current Authorized Amount	Increase (Decrease) Requested	Revised Authorized Amount	Current Fund Balance
Housing - Repair & Replacement	2,500,000	500,000	3,000,000	1,845,976
Housing - Debt Service	2,027,000	-	2,027,000	19,414
Facilities - Repair & Replacement	1,700,000	-	1,700,000	1,648,029
Facilities - Debt Service	315,000	-	315,000	(5,460)
Textbook Rental Service - Repair & Replacement	2,600,000	-	2,600,000	590,664
Textbook Rental Service - Debt Service	3,200,000	(3,200,000)	-	-

E. 2024 Board Meeting Calendar Revisions & 2025 Board Meeting Calendar

2024 Board Meeting Calendar Revision and 2025 Calendar

The 2024 Board Meeting Calendar will be revised the reflect changes in the September and November meetings as outlined below:

Thursday, September 5, 2024 Meeting – Campus

Thursday, November 7, 2024 Meeting – Campus

Unless other notice is given, all meetings will be held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University on the following dates in 2025:

Thursday, January 23, 2025 Meeting – Campus

Thursday, April 17, 2025 Meeting – Campus

Thursday, June 12, 2025 Meeting – Campus

Friday, June 13, 2025 Board Retreat - To be determined

Thursday, September 11, 2025 Meeting - Campus

Thursday, November 13, 2025 Meeting – Campus

It is recommended that the Board approve the modification to the 2024 Calendar and the 2025 Calendar

F. 2024-2025 Tenure Recommendations

Approval of the Board is requested for the awarding of tenure to the following individual effective with the 2024-2025 academic year:

Ngozi Onuora (Ed.D., University of Illinois) is the incoming chair of the Department of Teaching, Learning, & Foundations with faculty status in the department holding the rank of professor. Dr. Onuora has published a book chapter and journal article as well as presented at state, national and international conferences. She has undertaken service to the profession and community, including serving on the Board of Directors for the Children's Literature Association and on the Board of Trustees for the Decatur Public Library. Dr. Onuora has previously held a faculty appointment at Millikin University. She holds a master's degree from EIU.

It is requested that the Board of Trustees approve the above tenure recommendation effective with the 2024-2025 academic year.

G. Conveyance of Buckler Farms to the EIU Foundation

Real Estate Conveyance to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation

Background and Context: Periodically, endowed gifts are made to the University directly, rather than to the Foundation. This includes a variety of cash assets, and the two parcels referenced above. As the Foundation is better situated and accustomed to the management and accounting related to endowed assets, and is equipped to monitor and maintain donor relationships, the Business Office recommends the transfer from the University to the Foundation. The administration of the gifts will continue without change, subject to the same restrictions, and for the same purposes.

This action item conveys two parcels of farmland, known as the Buckler Farms, from the University to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation. The Eastern Illinois University Law imbues the Board of Trustees with the power "to hold and convey title to real property as it shall deem appropriate[.]" 110 ILCS 665/10-40. The University and the Foundation are parties to a "Master Contract," wherein the Foundation agrees to "receive, hold, and administer gifts of property, real or personal...to be used for and on behalf of Eastern Illinois University, [...] such gifts to be administered according to the terms specified by the donor." Foundation Master Contract, paragraph 1(a). The University Business Office seeks to transfer all endowed assets currently held by the University to the Foundation, including this farmland, to allow the Foundation to hold and administer this property, per the terms of the Master Contract.

<u>It is requested that the Board of Trustees approve the conveyance of Buckler Farms to the Foundation.</u>

H. Multi-Year Personnel Contract – Intercollegiate Athletics				
Ms. Tara Archibald, Head Softball Coach				
Multi-year personnel contract, Ms. Tara Archibald, beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028, with an annual salary of \$95,000 with the usual terms offered to EIU coaches including a commitment to diversity and standard anti-hazing language.				
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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel contract.				

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. President's Report

Inclusive Excellence at EIU – Mr. John Blue, SDIO

B. Reports from Constituencies

C. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,000 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	Type of Purchase	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ellucian Company, L.P.	Banner License & Maintenance	(A)	\$1,670,505.00
EBSCO Information Services	Library Subscriptions	(B)	\$480,000.00
University of Illinois	CARLI Database & eBooks	(C)	\$380,000.00
Advanced Commercial Roofing	Lantz Roof Replacement	(D)	\$279,600.00
Advanced Commercial Roofing	Buzzard Roof Replacement	(E)	\$241,570.00
Public Broadcasting Service	PBS Programming	(F)	\$170,251.00
Mythics LLC	Oracle Software Agreement	(G)	\$161,112.98
United States Postal Service	Postage Meter Postage	(H)	\$150,000.00
Office of Auditor General	FY24 Income Fund Audit Costs	(1)	\$142,054.00
Office of Auditor General	FY25 Income Fund Audit Costs	(J)	\$142,054.00
Carl Zeiss Microscopy	Microscope	(K)	\$120,000.00
Office of Auditor General	FY24 Federal Fund Audit Costs	(L)	\$111,704.00
Office of Auditor General	FY25 Federal Fund Audit Costs	(M)	\$111,704.00

- (A) Sole Source EIUMEM2502; Original BOT Approval NTE \$3,173,834.00 term: 7/1/24-6/30/29, April 2024
- (B) IPHEC Contract #2010LBM; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (C) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (D) Construction IFB #EIUMRW2415; Original BOT Approval NTE \$400,000, April 2024
- (E) Construction IFB #EIUMRW2412; Original BOT Approval NTE \$280,000, June 2023
- (F) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (G) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1807; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (H) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (I) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (J) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (K) IPHEC Contract #1SLE1601; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (L) Exempt per Procurement Code
- (M) Exempt per Procurement Code

D. University Highlights

From April 5 to June 4, 2024

These are summary highlights. A full list of news items is always available at http://castle.eiu.edu/media/.

May 15

- EIU designated a Voter Friendly Campus by NASPA
- Eastern Illinois University selects Jody Stone as new Dean of Students
- EIU Clinicians Delivering Speech Therapy Programming to 20 Families in Jamaica

May 8

EIU Pays Tribute to Artist, Philanthropist Jan Tarble

May 3

- EIU's College of Education continues to make Statewide impact
- Eastern Illinois University playing vital role in enhancing literacy in Illinois
- Lake Land College partners with Eastern Illinois University to create transfer agreement for English majors

April 30

• EIU to celebrate spring commencement, class of 2024 Saturday, May 4

April 29

• EIU launches Small Business Development Center

April 22

• EIU, ROE#12 partner to pen direct admissions agreement

April 18

• Take a Hike: The Mini-Series Returns to WEIU-TV for Season 3

April 11

- EIU's therapy dogs making a positive impact on & off campus
- EIU Police Chief Marisol Gamboa earns CAWLE award

April 8

EIU hosts 'Academic Challenge' for state's top high school scholars

D. University Highlights – (continued)

From April 5 to June 4

A sample summary of positive, non-Athletics* news headlines gathered from an online tool (headlines from within the above-stated date range):

- Eastern Illinois University launches Small Business Development Center in Mattoon (JGTC)
- Eastern Illinois University infrastructure upgrades, new science building planned (JGTC)
- Spring Fest 2024 returns to EIU (JGTC)
- EIU Student Service Day helpers at Five Mile House (JGTC)
- EIU designated a Voter Friendly Campus (JGTC)
- EIU To Celebrate Spring Commencement for Class Of 2024 Saturday, May 4th (Effingham Radio)
- EIU's Therapy Dogs Making Positive Impact On & Off Campus (Effingham Radio)
- Jay Gatrell: The first year (The Daily Eastern News)
- EIU celebrates Holi festival of colors (The Daily Eastern News)
- Lake Land College partners with Eastern Illinois University to create transfer agreement for English majors (My Radio Link)
- Sean Payton, Tony Romo, Mike Shanahan, & Jimmy Garoppolo return to EIU (WICS)
- Eastern Illinois furry officers create a 'pawsitive' change in law enforcement (WICS)
- EIU remembers Jan Tarble, namesake of Tarble Arts Center (Yahoo News)
- EIU invites people with disabilities onto football field for special event (Yahoo News)

Multiple/miscellaneous outlets

- Graduate student shines in the USA, wins prestigious research award (Business and Financial Times)
- Eastern Illinois University's Grace McClellan excels in creating and teaching art Arts (Smile Politely)
- New partnership to create opportunities for Bement students at Eastern Illinois (WAND)
- AC Central Senior Receives Full-Ride Presidential Scholarship to EIU (WLDS)
- EIU announces plans to offer direct admission to more high school seniors (WCIA)

^{*}EIU receives a significant amount of media coverage on the success of its Athletics teams and the achievements of its student-athletes; those items are not represented on the above list but are available at eiupanthers.com.

E. Other Matters

F. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment