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A. **Approval of Minutes**

November 3, 2006 Board Meeting

November 8, 2006 Board Meeting

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B. Amendment to the Alumni Association Contract

At the June 23, 2006 meeting of the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees, the Board voted to approve the master contract between the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University and the Eastern Illinois University Alumni Association, Inc.

The following revision to this contract is being presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration:

Section 10.a:

Currently reads as follows:

Through ~~June 30, 2006~~, the University shall use the premises for its office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, related support staff, and such other purposes as the parties may from time to time agree. Two parking places will be provided for the Dean's staff.

Proposed revision:

Through June 30, 2008, the University shall use the premises for its office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, related support staff, and such other purposes as the parties may from time to time agree. Two parking places will be provided for the Dean's staff.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this revision to the master contract between the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University and the Eastern Illinois University Alumni Association, Inc.

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C. Revision to the EIU Mission Statement [First Reading]

Current EIU Mission Statement

Eastern Illinois University offers superior yet accessible undergraduate and graduate education. Students learn the methods and outcomes of free inquiry in the arts, sciences, humanities, and professions, guided by a faculty known for its commitment to teaching, research/creative activity, and service. The University community strives to create an educational and cultural environment in which students refine their abilities to reason and to communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens in a diverse world.

Proposed Revised EIU Mission Statement – Approved by CUPB on October 20, 2006

Eastern Illinois University is a public comprehensive university that offers superior, accessible undergraduate and graduate education. Students learn the methods and results of free and rigorous inquiry in the arts, humanities, sciences, and professions, guided by a faculty known for its excellence in teaching, research, creative activity, and service. The University community is committed to diversity and inclusion and fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences within a student-centered campus culture. Throughout their education, students refine their abilities to reason and to communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens and leaders.

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D. Revision to Board *Regulations* [First Reading]



Regulations

SECTION: IV. Students

Issued: January 26, 1998

IV. STUDENTS

A. Admission Policies

The University shall develop policies for the admission of undergraduate and graduate students. The policies shall become effective when approved by the President and shall be:

1. Consistent with the Board's commitment to equal opportunity for qualified students to attend the University.
2. Consistent with admission standards approved by the Board of Higher Education.
3. Published in appropriate university catalogs.

The President shall submit a report to the Board any change in the admission policies.

B. Student Financial Aid

1. Definition

Student financial aid includes tuition waivers, scholarships, grants, loans, and employment opportunities which are provided for students to assist them in meeting the costs of university attendance whether from university, state, federal, or private resources.

2. Financial Aid Policies

The University shall develop policies for the administration of its financial aid program. The policies shall become effective when approved by the President.

Financial aid policies shall be consistent with the Board's commitment to provide an equal opportunity to qualified Illinois residents to attend the University. The policies shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as are necessary and appropriate:

- a. Policies and procedures concerning the award of tuition waivers. The policies and procedures shall describe all tuition waivers issued by the University and the criteria for their award. The policies and procedures shall comply with Board of Higher Education tuition waiver policies and the other applicable laws, policies, rules, or requirements.

In compliance with [110 ILCS 665/10-90](#), the University's policies and procedures for the award of tuition waivers shall provide that each eligible child of any Illinois Public University employee who has been employed for at least 7 years by an Illinois Public University shall, upon proper application and verification of eligibility, be offered a 50% tuition waiver for any academic year for which he or she:

- (1) is under the age of 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the partial tuition waiver is to be effective. Eligibility for this purpose will be verified on a year-by-year basis;
- (2) qualifies for admission under the same admissions requirements, standards, and policies which the University generally applies to applicants for admission to its respective undergraduate programs;

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(3) is the natural, adopted, or step-child of a current University employee who has been employed for a total of at least 7 cumulative years. Academic years shall count as calendar years for those employees normally employed on an academic year basis. Employment which is or was contingent upon an individual's status as an enrolled student shall not be counted as part of this 7 cumulative years of employment;

(4) has, if the application is for a renewal of the award, maintained satisfactory academic progress toward graduation as this would be determined by the established rules of the University; and

(5) has not expended a total of 4 years of undergraduate 50% tuition waiver benefits as provided under this section. For purposes of this subsection, 4 years shall be considered to be either 12 academic terms or the number of hours necessary to complete an undergraduate degree as defined by the University, whichever is completed first.

- b. Policies and procedures concerning the employment and compensation of student hourly workers. The policies and procedures shall comply with the [rules of the State Universities Civil Service System](#) and with applicable state and federal employment law.
- c. Policies and procedures concerning the appointment, hours of work, and compensation of graduate assistants. Graduate assistants may not hold faculty rank and must hold at least the baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.

3. Financial Aid Report

The President shall submit an annual report to the Board on student financial aid programs at the University.

C. Residency Status

1. Definitions

For purposes of this regulation, the following definitions pertain:

- a. An "adult student" is a student who is eighteen or more years of age.
- b. A "minor student" is a student who is less than eighteen years of age.
- c. An "emancipated minor student" is a completely self-supporting student who is less than eighteen years of age. Marriage or active military service shall be regarded as effecting the emancipation of minors, whether male or female, for the purposes of this regulation.
- d. "Residence" means legal domicile. Voter registration, filing of tax returns, proper license and registration for driving or ownership of a vehicle, and other such transactions may verify intent of residence in a state. Neither length of university attendance nor continued presence in the university community during vacation periods shall be construed to be proof of Illinois residence. Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, no parent or legal or natural guardian will be considered a resident unless the parent or guardian maintains a bona fide and permanent residence in Illinois, except when temporarily absent from Illinois, with no intention of changing his or her legal residence to some other state or country.

2. Residency Determination

The University shall determine the residency status of each student enrolled in the University for the purpose of determining whether the student is assessed in-state or out-of-state tuition. Each applicant for admission to the University shall submit at the time of application evidence for determination of residency. The office responsible for admissions shall make a determination of residency status.

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- a. If a non-resident is classified by error as a resident, a change in tuition charges shall be applicable beginning with the term following reclassification. If the erroneous resident classification is caused by false information submitted by the student, a change in tuition charges shall be applicable for each term in which tuition charges were based on such false information. In addition, the student who has submitted false information may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
- b. If a resident is classified by error as a non-resident, a change in tuition charges shall be applicable during the term in which the reclassification occurs, provided that the student has filed a written request for review in accordance with this regulation.

3. Residency Requirements

a. Adult Students

To be considered a resident, an adult student must have been a bona fide resident of Illinois for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the beginning of any term for which the individual registers at the University and must continue to maintain a bona fide residence in Illinois. In the case of adult students who reside with their parents (or one of them if only one parent is living or the parents are separated or divorced), the student will be considered a resident if the parents have established and are maintaining a bona fide residence in Illinois.

b. Minor Students

The residence of a minor student shall be considered to be the same as and change with the following:

1. That of the minor's parents if they are living together, or the living parent if one is deceased; or
2. If the parents are separated or divorced, that of the parent to whom custody of the minor has been awarded by court decree or order, or, in the absence of a court decree or order, that of the father unless the minor has continuously resided with the mother for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the minor's registration at the University, in which latter case the minor's residence shall be considered to be that of the mother; or
3. If the minor has been legally adopted, that of the adoptive parents, and, in the event the adoptive parents become divorced or separated, that of the adoptive parent whose residence would govern under the foregoing rules if the parent had been a natural parent; or
4. That of the legally appointed guardian of the person; or
5. That of a "natural" guardian such as a grandparent, adult brother or adult sister, adult uncle or aunt, or other adult with whom the minor has resided and by whom the minor has been supported for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the minor's registration at the university for any term if the minor's parents are deceased or have abandoned the minor and if no legal guardian of the minor has been appointed and qualified.

c. Emancipated Minors

If emancipated minors actually reside in Illinois, such minors shall be considered residents even though their parents or guardians may not reside in Illinois. Emancipated minors who are completely self-supporting shall be considered residents if they have maintained a dwelling place within Illinois uninterrupted for a period of at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the beginning of any term for which they register at the university. Emancipated minors who reside with their parents and whose parents (or one of them if one parent is living or the parents are separated or divorced) have established and are maintaining a bona fide Illinois residence shall be regarded as residents.

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d. Minor Children of Parents Transferred outside the United States

The minor children of persons who have resided in Illinois for at least twelve consecutive months immediately prior to a transfer by their employers to some location outside of the United States shall be considered residents. This rule shall apply, however, only when the minor children of such parents enroll in the University within five years of the time their parents are transferred by their employer to a location outside the United States.

e. Married Students

A non-resident student, whether minor or adult, who is married to a person who meets and complies with all of the applicable requirements of these regulations to establish residence status, shall be classified as a resident.

f. Armed Forces Personnel

Non-residents of Illinois who are on active duty with one of the services of the Armed Forces of the United States who are stationed in Illinois and who submit evidence of such service and station, as well as the spouses and dependent children of such persons, shall be considered residents as long as such persons remain stationed in Illinois and the spouses and/or dependent children of such persons also reside in Illinois. If such persons are transferred to a post outside the continental United States but such persons remain registered at the University, residency status shall continue until such time as these persons are stationed within a state other than Illinois within the continental United States.

g. Staff Members of the University, Allied Agencies, and Faculty of State-Supported Institutions in Illinois

Staff members of the University and of allied agencies, and faculties of state-supported institutions of higher education in Illinois, holding appointment of at least one-quarter time, and their spouses and dependent children, shall be treated as residents.

h. Teachers in Public and Private Illinois Schools

Teachers in the public and private elementary and secondary schools of Illinois shall, if subject to payment of tuition, be assessed at the resident rate during any term in which they hold an appointment of at least one-quarter time, including the summer session immediately following the term in which the appointment was effective.

4. Residency Status Appeal Procedure

Students who take exception to their residency status classification shall pay the tuition assessed but may file a claim in writing to the university office responsible for reconsideration of residency status. The written claim must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the tuition bill or the student loses all rights to a change of residency status for the term in question. If the student is dissatisfied with the ruling in response to the written claim made within said period, the student may file a written appeal within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the decision to the responsible university office. Such written appeals shall be forwarded to the appropriate university vice president, who shall consider all evidence submitted in connection with the case and render a decision which shall be final.

5. Special Situations

- a. Upon recommendation of the President, the Board may, in special situations, grant residency status **for the purpose of tuition** to categories of persons otherwise classified as non-residents under this regulation.
- b. **For employees and their immediate families, the President in special situations may grant in-state residency status for the purpose of tuition to categories of persons otherwise classified as non-residents under this regulation.**

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D. Student Conduct

The University shall develop policies concerning student rights and conduct. The policies and any changes shall become effective when approved by the President.

The policies shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as are necessary and appropriate:

1. Recognition of basic student rights.
2. Clarification of the distinction between university conduct standards and those established by civil and criminal statutes.
3. Specific prohibited conduct, with sanctions which may be imposed for such conduct.
4. Procedures for presenting complaints of prohibited conduct and a due process for determining whether violations have occurred.
5. Grievance procedures.

E. Student Activities and Organizations

The University shall develop policies concerning student activities and organizations. The policies and any changes shall become effective when approved by the President.

The policies shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as are necessary and appropriate:

1. Procedures for recognition of approved university activities and organizations.
2. Procedures for the approval of allocations and expenditures of student activity funds.

F. Student Publications and Broadcasting Policies

The University shall develop policies concerning the operation of all student media which are supported in whole or in part by university funds. The policies and any changes shall become effective when approved by the President.

The policies shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as are necessary and appropriate:

1. Necessary management elements for the conduct of student media organizations, including specifying the line of authority and responsibility from the President to the staff of each organization.
2. Method of funding and procedures for budget approval.
3. Establishment of a staff organization, of fiscal authority responsibility, and of guidelines for the conduct of operations.
4. Provisions for a faculty/staff advisor and for selection of principal student staff and advisors.
5. Establishment of appropriate ethical and professional standards.
6. Complaint procedures.
7. Requirements for assuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

G. Student Legal Services

The University may develop policies concerning the provision of student legal services. The policies and any changes shall become effective when approved by the President.

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The policies shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as are necessary and appropriate:

1. That the attorney may be an independent contractor or an employee of the University.
2. That the attorney acts on behalf of students and not as an attorney or agent for the Board or the University.
3. Functions of the attorney, types and limitations of legal service which may be provided.
4. Establishment of an Advisory Board.

H. Student Housing

The University shall develop policies concerning student housing. The policies and any changes shall become effective when approved by the President.

The policies shall include the following provisions:

1. Eligibility for housing.
2. Procedures for assignment of housing.
3. Billing and refund procedures.
4. Sanctions for violations of housing policies.
5. Any other provisions as deemed necessary.

I. Military Service

The University shall develop policies concerning credit for students who are called into active military service. The policies and any changes shall become effective when approved by the President.

The policies shall include the following provisions:

1. Provisions for course credit and residence credit for students who withdraw during the term.
2. Provisions for make up of coursework missed while attending annual training.
3. Any other provisions as deemed necessary.

J. Intercollegiate Athletics Policy

An intercollegiate athletics program is an important and worthwhile activity. A properly administered program can make a significant contribution to the quality of campus and student life.

The primary responsibility for management of an intercollegiate athletics program rests with the University President. The President's exercise of that responsibility is subject to applicable law and Board policies, including the following:

1. The President shall inform the Board in advance of any action or proposal which significantly affects the intercollegiate athletics program, including proposals to change conferences, athletic associations or divisions, or to add or drop sports.
2. State appropriations may be used to support the intercollegiate athletics program, but no more than 1.5 percent of the University's annual state appropriation may be expended for intercollegiate athletics unless approved by the Board.

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3. Student athletic fees may be used to support the intercollegiate athletics program, but increases in such fees should normally not exceed the projected rate of inflation for the year in which the increase is to take effect. Proposals to increase student athletic fees should not be presented for Board approval without prior consultation with appropriate student advisory bodies.
4. Every effort should be made to minimize reliance on state appropriations and student fees as revenue sources for intercollegiate athletics.
5. The President shall prepare an annual report for the Board on intercollegiate athletics which shall include appropriate financial and program information.

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A. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Storage Technology Corp.	Computer software and hardware maintenance and support.	A	\$120,000 (not to exceed)
Honeywell, Inc.	Maintenance, monitoring and training on energy savings projects.	B	103,134
WSI Corporation	Weather system for WEIU News Watch	C	128,640

^A Sole source for maintenance and support on software purchased from Storage Technology Corp.

^B Annual payment. This 10-year agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees April 14, 2003.

^C Sole source. Upgrading existing system.

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B. Intercollegiate Athletics Report

Eastern Illinois University sponsors 22 intercollegiate sports, 11 each for men and women. There are approximately 500 student-athletes participating. In addition, support groups involve approximately 75 students with the cheer team, Pink Panthers 'dance team' and student training staff who assist the full-time certified medical staff. The cheer team entertains at all home football, men's and women's basketball and volleyball games. Eastern is NCAA Division I in all sports with football in I-AA. The Panthers are members of the 11 team Ohio Valley Conference and compete for league championships in 17 sports. Men's soccer is affiliated with the Missouri Valley Conference and men's/women's swimming are members of the Mid-Continent Conference since the OVC does not sponsor those particular sports. Wrestling qualifies for the national championship through NCAA regional tournaments. Rugby is independent.

Academic Performance

NCAA Graduation Rate Data (Six Year Figures)

Year	All Students	Student-Athletes	Exhausted Eligibility
2005	62%	69%	91%
2004	62%	69%	91%
2003	66%	69%	91%
2002	65%	69%	91%
2001	68%	71%	90%
2000	65%	65%	89%

	Fall 2005	Spring 2006
Women Athletes Avg. GPA	3.138	3.250
Men Athletes Avg. GPA	2.797	2.760
Student Athlete Avg. GPA	2.967	2.920

2005-2006 OVC Medal of Honor Winners (4.00 GPA) –

Brian Morrell, Baseball
Jake Byrne, Men's Basketball
Meagan Scaggs, Women's Basketball
Dan Stracklejahn, Men's Cross Country
Megan Balas, Women's Cross Country
Amy LeJeune, Women's Cross Country
Amanda Schutte, Women's Cross Country
Jordan Campanella, Football
Kim Garkie, Women's Soccer
Meghon Ryan, Women's Soccer
Victoria Garrison, Women's Soccer
Trisha Walter, Women's Soccer
Madina Mambetova, Women's Tennis
Megan Lewandowski, Women's Track & Field
Nicole Marczewski, Women's Track & Field

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Shannon McDougall, Women's Track & Field
Megan Kennedy, Volleyball

In addition, the following Non-OVC Sport Student-Athletes earned a 4.00 GPA for the year...

Kim Fischer, Women's Swimming
Greg Perz, Men's Wrestling

2005-2006 Academic Honors

In Fall 2005, 11 teams had GPA's above 3.00
In Spring 2006, 12 teams had GPA's above 3.00

In Fall 2005, 43 student-athletes had 4.00 GPA's
In Spring 2006, 40 student-athletes had 4.00 GPA's

In Fall 2005, 71 student-athletes had GPA's between 3.50 and 4.00.
In Spring 2006, 94 student-athletes had GPA's between 3.50 and 4.00.

In Fall 2005, 52% of all student-athletes had GPA's above 3.00.
In Spring 2006, 55% of all student-athletes had GPA's above 3.00.

153 EIU student-athletes were named to the **Commissioner's Honor Roll** with a minimum GPA of 3.25 for the academic year. Sport totals were:

Baseball	8
Men's Basketball	1
Women's Basketball	8
Men's Cross Country	9
Women's Cross Country	7
Football	15
Men's Golf	6
Women's Golf	3
Women's Rugby	10
Men's Soccer	6
Women's Soccer	12
Softball	8
Men's Swimming	7
Women's Swimming	14
Men's Tennis	1
Women's Tennis	6
Men's Track	5
Women's Track	15
Volleyball	6
Wrestling	6

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B. Intercollegiate Athletics Report (Cont.)

2005-2006 Review

During the 2005-2006 academic year, Panther men's and women's teams combined to place fourth out of 11 universities in the Ohio Valley Conference All-Sports Championship. Combining all ten years that Eastern has been a member of the Ohio Valley Conference, the Panthers still are No. 1 overall in the All-Sports competition.

EIU has been the All-Sports champion three of the past six years, and four out of ten years overall.

Panther football competed in the NCAA I-AA tournament for the sixth time in 11 years. The Panthers won three regular season OVC conference championships in football, men's indoor track and men's cross country.

Academic Awards

Dan Strackeljahn (cross country/track) – OVC Scholar-Athlete
First Team Academic All-District

Erik Huber – First Team Academic All-District

Megan Kennedy (volleyball) – First Team Academic All-District

Tom Schofield (football) – First Team Academic All-District

Katy Steele (softball) – Second Team Academic All-District

Sharyne Connell (soccer) – Second Team Academic All-District

Trisha Walter (soccer) – Second Team Academic All-District

Greg Perz (wrestling) – Academic All-American, National Wrestling Coaches Association

Team/Individual Honors

Baseball – 31-24, 3rd in OVC

Mark Chagnon – Second Team All-Mideast Region

Men's Basketball –

Mike Robinson – OVC 'Freshman of the Year'

Women's Basketball –

Rachel Galligan – OVC 'Freshman of the Year'

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Men's Cross Country – 1st in OVC

Geoff Masanet – OVC 'Coach of the Year'

Women's Cross Country - 2nd in OVC

Jessica Blondell – OVC 'Freshman of the Year'

Football – 9-3, Ohio Valley Conference Champion

Clint Sellers – OVC Defensive 'Player of the Year'

First Team All-American, American Football Coaches Association

First Team All-American, Football Gazette

Second Team All-American, The Sports Network

Third Team All-American, Associated Press

Tristan Burge – Second Team All-American, The Sports Network

Second Team All-American, Football Gazette

Lucius Seymour – Third Team All-American, Football Gazette

Bob Spoo - OVC 'Coach of the Year'

Women's Rugby – 9-1 Record, 37-3 Three Year Record

Softball – 36-26-1, 3rd in OVC

Rachel Karos – Second Team All-Mideast Region

Women's Soccer – 2nd place in OVC

Men's Soccer –

Jimmy Klatter – Drafted by St. Louis Steamers in Major Indoor Soccer League

Men's Swimming – 4th in Mid-Continent Conference

Women's Swimming – 2nd in Mid-Continent Conference

Men's Indoor Track – OVC Champions, 6th Consecutive Year

Obe Ureteya – OVC Male 'Field Athlete of the Year'

Tom Akers 'Coach of the Year'

Men's Outdoor Track – 2nd in OVC

Austin Hogue - OVC Male 'Field Athlete of the Year'

- NCAA National Qualifier

Women's Outdoor Track - 3rd in OVC

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Volleyball – 4th in OVC

Wrestling –

Greg Perz – NCAA Qualifier

Kenny Robertson – NCAA Qualifier

Reach For the 21st Century Initiative

A new academic services center with offices for men's and women's basketball coaching staffs has been completed as a second level addition on the east side of Lantz Arena.

This center includes a computer lab, study area and offices for the academic services staff. Student athletes have one location to attend study table, work with tutors and have access to computers. It improves personal interaction with the academic services staff.

The basketball complex includes offices for the men's and women's basketball head coaches plus offices for the assistant coaches in those sports.

Panther Club

Eastern Illinois University's Panther Club continues to grow as it broadens its scope of fund raising and promotion of Panther athletics. The organization received cash and in-kind pledges in excess of \$700,000., setting a new record.

Incorporating Panther Club donations, contributions to The Reach For The 21st Century initiative, and corporate sponsorship, external revenue approached \$1 million.

The Panther Club Board of Directors serve on six committees, and the chairs of those six committees now comprise the Executive Board of Directors along with two athletic staff members, Associate Director of Athletics John Smith and Assistant Director of Development Pam Collins. The committees are golf outings, Spring Fling fund raiser, annual fund drive, special events, corporate and outreach membership.

Challenges

The University continues to face challenges in the Athletics Department relative to sufficient funding to support 22 intercollegiate sports. Support services such as business functions, athletic training services, promotion and marketing, equipment room services, academic services, compliance services and strength training services continue to be overburdened as they attempt to service 500 student-athletes and an additional 175 students in support groups.

Although the Athletics Department has made some progress renovating various facilities used by Athletics and Physical education, attempting to manage a 40 year old facility (Lantz Building) is an ongoing challenge. To meet the needs of the various constituencies using the Lantz Building significant study and attention needs to be paid to the aging facility.

Supporting the scholarship budget needs of a 22 sport program is essential if Panther teams are to continue to have the opportunity to compete on an even playing field. The Athletics Department is far from its goal of funding the scholarship budget at NCAA levels that most of its

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competition is currently funding. If Panther teams are to be competitive, the challenge of additional funding of scholarships must be met as soon as possible.

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C. Update on Title IX Gender Equity Surveys

Eastern's Office of Civil Rights and Diversity collects survey data and other types of information as part of a process required by the U. S. Office for Civil Rights to monitor whether the university is providing equal opportunities for its female students in inter-collegiate athletics.

As part of this ongoing process, Eastern's Office of Civil Rights and Diversity analyzed responses from 2,013 freshmen and transfer students who completed Title IX Interests and Abilities surveys during the 2006 summer orientation process. Longitudinal data and other information suggest that Eastern currently is fully and effectively accommodating the interests and abilities of its female students to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

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D. Eastern Illinois University Foundation Report

Mr. Dave Maurer, Vice President of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation Board will make a presentation to the Board.

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E. **Construction Update**

Mr. Gary Reed, Director of Facilities Planning and Management will make a presentation to the Board regarding construction projects taking place on campus.

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F. **President's Report**

Dr. Dianne E. Nelson will make a presentation regarding the Nursing Program at Eastern Illinois University.

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G. **Reports from Constituencies**

1. Dr. Assege HaileMariam – Faculty Senate
2. Mr. Sean Anderson – Student Government

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H. **Report from Board Chair**

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I. **Committee Reports**

Finance/Audit Committee

Mr. Bill O'Rourke
Dr. Robert Webb

Board Relations Committee

Mr. Roger Kratochvil
Mr. Don Yost

Executive/Planning Committee

Mr. Leo Welch
Dr. Robert Webb
Mr. Roger Kratochvil
Mr. Bill O'Rourke

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Leo Welch
Ms. Julie Nimmons
Ms. Amanda Raz

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J. University Highlights

AROUND CAMPUS

Blair Hall restoration nets award. In recognition of its work in the restoration of Blair Hall, KJWW Engineering Consultants of St. Louis, Mo., has been awarded the 2006 Excellence in Design Award from PM Engineer magazine. As a result, Blair Hall was featured on the magazine's November 2006 cover, and a lengthy story with photos was included inside.

Veterans honored with ceremony. EIU hosted a Veterans Day celebration in front of Old Main for the first time in recent memory. A crowd including more than 100 veterans from a range of military branches, wars and conflicts turned out to show their support for those who served in the past and those currently serving in the Armed Forces. The ceremony honored veterans with a 21-gun salute, as well as a presentation of a wreath and the playing of taps. EIU President Lou Hencken said it was time the university brought back the tradition. "The university needed to do more to celebrate the veterans on campus," Hencken said. Alex Oakley, a Marine from Mattoon, returned from Iraq Oct. 30, and said it was nice to see a good turnout. "It was a great ceremony," Oakley said. "It's very important to honor veterans of all age groups."

– *Journal Gazette/Times-Courier*

Payroll prepares to switch to Banner. A major Banner/EISE project milestone is fast approaching, as EIU's payroll system is to switch to the Banner system this month. The first paychecks in January 2007 will be the first ones run through the Banner system, but most employees shouldn't notice many differences, other than some slight changes in their pay stubs. This fall semester, employees from benefits, payroll and human resources have conducted a large amount of testing to make sure the transition goes smoothly. "To say that everyone on the team has put in a lot of work and overtime, a lot of sweat and blood, would truly be an understatement," said Linda Holloway, assistant director of Payroll & Benefits. "That we've met this project deadline on time speaks well of the team. Everyone has stepped up to the plate."

FACULTY/STAFF HAPPENINGS

EIU Faculty Development program receives national award. Too often, universities' new faculty members arrive at an unfamiliar campus feeling lost and completely on their own. But at EIU, a rapidly growing Faculty Development program reaches out to new employees to encourage and support them in all facets of their lives, professional and personal. The program, which started forming in 2002, has been so revolutionary that it was one of only eight institutions to be awarded a 2006 Innovation Award from the Professional and Organizational Development Network. Specifically, the award lauded EIU's new-faculty orientation program and its "wholesome professor" theme, as well as its Faculty Appreciation Day event. "It's an honor that our work has been recognized, because it has been a collaborative effort from a group of tenacious, dedicated and supportive administrators, faculty and staff to better serve our students," said Mildred Pearson, director of EIU Faculty Development. "This award honors the entire EIU family."

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J. University Highlights (Cont.)

Painter featured on CBS's 'The Early Show.' James Painter, chair of EIU's School of Family and Consumer Sciences, appeared on CBS's "The Early Show" on Dec. 1, thanks to Katie Couric's interest in his research on food portions. CBS had originally planned to do a segment on Painter's "Portion Size Me" documentary last November, but the piece never aired. But when Couric, the new anchor of "CBS Evening News," started doing a series on obesity, she remembered Painter's story and had "The Early Show" track him down. He was flown to New York for the interview session, which included on-camera re-creations of some of his studies involving people's food-portion perceptions.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Romo takes reins of Dallas Cowboys, captures nation's attention. Since being named the Dallas Cowboys' starting quarterback on Oct. 31, Tony Romo '02 has breathed new life into the team, leading it to several victories and tying the franchise record by throwing five touchdown passes during the Cowboys' Thanksgiving win over Tampa Bay. For up-to-date information, see "The Tony Romo Watch" at <http://www.eiupanthers.com>.

Cross country alumni establish memorial scholarship. To honor the memory of a special friend and teammate, former members of EIU's cross country team have established the Walter L. Crawford Memorial Distance Running Scholarship. Crawford's story includes dropping out of EIU to join the Marines, then returning to complete a degree and compete on the cross country team; running 60-plus-mile races and becoming one of the nation's best distance runners; and devoting his life to teaching troubled inner-city youth. In the end, Crawford fought a paralyzing neurodegenerative disorder – amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease – with his characteristic strength, tenacity and dignity. Crawford died in August at the age of 57. The scholarship is an excellent way "to honor his memory and the ways in which he encouraged the EIU distance running family," said Tom Woodall, Crawford's coach at EIU.

FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

Panthers make football playoffs. Competing as an at-large entry in the NCAA Division I playoffs, EIU lost its first-round game to Illinois State University, 24-13, at O'Brien Stadium on Nov. 25. It was the Panthers' fifth playoff appearance since the 2000 season. EIU finished the regular season at 8-4 and was co-champion of the Ohio Valley Conference at 7-1 in league play.

Spoo returns to lead the Panthers. After missing the 2006 football season to recover from a medical procedure, long-time EIU head football coach Bob Spoo has returned to his full-time duties. In his two decades at EIU, Spoo has coached five future NFL quarterbacks. Spoo, the winningest active coach in the Ohio Valley Conference, has won four league titles and made eight NCAA football championship playoff appearances. EIU has been successful both on and off the field with 40 All-Americans on the field and numerous Academic All-Region honorees. The Panthers have also had four Academic All-Americans under Spoo's leadership.

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K. **Other Matters**

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L. **Public Comment**