

MINUTES
Board of Trustees of Illinois State University
January 13, 2017

Donahue: I will now call the January quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University to order—and ask Secretary Davis to call the roll.

The following members were present:

Trustee Bergman
Trustee Churney
Trustee Davis
Trustee Dobski
Trustee Donahue
Trustee Kinser
Trustee Louderback
Trustee Powers

Absent:

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

President Larry H. Dietz
Interim Vice President and Provost Jan Murphy
Vice President for Student Affairs Levester Johnson
Vice President for Finance and Planning Greg Alt
Vice President for University Advancement Pat Vickerman
Board Legal Counsel Jane Denes
Chief of Staff Jay Groves

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Donahue: Thank you Secretary Davis. You have before you the agenda for today's meeting. Could I have a motion and second to approve the agenda? Trustee Churney so moved and seconded by Trustee Dobski. Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

You also have before you the Minutes of the October 28, 2016 meeting and the November 2-4, 2016 board retreat. Could I have a motion and second to approve those minutes? Trustee Davis so moved and seconded by Trustee Louderback. Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as all members present voting aye.

The minutes of the October 28, 2016 meeting and the November board retreat are approved.

I would also like a motion to release the executive session minutes from May 6 and July 22, 2016. Trustee Powers so moved and seconded by Trustee Churney. Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as all members voting aye.

Good morning, everyone. Today's meeting will be a bittersweet one for us and for the entire university community. The face of the Board of Trustees will be changing. We have long-time Board members who are departing, and the Governor's Office is appointing three new Board members—perhaps as we speak right now.

Before we get into it there is someone here I would like to recognize, and that's state Rep. Dan Brady. Dan has consistently been the voice and the face of ISU in Springfield and we appreciate all your help. Dan, say hello.

If you will indulge me, I want to take a moment to recognize each Board member who will be leaving, and give them a chance to say a few words. Their work over the years has helped to guide this University through its challenges and successes, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. I want to make sure that everyone recognizes that it's 35 years of service from Jay Bergman, Anne Davis, and Betty Kinser, 35 years of service that's leaving this board. . . and you don't replace 35 years. It has made this board and this university so successful. We often like to talk about ISU's points of pride, and we talk about our record enrollments, and we like to tell everybody how our GPA of incoming freshmen is rising and our ACT scores are rising. When I was here our competition was EIU, WIU, and the directionals. Now our competition is Iowa, U of I, and Missouri. We like to talk about our graduation and

retention rates, and how beautiful this campus looks with the COB and the recreation center and Hancock Stadium, and all of those things are a result in part of these three individuals. Personally I want to thank them personally for their leadership and their friendship.

Jay D. Bergman is the longest-serving member in the history of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, appointed to the Board in 2003. We have appreciated his insights and business savvy on the Board. Would you say a few words, Trustee Bergman?

Bergman: Last evening we had a nice dinner over at the university residence that included our current board, several former board members, several administrators and a few others. I used my time to thank my fellow trustees current and prior for their professionalism and their friendship. I'd like to expand on that a little this morning. I'd like to thank the ISU community as a whole for their friendship. We have a unique situation here, a unique culture on this campus. In my mind it starts with the faculty and their interactions with the students. At some other universities faculty look at teaching as a necessary evil to get a paycheck because they really want to do research. That's not the attitude I've seen here. Of course we do fine research here, but our faculty considers their primary job is to teach, and I think our culture starts there. Frankly, we have a lot of nice people here. You hear this from family, many different venues and sometimes it's true and sometimes it's less true but you hear about the Redbird family and in fact Dan actually mentioned the Redbird family last night, and that's really true. I started in 1986 when Lloyd Watkins was president and just this morning I thought that about two years after I started I was at a Foundation event in Chicago was the first time I met Mary Anne Louderback. We of course almost 30 years ago were very young at the time, but in any event we have a very unique culture here, and I've been a part of it for 30 years and to an extent I hope to continue, but I just want to thank everybody in the Redbird family for their friendship. Saying that, you may think why is he leaving? I can tell it has nothing to do with any dissatisfaction or lessening of interest in ISU. Now that I'm approaching middle age I'm trying to cut back a bit. Lori and I bought a home in Florida a couple of years ago but we're still primary residents of Illinois, and until the legislature raises the income tax I will continue to be a primary resident of Illinois rather than Florida that has no income tax. In any event, just trying to cut back a bit. We still will be here at football games; since I've been on the board, other than the first football game of the year I've probably only missed two, three, no more than four football games in the last 14 seasons. Lori and I have season tickets and we will be here for the football games, we have season basketball tickets, we try to make about four games a year, and by the way I'm assured that I have season football tickets for the same seats. Mr. President and Mr. Athletics Director, I certainly would like to keep my season basketball tickets in the same seats that I've had for the last ten years. I'll still be involved with ISU and in actuality I'll for a period of time will still be involved in the governance of ISU in a way in that I'm still on the Illinois Board of Higher Education and have been for about nine years now. While my term ends the end of June, when I said I didn't want to be reappointed I got some pushback so I said I would stick around as long as our current crisis lasts. On that board – unlike a university board – even if your term ends you serve until they appoint a replacement, so if they don't appoint a replacement I'll just serve indefinitely but in reality I told my colleagues that I would serve until we got beyond our current crises. Actually, and just a brief aside and because there are so many issues with higher education in Illinois, the sixteen-member Illinois Board of Higher Education voted to devolve most of its power to a five-member committee so that we could make decisions quickly and we have done so almost weekly. A five-member committee consists of two people from Champaign and three of us from the Chicago area. Since the people from Champaign don't want to travel up to Chicago for our meetings they attend by phone but of course given the state rules their attendance really doesn't count so it's really myself, Tom Cross, who's the chairman of the board of higher ed, and a senior board member from the Illinois Community College Board that are now overseeing things and trying to hold off whatever we can. Just this last week we voted to give the last of our \$3 million slush fund to seven community colleges that are in dire straits but that's another story. So in any event, I'll still be around. I'm still going to be involved in higher ed but in a different way. One is I'm on the American Red Cross of Chicago and Northern Illinois regional board. That oversees the Red Cross chapters in about the northern third of the state. As such I've been taking on some special projects for Gail McGovern, our chairman in Washington, and for our president in Washington and also the president of humanitarian services for the Red Cross. One of those was to put together a new format for Red Cross clubs at universities. There are some right now and I think ISU might have one, but we don't really have a national format for Red Cross clubs at universities, nor has there been a desire or the plan of the Red Cross to actively go out and start clubs. It's more like if someone wants to start a club and contacts us, we do it. I made some arguments to our folks in Washington why, when we have students in a controlled environment on campus, why we shouldn't get them started with the Red Cross right now, and I put together a program, some of which they have adopted and some of which they didn't... but I'll be involved with them for a while. The last thing that I'm involved in that will have something to do with higher education is I'm on the board of trustees of the Chicago Zoological Society. Probably a

lot of you have heard of Brookfield Zoo; we not only have Brookfield Zoo but we have a big research facility in Tampa for dolphin research and we are involved in 60 different research projects around the world, primarily with universities. What we also do there, and I'm involved to an extent, we have our own higher education program. We train master's degree students in conjunction with Miami of Ohio and we have a really good post-doc program for newly minted veterinarians that will graduate from a veterinary school and will come with us for three years. After the three years they are zoo veterinarians and they then because of supply and demand can go out and make a lot of money.

Basically that's it, thank you for all the friendship over the years, I really appreciate it, and go Redbirds.

Donahue: I made some of these comments yesterday but J.D. is like thunder rolling down the tracks, he's powerful and he's big and he's opinionated and he's intimidating, but he cares about this institution and he cares about higher education and J.D., we thank you for your years of service.

Anne Davis is also leaving our Board. Appointed in 2005, Trustee Davis brought with her a lifetime knowledge and love of education, along with a passion for diversity which has enhanced this Board. She has also served as the Board secretary for several years, and her input and her knowledge will be missed dearly.

Would you say a few words, Trustee Davis?

Davis: Yes, Mr. Chairman. First of all, let me state it's been an honor and a pleasure serving as a member of this board. Last evening when President Dietz and first lady Dietz gave a dinner in honor of those of us who are leaving as well as other board members who had served on the board, in my remarks I made the statement if in fact there was a word that would reflect my feelings and experience being on this board, that word would be proud. Being the first member of my family to graduate from college, I graduated from this university with a valued education that's just opened all kinds of doors for me. I desire to return that favor for that valued education to our students who continue here at the university, students present as well as future. I am proud of the twelve years I have served on this board whereby in each of those twelve years we've seen enrollment for students increase. We've also seen an increase in our graduates, incrementally as well, during those twelve years. As I attended the commencement exercises and I sat there on the stage and I watched hundreds of students cross that stage, receiving their degrees, and having gotten a valued education here at this university, I am Redbird proud...Redbird proud. I'm also proud of the lasting friendships that I've had at this university with my board colleagues, present as well as those who have served in the past. I'm proud of the friendships I've been able to make with our administration, President Bowman and the Cabinet members, and now President Dietz and the Cabinet members. Faculty and staff, I appreciate the work that you do day in and day out, the commitment that you give to this university and yes, even your friendship. And I also appreciate the friendship of our student board and community. I will always cherish those relationships and I want to promise you that now that I'll have more time, you'll see me at the games more, as well as other activities here on campus. It's been truly, truly, a rewarding experience serving on this board. I look forward to seeing you around. Thank you.

Donahue: I can tell you from personal experience that when Anne speaks to you, she doesn't just look into your eyes, she looks into your soul. She pulls the very best out of you, and that's the teacher in her. Anne has made me a better person and I thank you for that Anne.

We'll also be saying goodbye to Betty Kinser. Appointed to the Board in 2006, Trustee Kinser is the only trustee to have been a full-time employee of the University before joining the Board. Also an alum of Illinois State, we like to think that Betty has been the heart of our Board, and we know she will continue as an ardent supporter of ISU. Would you say a few words, Trustee Kinser?

Kinser: First of all, I want to thank the board. It's been a great group of people to work with and we don't agree all the time but we do agree most of the time. I always like to follow Anne because all I can say is ditto to everything she says because she says it so well. I appreciate being on the board not because of my role but because I've gotten to know a lot of people I wouldn't have known if I was not on the board, and one of them is Anne Davis. She's become my sister, and we have had a great time. There's someone who's not here who was part of our trio and that's Joanne Maitland. I would not have known Joanne Maitland as well as I do if I had not been on this board with her. She's a marvelous person and she has become my hero. Another person is Marlene Dietz. She has stepped in and done a great job as first lady after Linda Bowman. Linda Bowman, Joanne Maitland, and Marlene Dietz have been

patterns and my heroes for quite some time. And, the other person is someone that's not here and not on the board, and that's Dorothy Deany. Everybody asks me if she is my sister; well, she's not my sister but we've known each other for about 50 years and she sticks with me. She called me the other morning at 8 o'clock and said Betty don't go out, it's icy, and I said okay and I listen to everything she says. She and her husband Bernie have been with me ever since I had my health issue and she and Bernie take me everywhere but they love sports. Their daughter played basketball with Jill Hutchison and so they are very plugged into ISU and they both graduated... Dorothy graduated in biology and early childhood and Bernie graduated in art.

I'm just so gracious and grateful to all the help and all the support and all the smiling faces I see. Everybody says "how are we doing at ISU?" and I always say we don't have any money but we're very happy, we're broke but happy. I've enjoyed it so much and I will be here, I will be here a lot. I've not missed but one football game and I missed that football game because my grandson was playing football in California. And I've missed no basketball games, and that's after having heart surgery. That's why I got to know the people at Mennonite because they took care of me also. It's a great school, great faculty, and Janet Krejci's the other part of my female group. We're all going to get together and have a party someday. Anne and I will stay in contact and she's going to come down and I'm going to go out and we're going to have lunch. She's a great friend, and thank you very much to everyone here, I do appreciate it. Thank you.

Donahue: The fabric of this community runs through Betty. Betty brings the ISU spirit to this board. Betty is the board's moral compass; as I said earlier she is the heart of the board. Betty has taught us and myself especially to open our hearts and never let go of those romantic dreams that are in our heads. Thank you, Trustee Kinser.

I know I speak for all of us on the Board when I say it has been an honor to serve with those members who are leaving us. And I know this will not be the end of your connection with Illinois State in the years to come.

Although we've not yet been told by the governor's office who our next trustees will be, we have been informed that Trustee Dobski will be appointed to a full term, so congratulations Bob and we look forward to you continuing to stay with us.

There's one other person who's leaving us today, not necessarily today, but this will be the last time we may meet like this and this person is never sat at this table. It seems strange for me to say that Jay Groves has been a silent member of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State, because anyone who knows Jay would never use the word silent when describing him. This is Jay's last board meeting as he will be retiring in April after 34 years at Illinois State University, 21 of those years working with the Board of Trustees and my understanding is attending 85 meetings; in fact, it's my understanding that Jay has attended every meeting in the history of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University. Say what you may about Jay, but think of that institutional knowledge. We talked about 35 years of institutional knowledge leaving from this board, 85 meetings of institutional knowledge that Jay has cannot be replaced. I know I speak for the entire board when I say that Jay's work has been invaluable to all of us over the years. He leaves behind a legacy of wise counsel, guidance, and humor. Jay, can you please come up here? We have a token of appreciation for you. Ladies and gentlemen, Jay Groves.

I want to make sure everyone understands this "Groves Way" (sign) is because no matter what, I might be the chairman and we might be the Board of Trustees but it's Groves' way around here.

Groves: This is not the first time you've gone off script. Thank you all very much.

Kinser: There's someone that I forgot to mention that we all should be very pleased with, and that's Julie Barnhill. She has been our savior for a long time, so thank you to Julie Barnhill.

Dietz: I appreciate being invited to say a few words about Jay, but before I do that, just for the audience's information that we didn't shortchange the trustees who are leaving us, we gave them gifts last night and I should also say for the benefit of individuals that no state money was used in the purchase of any of these gifts. I'd like to add a word about Jay Groves, our departing chief of staff. It was President Emeritus Al Bowman who gave me the best advice for working with Jay; he simply said "listen to him, he knows what he's doing." Throughout the decades Jay has been here to help the university find its voice from his time as a student at Illinois State to training generations of young reporters as the head of TV-10, to directing Media Relations, and finally, as the right hand of the office of President. He's helped with transitions from president to president, and presidential teams to

presidential teams. He has helped me immeasurably navigate my way through the challenges of the office everyday and he has done so professionally, always giving others the credit for many things he has done, and always with a sense of humor. So Jay, I would simply say your presence and institutional knowledge is not something that we can replace so instead today we celebrate with you in all that you have given the University and I will say thank you Jay for a job well done.

Donahue: Now I'd also like to add another word of thanks, this time for the representatives of the America's Promise program who came to speak at the Campus Communications Committee Discussion Hour this morning. Your efforts connecting the community with health care are truly admirable.

And before I turn things over to President Dietz, I'd like to express my excitement for the upcoming Founders Day activities. I hope to see you all there for the Convocation on February 16. It is a reminder that while we see many transitions during our years with Illinois State, our traditions endure.

With that, I will turn to President Dietz for his remarks.

Dietz: Thank you Chairman Donahue.

I'd also like to thank the faculty and students of American's Promise who came to speak to us today about bringing nursing care into the community. It is another example of the excellence of our civically minded students, and a lesson in how education matched with passion can impact so many.

I must reiterate Chairman Donahue's thanks to Trustees Bergman, Davis and Kinser. The job of trustee is not an easy one. These are people who volunteer their time, their energy and their experiences to help guide an institution of more than 20,000 students and 3,300 employees. The dedication and commitment of Board members, especially in these uncertain times, is truly appreciated by us all. I also want to thank them personally and professionally and all the board members for hiring me as president of this fine institution and for your support of the university and also for your support of the office of the President. We are simply a better institution because of your service and we will be forever grateful.

Trustee Donahue is absolutely correct in touting the importance of Illinois State's traditions. They serve as a foundation for us to grow and shine in new ways. That is why it is so fitting that our Founders Day speaker will be none other than someone who shines in her own right, Emmy and Golden Globe winner Jane Lynch. Whether you know her from the TV show *Glee*, the movie *Best in Show*, or from her days as a theater student at Illinois State, we look forward to her energy and talent warming our Founders Day celebrations.

In addition, I would like to make a couple of introductions this morning. There are few roles at Illinois State that our first hasn't covered, so I feel as though she hardly needs an introduction. Nevertheless, Dr. Jan Murphy is filling the role of interim provost with the departure of Janet Krejci. Dr. Murphy's career spans more than 30 years at the department, college, and university levels at the University. She served as an associate provost for the University for more than 10 years. She recently served as interim dean for the College of Applied Science and Technology. She also previously served as an associate dean for CAST, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and as the director for Campus Dining Services.

Jan—would you please stand and be recognized?

After a national search, taking over as dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology will be Todd McLoda, another familiar face on campus and in the college. Dr. McLoda joined Illinois State in 2000 as a faculty member and the director of the athletic training program in the School of Kinesiology and Recreation. He served as an associate dean of CAST, overseeing college assessment, curriculum, research, budget, and technology.

Todd—would you please stand?

Tony Walesby joined us December 5th as the new director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access. An Illinois State graduate – so he's returning home – Tony comes to us from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was the associate vice provost for academic and faculty affairs. He also served eight years as a federal

investigator with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Tony—would you please stand?

The search for the next Vice President for Finance and Planning is underway, as we prepare for Greg Alt's planned retirement. As you may remember, when Greg moved from the Comptroller position to Vice President, the Comptroller position was left vacant and Greg has essentially been doing two jobs since that timeframe. As we move through the VP search process and beyond, Greg has appointed Doug Schnittker to the position of Interim Comptroller. Doug, who currently serves as associate comptroller for ISU, joined us in 2012, and was promoted to associate comptroller in 2014.

Doug—would you please stand?

Dr. Donna J. Schoenfeld will join the Division of Student Affairs as an Assistant Vice President. Coming to us from Northern Illinois University, she will oversee health and wellness, including Campus Recreation, Student Health Services, Student Counseling Services, and Health Promotion and Wellness. Donna will begin her duties February 1.

Turning to budget matters, we begin this calendar year the same as the last—without a state budget. During this slow suffocation of higher education in the state, our University continues to be strong and stable, thanks to rising enrollments and prudent fiscal management, resulting in low debt. And we are in a position to assure students who receive grants from the Monetary Award Program, that Illinois State will cover MAP grants for the upcoming semester even without state reimbursements that are tied up in the budget.

On another matter, fundraising numbers are strong after the first six months of the fiscal year. Our current fundraising production total is \$13.25 million. To put our progress into context, it wasn't long ago – FY2011 – we raised the same amount over the entire fiscal year. We are really making terrific progress in that area.

With our fundraising productivity being strong, I am also pleased to share that we have surpassed the 10,000 donor milestone. Our productivity and number of donors were impacted by November's Giving Tuesday event.

This is the third year that Illinois State has celebrated Giving Tuesday, and our participation and gift totals were our highest to date. A total of more than 1,670 gifts given on that day combined for over \$593,000. For those of you who do not know, Giving Tuesdays is the first Tuesday that follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It aims to be a day to give to not-for-profit organizations. My thanks to Vice President Pat Vickerman, Annual Fund Executive Director Lora Wey, and the entire Giving Tuesday team. And we are grateful for the support of generous alumni, friends, faculty, and staff who participated in Giving Tuesday. I know that it's a little bit of a pipe dream but I would love to have a giving Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

I'm encouraged, not only by the generosity of our alumni and friends, but by those who continue to choose Illinois State for their education. We have received more than 10,000 applications for summer and fall of 2017. My thanks to the continued good work of Enrollment Management, Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, Registration, and University College, who strive to bring a vibrant, diverse and engaged student body to campus.

Efforts of the Campus Climate Assessment Task Force are moving ahead. I recently accepted the Task Force's fall report and will soon be sharing it with the campus community. My deep appreciation goes out to the Task Force Steering Committee, the Sponsoring Leadership and the entire Task Force membership for their work thus far and for the work that they will continue to perform on behalf of the University.

During my State of the University Address, I mentioned we would begin a review and update of the University's strategic plan, *Educating Illinois*. I've appointed a task force to guide the work that will begin this spring. As you know, *Educating Illinois* reflects our core values and ideals for Illinois State. I have great faith that this update review will keep us on the path toward a continued strong and steady future.

Yesterday, I was pleased to see so many of our faculty attend the University-wide Teaching and Learning Symposium. The theme of this year's conference was *The Journey Towards Cultural Responsiveness*, and I was impressed by the array of presentations and involved discussions from our engaged faculty members.

I was also happy to see so many of you were able to brave the cold weather and join us at winter Commencement. In December, the University awarded 1,069 baccalaureate degrees, and 198 graduate degrees.

While those students earned accolades for their work, the University as a whole was honored for efforts with veterans. Illinois State University has been named a Gold Medal-level Military Friendly School by Victory Media, publisher of *G.I. Jobs* and *Military Spouse*. We were one of four colleges and universities in Illinois to be recognized in the Gold Medal category.

Congratulations to the work of our Special Collections staff at Milner Library. The Council on Library and Information Resources recently bestowed a \$268,000 grant to help digitize our extensive circus collection, one of the largest in the country. The grant is sponsored by the prestigious Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

And kudos to Associate Provost Jim Jawahar who helped conduct a study that has found gender has minimal effects on job performance ratings. Dr. Jawahar worked with a national team of scholars who examined 20 years of data that shows business is beginning to challenge gender stereotypes in the workplace.

National media continue to look for expertise from our Illinois State faculty. Professor Ali Riaz commented on CNN about the accusation of Muslim schools as “hate factories.” *The Washington Post* turned to Professor Emeritus James Carter to discuss the fascinating beauty of “needle ice.” Professor T.Y. Wang spoke with Radio Free Asia on relations between the U.S., Taiwan and China. Professor Nancy Latham talked to the *Chicago Tribune* about the connection between learning and play in early childhood.

The fall semester ended on a high note for Redbird Athletics, with both the soccer and football teams advancing to the postseason and representing the University in the NCAA Tournament.

The Redbird soccer program received two votes in the Final NSCAA National Top 25 Poll after putting together the longest unbeaten string in program and Missouri Valley Conference history, going 15 matches without a loss. The Redbirds closed out the 2016 campaign with a 3-1 loss at Duke in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, marking the third time in program history ISU has advanced to the second round. The Redbirds finished the as MVC Regular Season Champions and MVC Tournament Champions for the 11th and seventh time, respectively.

The Redbird football team rallied late in the season to finish with a winning record and advance to the NCAA FCS Playoffs for the third-straight season under the leadership of Coach Brock Spack. The three-consecutive postseason appearances are a record for the Redbirds, who won shares of the MVFC title the previous two seasons.

The athletic accomplishments were many, but the academic accomplishments were notable as well. The preliminary numbers show a Fall 2016 cumulative GPA of 3.22, just short of the semester record of 3.23 set in the Spring of 2016. A record number of 312 athletes earned a place on the AFNI honor roll with at least a 3.0 semester GPA and 83 of those student-athletes recorded perfect 4.0 GPAs. Three teams also set semester program GPA records last fall.

That takes care of my initial comments this morning. I would now like to call the spokesperson of the Campus Communications Committee, Amanda Smith, to the podium for a report.

Smith: Good morning. The Campus Communications Committee would like to thank Carla Pohl and Mary Cranston from the Mennonite College of Nursing for their presentation on America’s Promise Alliance at this morning’s coffee hour.

The committee would also like to thank Jay D. Bergman, Anne Davis, and Betty Kinser for their service and dedication to Illinois State University over the years. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

Looking back at the fall semester, the committee would like to highlight some of the University’s successes. We have once again been named a top school in the Military Advanced Education and Transition Guide to Colleges and Universities. The University is also one of four in Illinois to be recognized in the Gold Medal category for being a

Military Friendly School by Victory Media, giving us extra recognition among all the other colleges and universities named to Victory Media's list of Military Friendly Schools for 2017.

On November 29 alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends came together to support Illinois State University. The Giving Tuesday donors made 1,670 financial gifts totaling \$593,936.

Congratulations are in order for Illinois State's soccer team, making it to the second round of the NCAA tournament for a third year in a row, with an historic 15 game winning streak. The Redbirds ended the season with a 14-6-3 record and their seventh Missouri Valley Conference tournament title.

Despite the dramatic shift in weather on December 17, the University held the winter commencement ceremonies where 1,069 baccalaureate degrees and 198 graduate degrees were awarded. Thank you to all who braved the weather conditions to celebrate our graduating students.

With the first winter session officially ending Sunday, the committee would like to recognize the hard work of the dedicated faculty and 185 students that attended the seven online courses. We look forward to hearing feedback on the new term from everyone involved.

The upcoming spring semester gives us much to look forward to starting with the sold-out Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner on January 20th, with the renowned guest speaker Marc Lamont Hill. Shortly following that event the newly formed Educating Illinois Taskforce Committee will begin meeting to discuss the University's strategic plan. We are also excited for the annual Founder's Day celebration on February 16th with the wonderful Jane Lynch as the honorary degree recipient.

Finally, the committee would like to thank Dr. Dietz for recommending and supporting a mid-year, merit-based salary increase. We know this was a result of many conversations within the University community and greatly appreciate his dedication to retaining and attracting faculty and staff in order to maintain Illinois State's high standards of achievement. We also recognize the importance of this salary increase in the face of state-wide budgetary issues, furloughs, and layoffs. Knowing the uncertainty of state funding, the committee asks the Board to remain vigilant in conversations with state leaders and representatives about the detrimental effects of large increases to the cost of benefits, which would far exceed any merit-based increase employees might receive. Thank you for your commitment as we look forward to another strong and exciting spring semester at Illinois State University.

Dietz: Thank you, Amanda. Now I would ask our State Government Relations Director Dr. Jonathan Lackland, to the podium to provide a legislative update.

Lackland: Thank you President Dietz, good morning trustees. I want to offer a brief report on the lame duck session that just ended this week. We had a lot of budget activity that occurred and the first budget bill I'd like to bring to your attention is Senate Bill 2053, Senate amendment number 1. This is a budget bill that is slated to provide a full year of MAP funding at \$364.8 million as well as an appropriation to ISU for operating for \$33.9 million which as a dollar amount when added to the second stopgap payment we received in June would equal the FY 2015 level which was \$73 million. The next bill I'd like to bring to your attention was a bill that actually came up in the House this week for a vote. It is Senate Bill 2051. It would actually provide roughly \$191 million for MAP and \$47.8 million to ISU for operating. Under the amount allocated it is important to note that it accounts for roughly \$9.6 million for ISU for a total FY 2017 appropriation of \$47.8 million I just stated. It's also important to note that this bill was actually passed the House by a partisan vote. House Republicans were not pleased with the way that the way they felt they were left out of negotiations as well as not offering a suitable revenue stream for this amount of money. I'll also let you know that I have been told that there's probably no chance that this bill will actually advance in the Senate, especially given Senate Bill 2053 that I just named.

Another bill that I'd like to bring to your attention that was actually placed in the Rules Committee yesterday. It is House Bill 103, and this is a measure that has been introduced by Rep. Reggie Phillips and as you recall Rep. Phillips did introduce a House resolution during the veto session urging suitable funding for higher education. In his bill it states that ISU would be funded at \$66.5 million and MAP would be funded at roughly \$335.9 million. I will note that the \$66.5 million is roughly 92 percent of the FY 2015 base as well as the MAP amount. Again, this was

the amount of money that Rep. Phillips wanted to push for in his House resolution, he was at least pushing for this 90 percent funding rate of FY 2017. That concludes my report. I am open to any questions.

Dietz: Thank you, Jon.

REPORTS

Dietz: I have one report for you this morning. With your approval, Trustee Donahue, I will move to this report.

Report 2017.01/4000.01: Grant and Contract Activity

When we talk about the excellence of Illinois State University, the key component is our faculty. Our faculty are accomplishing cutting-edge research and creative work that transcends the labs and studios, and infuses our classrooms and students with inspiration and ideas.

External funding through grants and contracts plays a major role in the advancement of faculty scholarly activities, student learning and University outreach. It also supports every one of the core values of our strategic plan, *Educating Illinois*.

In fiscal year 2016, the University received \$16.6 million in grants and contracts with a 13 percent increase in the number of awards. More than half of the amount stemmed from grants from the Illinois State Board of Education, the U.S. Department of Education, and the National Science Foundation. It cannot be emphasized enough the impact these grants and contracts make when we are unsure if state money will arrive.

I would like to thank Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies John Baur and his team for all their hard work.

RESOLUTIONS

Dietz: There are several resolutions for the Board's consideration this morning, and Trustee Donahue, with your permission, I will move on to those items.

Resolution 2017.01/01: Authorization to Name Bench

Our student-run radio station, WZND, is asking for authorization to name a bench in memory of staff member and Communication student Benjamin Allison. As you may remember, we lost Ben almost two years ago under very trying circumstances. Ben was a student director at WZND Radio where he had a profound impact on many students as a friend, a deejay, and a fellow student. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

The bench will be behind Fell Hall, near WZND, in the Redbird Plaza that is under construction. It gives me great pleasure to see Ben's mother and father, Melissa and Tim, here today to help us celebrate this moment. Melissa and Tim, would you please stand? After losing Tim, Melissa and Tim helped ensure his legacy of kindness in giving with an organ donation campaign that was recognized by Secretary of State Jessie White, the Illinois Broadcasters Association, and College Broadcasters. The naming of this bench is also a testament to their courage in the face of tragedy and the devotion of the entire Allison family. I am very pleased that you could be with us today. My wife Marlene and I met the Allisons at the wake, and it was a truly indication of what a special family this is and what a special individual Ben was. We know this will be a long-lasting legacy to his memory. Also here is Deb Lesser, the former WZND faculty advisor who helped students advocate for this wonderful memory to Ben. She is now retired, or as close to retiring as Deb will ever get. She is still a beloved and guiding force for WZND students. Deb, would you please stand and be recognized?

Thanks to all of you for being here, and Trustee Donahue, I ask the board for approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Moved by Trustee Churney and seconded by Trustees Kinser and Powers, and in fact I'm going to ask the entire board to move and second this resolution because of the importance of it.

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

Resolution 2017.01/02: Science Laboratory Building – Fire Alarm System Upgrade

Dietz: The building that houses the School of Biological Sciences and the Department of Chemistry is in need of new fire detection equipment to meet fire codes. The current fire alarm system is the original one from when the building was opened in 1997. We are asking the Board to approve a new, code-compliant system for the Science Laboratory Building at a cost not to exceed \$510,000.

I ask your approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinser. Is there any discussion or questions?

Bergman: I have a question. This is one of our newest buildings, less than 20 years since it's been opened. Have we replaced fire systems in our older buildings? Perhaps we have and I don't recall passing resolutions although the costs could have been under \$500,000.

Dietz: I would ask Vice President Alt to come to the podium please.

Alt: Trustee Bergman, yes we have replaced in various buildings over time, and to give you a little summary I want to ask David Gill, our director of Facilities Planning, to maybe mention a few of those that we have done over time but we have been periodically updating those, particularly those that have become outdated.

Gill: We have a systematic process throughout campus to update those systems to keep current with the fire codes. We just did the Honors Building and also did work in Edwards Hall, it's actually quite a long list.

Bergman: My memory isn't always perfect but I don't remember approving prior resolutions in any amount...was the cost under \$500,000?

Gill: Yes, most of them have been under \$500,000.

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

Resolution No. 2017.01/03: Julian Hall – Data Center Renovations

Dietz: Julian Hall houses the University's main data center, as well as classrooms and offices. The HVAC system for heating and cooling the building was designed around 1970 when the building opened. As you can imagine, the storage of data has changed drastically over the last 47 years. Though I think our people have adapted the system valiantly over the years, we have reached the point where another fix will not do. The Data Center must accommodate equipment that generates a lot of heat, and is also in need of new fire and security systems.

We are asking the Board to approve the \$1.2 million cost of the project that will come from institutional funds. We anticipate that during renovations, the Data Center will remain fully functional.

Mr. Chairman, I ask your approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Kinser so moved and was seconded by Trustee Churney. Any questions or comments?

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

Resolution No. 2017.01/04: Renewal of Student Health Insurance

Dietz: The Student Health and Accident Plan that the University has with Aetna will expire in August. Our agreement with Aetna began in 2012, and runs for nine years, with a renewal required each year.

Even with increases mandated by the Affordable Care Act, the University will subsidize the impending 3.5 percent increase through our Premium Stabilization Reserve. This means students will not see an increase in health

insurance rates for 2017-2018. Many thanks to the members of the Student Insurance Office and Student Health Services who helped make this possible.

We ask the Board to approve the fifth renewal between Illinois State and Aetna Student Health with a cost to students of \$249 for the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018, and \$187 for the summer of 2018. I might add, this is one of the best rates for student health coverage from a state university in Illinois.

I ask your approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Powers so moved and was seconded by Trustee Dobski. Any comments, questions, concerns?

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

Resolution No. 2017.01/06: Trustee Recognition – Jay D. Bergman

Dietz: Trustee Bergman joined the board in September 2003. During his tenure, the University completed the construction of the State Farm Hall of Business, the opening of the Student Fitness Center and Cardinal Court Apartments, and improvements to Hancock Stadium. Trustee Bergman received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Illinois State University in 1970. He serves as the president and CEO of Petco Petroleum Corporation, a nationwide energy company. He is also Chairman of the Board of the First Secure bank group in the Chicago area. His business acumen, support of shared governance, and straight-forward approach to University matters over the years has been truly appreciated.

We are pleased that we will still have the chance to work with Jay D. as he continues to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

We ask the Board to recognize the work of Trustee Bergman to Illinois State University, and bestow him with the title Trustee Emeritus.

I ask your approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Louderback. Any comments, questions?

Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as Donahue, Churney, Davis, Dobski, Kinser, Louderback, and Powers voting aye and Bergman abstaining.

Resolution No. 2017.01/07: Trustee Recognition – Anne Davis

Dietz: Anne Davis began her service with the Board in 2005, during the administration of President Al Bowman. She was elected Board Secretary in 2013. During her tenure, Trustee Davis has been a strong supporter of the University's Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline and the STEP-UP programs. She also serves as a member of the Sponsoring Leadership of the University's Climate Assessment Task Force. A 1964 Illinois State alumna, Trustee Davis spent 35 years as a classroom teacher in Harvey, Illinois. She has inspired students, faculty, and administrators throughout her time as a Trustee. Her dedication to the University has been a gift to all of us.

We ask the Board to recognize the work of Trustee Davis to Illinois State University, and bestow her with the title Trustee Emeritus.

Mr. Chairman, I ask your approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Kinser so moved and was seconded by Trustee Bergman. Any questions or comments?

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

Resolution No. 2017.01/08: Trustee Recognition – Betty Kinser

Dietz: Trustee Kinser earned her bachelor's degree in art education in 1973 and her master's degree in art education in 1975, both from Illinois State University. She is the only member of the Board of Trustees who worked full time at Illinois State prior to joining the Board. During her University career, she served as an instructor and advisor. In 1999, she received the Herb Sanders Award for outstanding advising. She served on numerous University committees, including *Educating Illinois* and the Administrative Professional Council.

In August of 2005, she retired from the University as assistant to the director of the School of Art. Trustee Kinser was appointed to the Board in 2006, and served for many years as the alumni representative on the Board. To call Trustee Kinser a beloved member of the Redbird family is too light a praise for her decades of work and dedication. She knows this University inside and out, and we have been the better for it.

We ask the Board to recognize the work of Trustee Kinser to Illinois State University, and bestow her with the title Trustee Emeritus.

Mr. Chairman, I ask your approval for this resolution.

Donahue: Is there a motion to approve? Trustee Davis so moved and was seconded by Trustee Bergman. Any questions or comments?

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

Dietz: Thank you to all the Board members for your support and hard work. That concludes the resolutions for today, and I turn the meeting back to Trustee Donahue.

Donahue: Thank you, President Dietz. I would like to take a moment to go off script one last time for you Jay Groves and I would like all of us to once again show our support, appreciation and gratitude to Trustees Emeritus Bergman, Davis, and Kinser.

In addition to public comments made at each quarterly meeting by the Campus Communications Committee, the Board of Trustees also invites public comment from members of the University community and greater local communities. The process for making public comment can be found through a direct link from the Illinois State University Board of Trustees web site, which is linked to the Illinois State University home page at www.IllinoisState.edu. There were no requests for public comment for this quarterly meeting.

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 to approve? Trustee Louderback so moved and was seconded by Trustee Churney. Any questions or comments?

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

We will now move into Executive Session. At the close of Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in public session to adjourn. No action will be taken during this session. Thank you all for coming today. Go Redbirds.