

1 AN ACT relating to higher education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Western Illinois University Law is
5 amended by changing Sections 35-15, 35-20, and 35-25 as
6 follows:

7 (110 ILCS 690/35-15)

8 Sec. 35-15. Membership; terms; vacancies. The Board
9 shall consist of 7 voting members appointed by the Governor,
10 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one
11 voting member who is a student at the campus of Western
12 Illinois University at Macomb, and one voting member who is a
13 student at the campus of Western Illinois University at
14 Moline. Each The student member shall be chosen by a
15 campus-wide student election. Each The student member shall
16 serve a term of one year beginning on July 1 of each year,
17 except that the student member added by this amendatory Act
18 of the 93rd General Assembly, who must be initially selected
19 from the campus of the University not represented by the
20 current student member, shall serve a term beginning on the
21 date of his or her selection and expiring on the next
22 succeeding June 30. To be eligible to remain as a student
23 member of the Board, a the student member must be a resident
24 of this State, must have and maintain a grade point average
25 that is equivalent to at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and must
26 be a full time student enrolled at all times during his or
27 her term of office except for that part of the term which
28 follows the completion of the last full regular semester of
29 an academic year and precedes the first full regular semester
30 of the succeeding academic year at the university (sometimes
31 commonly referred to as the summer session or summer school).

1 If a student member serving on the Board fails to continue to
2 meet or maintain the residency, minimum grade point average,
3 or enrollment requirement established by this Section, his or
4 her membership on the Board shall be deemed to have
5 terminated by operation of law. Of the members first
6 appointed by the Governor, 4 shall be appointed for terms to
7 expire on the third Monday in January, 1999, and 3 shall be
8 appointed for terms to expire on the third Monday in January,
9 2001. If the Senate is not in session on the effective date
10 of this Article, or if a vacancy in an appointive membership
11 occurs at a time when the Senate is not in session, the
12 Governor shall make temporary appointments until the next
13 meeting of the Senate when he shall nominate persons to fill
14 such memberships for the remainder of their respective terms.
15 No more than 4 of the members appointed by the Governor shall
16 be affiliated with the same political party. Each member
17 appointed by the Governor must be a resident of this State.
18 A failure to meet or maintain this residency requirement
19 constitutes a resignation from and creates a vacancy in the
20 Board. Upon the expiration of the terms of members appointed
21 by the Governor, their respective successors shall be
22 appointed for terms of 6 years from the third Monday in
23 January of each odd-numbered year. Any members appointed to
24 the Board shall continue to serve in such capacity until
25 their successors are appointed and qualified.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-778, eff. 1-1-01; 91-798, eff. 7-9-00;
27 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

28 (110 ILCS 690/35-20)

29 Sec. 35-20. Reimbursement; employment limitations.
30 Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but
31 shall be entitled to reasonable amounts for expenses
32 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.
33 Such expenses incurred by a the student member may, at the

1 discretion of the Chairman of the Board, be provided for by
2 advance payment to the student member, who shall account
3 therefor to the Board immediately after each meeting.

4 No member of the Board shall hold or be employed in or
5 appointed to any office or place under the authority of the
6 Board, nor shall any member of the Board be directly or
7 indirectly interested in any contract made by the Board, nor
8 shall he be an employee of the State or Federal Government;
9 provided that nothing in this Section shall be deemed to
10 prohibit a the student member of the Board from maintaining
11 normal and official status as an enrolled student or normal
12 student employment at Western Illinois University.

13 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96.)

14 (110 ILCS 690/35-25)

15 Sec. 35-25. Officers; meetings. Members of the Board
16 shall elect annually by secret ballot from their own number a
17 chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Board and a
18 secretary.

19 Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once each
20 quarter on the campus of Western Illinois University at
21 Macomb, Illinois. At all regular meetings of the Board, a
22 majority of its members shall constitute a quorum. A The
23 student member shall have all of the privileges of
24 membership, including the right to make and second motions,
25 to attend executive sessions, and to vote on all Board
26 matters except those involving faculty tenure, faculty
27 promotion or any issue on which the student member has a
28 direct conflict of interest. Unless a the student member is
29 entitled to vote on a measure at a meeting of the Board or
30 any of its committees, he or she shall not be considered a
31 member for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is
32 present at the time that measure is voted upon. No action of
33 the Board shall be invalidated by reason of any vacancies on

1 the Board or by reason of any failure to select a student
2 member.

3 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the
4 chairman of the Board or by any 3 members of the Board.

5 At each regular and special meeting that is open to the
6 public, members of the public and employees of the University
7 shall be afforded time, subject to reasonable constraints, to
8 make comments to or ask questions of the Board.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-715, eff. 1-1-01; 91-778, eff. 1-1-01;
10 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)