

# Report of the Faculty Conference Chair

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## I. Board of Trustees Retreat (March 13-14, 2024)

I attended the Board of Trustees on March 13, 2024. At the meeting, the Board took action on the following items (from President Serna's email dated 3/18/2024):

1. **Tuition Transparency Initiative:** "The board expressed its support for the initiative that Joe Miller is leading and its confidence in the administration to successfully implement this critical step towards enhanced affordability, transparency, and alignment with Winthrop's mission, vision and values."
2. **Student Housing:** "Trustees approved terms of agreement with Walk 2 Campus for additional student housing for the 2024-25 academic year at its apartment-style facility adjacent to the Winthrop campus."
3. **Facilities** – "Members approved facilities and infrastructure projects as presented, including:
  - a. **Bancroft** fire alarm replacement by Miller Electric for \$270,410 (state funded)
  - b. **Stewart House** exterior renovation by CE Bourne for \$678,900 (gift funded)
  - c. **Lee Wicker** roof replacement by Davco Roofing & Sheetmetal for \$1,163,765 (institution funded) and the approval to utilize project savings for the **Phelps** roof replacement in summer 2025
  - d. **Joynes** roof replacement and brick repair by Midwest Maintenance for \$1,587,732 (state funded)"
4. **Degree Programs.** "The board established the Bachelor of Science in web development, phasing out the B.S. in digital information design as current students complete their programs; established the Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice with general and cyber and corporate crime concentrations; approved the transition of the Bachelor in Science in integrated marketing communication to a Bachelor of Arts in the same."
5. **Fees.** "Trustees authorized a slate of fee adjustments for Fall 2024 as proposed by the Provost."
6. **Additional Actions.** "The board adopted the ratification of a vendor services contract with **Canon Strategic LLC** to provide external public and private business partnership development activities and intergovernmental relationship consulting services, and trustees also approved an upcoming **honorary degree presentation**, as recommended by me and the Honorary Degree Review Committee."

Full text of Board resolutions is available [here](#).

- ## II. General Education Review.
- As the University begins the process of its long-awaited review of the General Education program, I would encourage you to be as attentive and engaged as possible. General Education affects us all. Be sure to make your voice heard.

- III. Board of Trustees Meeting (April 25, 2024).** I will deliver a Faculty Liaison Report at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 25, 2024. If there is anything you think should be included in the report, please let me know.
- IV. Thank You.** I would like to conclude by expressing my gratitude for your support and encouragement in my first year as Faculty Conference Chair. I have had rather more fun than I expected. It is a pleasure to serve.