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April 27, 2007

The Honorable William G. Holland
Auditor General
Office of the Auditor General
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740 East Ash
Springfield, IL 62703-3154

Dear Mr. Holland:

An evaluation of the internal fiscal and administrative controls for Western Illinois University effective as of May 1, 2007, was performed in accordance with guidelines established by the Comptroller in consultation with the Director of Central Management Services. The objectives of systems of internal fiscal and administrative controls at Western Illinois University are to provide reasonable assurance that:

1. resources are utilized efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with applicable law(s);
2. obligations and costs are in compliance with applicable law(s);
3. funds, property, and other assets and resources are safeguarded against waste, loss, unauthorized use, and misappropriation;
4. revenues, expenditures, and transfers of assets, resources, or funds applicable to operations are properly recorded and accounted for, to permit the preparation of accounts and reliable financial and statistical reports and to maintain accountability over the State's resources; and,
5. funds held outside the State Treasury are managed, used, and obtained in strict accordance with the terms of their enabling authorities and that no unauthorized funds exist.

The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of internal control should not exceed the benefits expected to be derived, and that the benefits consist of reductions in the risks of failing to achieve the stated objectives. Estimates and judgments are required to assess the expected benefits and

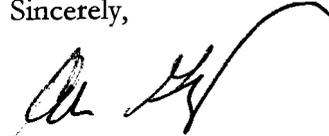
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related costs of control procedures. In addition, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting and administrative control, including those limitations resulting from resource constraints, legislative restrictions, and other factors.

The projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that changing conditions may cause procedures to become inadequate or compliance with procedures may deteriorate. I have taken the necessary steps to ensure that the evaluation, identified in the first paragraph of this letter, has been conducted in a thorough and conscientious manner.

The systems of internal fiscal and administrative controls at Western Illinois University, as of May 1, 2007, comply with the requirements of the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvin Goldfarb', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Alvin Goldfarb
President

cc: J. Michael Houston
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