

Executive Committee Meeting  
August 14, 2008

APPOINT INTERIM DEAN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES,  
URBANA

**Action:** Appoint Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget at Urbana

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Philip M. Best, presently Professor of Physiology, Basic Sciences, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign; Professor of Bioengineering, College of Engineering; Professor of Physiology in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, beginning August 16, 2008. He will serve as Interim Dean until a succeeding Dean is named to a fixed-term appointment following a search internal to the University.

While serving as Interim Dean, Dr. Best will continue as Professor of Physiology, Basic Sciences, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, on indefinite tenure on an academic year service basis, on 25 percent time, at an annual salary of \$40,704; Professor of Bioengineering, College of Engineering, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; Professor of Physiology

in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on 25 percent time, at an annual salary of \$40,796; and Associate Dean, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on 50 percent time, at an annual salary of \$82,500 and an administrative increment of \$15,000, for a total salary of \$179,000, beginning August 16, 2008.

Dr. Best succeeds Dean Sarah C. Mangelsdorf, who will leave the position August 15, 2008, in order to accept an appointment as Dean of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This recommendation is made in consultation with leadership within the College including members of the Dean's Cabinet and the LAS Executive Committee and with the advice of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

## PHILIP M. BEST

## Education

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, B.A., 1969

University of Washington-Seattle, Ph.D., 1974

## Professional or Other Experience

University of Washington-Seattle, 1974-75, Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Bern, Switzerland, 1975-76, Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Chicago, 1976-79, Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1979-85, Assistant Professor of Physiology, Basic Sciences, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, and Assistant Professor of Physiology, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, School of Life Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; 1985-93, Associate Professor of Physiology, Basic Sciences, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, and Associate Professor of Physiology, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, School of Life Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; 1993-date, Professor of Physiology, Basic Sciences, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, and Professor of Physiology, Department of Physiology and Biophysics (unit name changed to Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology effective 1997), School of Life Sciences (School name changed to School of Molecular and Cellular Biology effective 2000), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Professor, Bioengineering Program (unit changed to Department of Bioengineering effective 2003), College of Engineering; 1997-2007, Head, Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; 2007-date, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences