

Board Meeting  
July 13, 2006

ACTING UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointment of Acting University Librarian, Urbana

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Karen A. Schmidt, presently Associate University Librarian for Collections and Professor of Library Administration, University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as Acting University Librarian, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, with an administrative increment of \$20,000, beginning August 16, 2006.

Dr. Schmidt will continue to hold her current position of Associate University Librarian for Collections and Professor of Library Administration, on indefinite tenure, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$112,800, effective August 16, 2006, for a total annual salary of \$132,800 during service as Acting University Librarian.

Peter Siegel, Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer, has accepted a position as Vice Provost for Information and Educational Technology and Chief Information Officer at the University of California at Davis, and has resigned his position at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, effective August 14, 2006. University Librarian Paula T. Kaufman has agreed to serve as Interim Chief Information Officer

while a comprehensive national search is undertaken to fill the position on a permanent basis. Dr. Kaufman possesses critical knowledge and expertise in the area of information technology. As University Librarian, she is keenly aware of applications of technology to foster research and education and of the service needs associated with information technology, and has worked closely with Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services leadership and staff on a range of critical issues. Consistent with the University's peer institutions drawing heavily on the expertise of librarianship in addressing campus information technology needs, Dr. Kaufman is uniquely well suited to serving as Interim Chief Information Officer. During the period of time in which Dr. Kaufman will serve as Interim Chief Information Officer, Dr. Schmidt will serve as Acting University Librarian.

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 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.

## KAREN A. SCHMIDT

## Education

Indiana University at Bloomington, B.S., 1973; M.L.S., 1974  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D., 1989

## Professional or Other Experience

The Ohio State University Main Campus, Columbus, 1975-79, Latin American  
Bibliographer and Cataloger and Instructor of Library Administration; 1978-79, Head,  
Regional Campuses Technical Services and Instructor of Library Administration  
Illinois State University, Normal, 1979-80, General College Librarian – Reference  
Librarian; 1980-82, Assistant Acquisitions Librarian and Head, Bibliographic  
Searching Unit  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1982-97, Acquisitions Librarian and  
Associate Professor of Library Administration; 1995-97, Coordinator of Collection  
Development and Professor of Library Administration; 1997-date, Associate  
University Librarian for Collections and Professor of Library Administration,  
University Library