

Board Meeting  
July 23, 2009

APPOINT INTERIM DEAN, COLLEGE OF MEDIA, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointment of Interim Dean, College of Media, Urbana

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Walter George Harrington, presently Professor and Head, Department of Journalism, College of Media; as Interim Dean of the College of Media, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, with an administrative increment of \$30,000, beginning August 16, 2009. He will continue to hold the rank of Professor of Journalism, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$150,000, for a total salary of \$180,000, effective August 16, 2009. Should service as Interim Dean continue during summer 2010, Mr. Harrington will be offered a two-month summer faculty appointment at a monthly rate of one-ninth of his academic year base salary (\$16,667). In order to provide a transition period, Mr. Harrington was appointed to serve as Interim Dean-Designate, College of Media, on 100 percent time, from June 16 through August 15, 2009, at a monthly rate of \$16,667.

Mr. Harrington will succeed Dean Ronald E. Yates, who will return to full-time faculty status on August 16, 2009.

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 was forwarded by the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, based on nominations received from the faculty of the College.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs.

The President of the University recommends approval.

#### WALTER GEORGE HARRINGTON

##### Education

Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, B.S., 1972

University of Missouri-Columbia, M.A. (Sociology), 1974; M.A. (Journalism), 1975

##### Professional or Other Experience

*The Illinois Observer*, Springfield, Illinois, 1975, Editor

*The Guide*, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1976-77, Investigative Reporter

*The Morning Call*, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 1977-80, Reporter, Projects Reporter and Projects Editor

*The Washington Post*, Washington, District of Columbia, 1981, Assistant Editor; 1982, Assistant Metropolitan Projects Editor

*The Washington Post Magazine*, Washington, District of Columbia, 1983-86, Assistant Editor; 1986-96, Staff Writer

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1996-date, Professor of Journalism; 2004-date, Head, Department of Journalism; 2005-07, Associate Chancellor