

Board Meeting  
July 23, 2009

APPOINT INTERIM PROVOST AND VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointment of Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Urbana

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Robert A. Easter, presently Professor of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; and Dean, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at a total annual salary of \$284,095 (equivalent to an annual nine-month base salary of \$183,350 plus two-ninths annualization of \$40,745), and an administrative increment of \$60,000, beginning August 17, 2009. He will continue to hold the rank of Professor of Animal Sciences, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, (non-salaried); and Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time (non-salaried), effective August 17, 2009.

Dr. Easter was appointed to serve as Interim Provost-Designate, on the same terms and conditions, beginning July 1, 2009.

Dr. Easter will succeed Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Linda P. B. Katehi-Tseregounis, who will leave the University on August 17, 2009, to become Chancellor of the University of California at Davis.

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 following consultation with members of the Council of Deans and the Urbana-Champaign Academic Senate Executive Committee.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs.

The President of the University recommends approval.

#### ROBERT A. EASTER

##### Education

Texas A&M University, College Station, B.S., 1970; M.S., 1972  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D., 1976

##### Professional or Other Experience

Texas A&M University, College Station, 1970-92, Graduate Fellow  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Agricultural, Environmental and Consumer Sciences, 1973-75, Research Assistant; 1976, Lecturer in Animal Nutrition; 1976-80, Assistant Professor of Swine Nutrition and Management, Department of Animal Sciences; 1980-87, Associate Professor of Swine Nutrition and Management, Department of Animal Sciences; 1987-date, Professor of Animal Sciences, and Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences; 1996-2001, Head, Department of Animal Sciences; 2001-02, Interim Dean; 2002-date, Dean; 2006-date, Interim Director, National Soybean Research Laboratory