

Board Meeting  
May 17, 2018

DISCLOSE CERTAIN MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT  
TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Under the Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly, public bodies subject to the Act that conduct business under exceptions specified in the Act must, at least every six months, determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to each item considered under such exception.

Items from November 1999 through January 2018 that have been heretofore unreleased are recommended for release at this time.

The University Counsel and the Secretary of the Board, having consulted with appropriate University officers, recommends that the following matters considered in executive session for the time period indicated above be made available to the public at this time.

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.

The President of the University concurs.

## **Executive Session Minutes Released to Public**

### **November 18, 2010, Board of Trustees Meeting**

#### **Security Procedures and the Use of Personnel and Equipment to Respond to an Actual, a Threatened, or a Reasonably Potential Danger to the Safety of Employees, Students, Staff, the Public, or Public Property**

Chancellor Easter and Ms. O'Connor, chief of campus police at Urbana, joined the executive session at this time.

Mr. Kennedy welcomed them and explained that the purpose of this portion of the session was to discuss the approach for addressing the increase in crimes against persons on and around the Urbana campus, which was a matter of serious concern to the Board.

Chief O'Connor reported that there had been 41 cases of aggravated battery or robbery between August 15, 2010, and October 31, 2010, in the Champaign-Urbana area, and 37 of these were in the campus district. She referred to a map to show the Board the campus district. Chief O'Connor stated that the assaults were mostly strangers against strangers and seemed to be random acts of violence. She described the range of injuries to the victims, stated that some of the attacks included racial slurs, some were sexual assaults, and some were "peeping Tom" offenses. She said that each incident has produced hundreds of tips to the police, which were investigated or are being investigated. Chief O'Connor indicated that most of the crimes have occurred in the jurisdiction of the City of Champaign Police Department and that coordination and

mutual support were matters that had to be worked out between the campus police and the Champaign police. She stated that these working relationships were improving.

Chief O'Connor told the Board that many of those arrested were not from Champaign or Urbana, but from other cities such as Rantoul, Decatur, and Danville. She said that the individuals arrested were not previously known to the Champaign or campus police departments. She also reported that most of the crimes had occurred between 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. and that intoxication is frequently a factor for the victims. She also noted that such crimes are increasing on and around campuses nationally.

Chancellor Easter and Chief O'Connor described meetings they have organized on campus, such as a recent town hall meeting for students, parents, and others as well as efforts to inform students about self-protection and cautions to be taken to avoid becoming a victim of such crimes. They also told the Board that more than 200 security cameras had been installed on the campus, more police officers had been hired, and that mutual assistance among the police departments in Champaign and Urbana, the Champaign County Police, and the State Police was developing well.

The Board thanked Chancellor Easter and Chief O'Connor for the report and indicated that a report in the regular meeting to follow this session would be requested. Chancellor Easter and Chief O'Connor then departed the executive session.

### **March 15, 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting**

Chair Timothy N. Koritz convened this executive session at 8:04 a.m. All trustees except Governor Rauner were present. The following were also in attendance: President

Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations.

### **University Employment or Appointment-Related Matters**

Dr. Koritz asked for a discussion regarding issues of concern regarding the search for the next head basketball coaches at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois; and Mr. Joshua H. Whitman, athletic director, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana, came to the table. Mr. Whitman discussed the need for confidentiality, the decision process to date, and the search process ahead. The trustees were invited to ask questions, and a discussion was held on the challenges, expectations, and demands of such matters. The trustees expressed their appreciation for Mr. Whitman's judgment and approach in choice of the best path for the institution. Mr. Whitman and Dr. Jones left the room at this time.

### **November 16, 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting**

#### **Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act**

Dr. Koritz asked Ms. Williams and Mr. Bearrows to discuss the potential release of minutes that have been previously sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. (Mr. Montgomery rejoined the conversation during this discussion.) Ms. Williams outlined the

items that were recommended for release, and Mr. Bearrows discussed the relevant provisions of the Open Meetings Act. The trustees accepted the recommendation in agreement with the review and items to be released.