

Board Meeting  
November 13, 2008

**Revised**

APPOINT DEAN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointment of Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Ruth V. Watkins, presently Vice Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and Professor, Department of Speech and Hearing Science, College of Applied Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as Harry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$220,000 (equivalent to an annual nine-month base salary of \$180,000 plus two-ninths annualization of \$40,000), and an administrative increment of \$30,000, for a total salary of \$250,000, beginning January 1, 2009 **through December 31, 2011.**

Dr. Watkins will continue to hold the rank of Professor of Speech and Hearing Science, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time (non-salaried). She is succeeding Interim Dean Philip M. Best, who is serving as Interim Dean from August 16 through December 31, 2008, following Dean Sarah C. Mangelsdorf's departure from the position.

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 based upon outstanding leadership demonstrated in administrative roles, and strong support from the search committee<sup>1</sup>, faculty, and administrative leaders of the College, the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and with the concurrence of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

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<sup>1</sup>Peter Beak, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, *Chair*; Renee L. Baillergeon, Professor of Psychology, and Alumni Professor of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Merle L. Bowen, Associate Professor of Political Science, Associate Professor of African American Studies, and Director, Center for African Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Dale E. Brashers, Professor and Associate Head, Department of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Gail E. Hawisher, Professor of English, and Professor and Director, Center for Writing Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; James A. Imlay, Professor of Microbiology, Romano Scholar, Department of Microbiology, and Associate Director for Graduate Affairs, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sheldon Katz, Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Physics, College of Engineering; Isabel Molina, Associate Professor, Institute of Communications Research, College of Media, and Associate Professor, Latina/Latino Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Diane Musumeci, Associate Professor of Italian and Head, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Deanna M. Raineri, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Associate Director, Illinois Informatics Institute, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Lhea L. Randle, Undergraduate Student in Political Science; Mona Angelique Taylor, Graduate Student in Psychology; and John M. Unsworth, Professor and Dean, Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

## RUTH V. WATKINS

## Education

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, B.A., 1985

University of Kansas Main Campus, Lawrence, M.A., 1987; Ph.D., 1989

## Professional or Other Experience

University of Kansas, Department of Speech-Language-Hearing, Language Acquisition  
Preschool, 1988-89, Lead Teacher and Speech-Language Pathologist

University of Texas at Dallas, Callier Center for Communication Disorders, 1989-93,  
Assistant Professor; 1991-93, Program Director, Preschool Language Development  
Program

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1993-97, Assistant Professor of Speech  
and Hearing Science, College of Applied Life Studies; 1997-2004, Associate  
Professor of Speech and Hearing Science, College of Applied Life Studies; 2000-03,  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Applied Life Studies; 2003-06,  
Associate Provost (Undergraduate Education and Academic Affairs Portfolio), Office  
of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; 2004-date, Professor of  
Speech and Hearing Science, College of Applied Life Sciences (now Applied Health  
Sciences); 2006-date, Vice Provost (Academic Affairs Portfolio), Office of the  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs