This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Rooms C and D, Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield, Illinois on Thursday, December 1, 2011, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Karen Hasara, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Ms. Karen Hasara, Dr. Timothy N. Koritz, and Mr. Lawrence Oliver. The following student trustees were present: Ms. Hannah Ehrenberg, Urbana campus; Mr. Kenneth Thomas, voting student trustee, Chicago campus; and Mr. John W. Tienken, Springfield campus.

The following University officers were also in attendance: President Michael J. Hogan; Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Walter K. Knorr, vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller; Dr. Lawrence B. Schook, vice president for research; Dr. Phyllis Wise, vice president/University of Illinois and chancellor of the Urbana campus; Dr. Susan Koch, vice president, University of Illinois and chancellor of the Springfield campus; Ms. Katherine Laing, executive director of governmental relations; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Michele M. Thompson, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University and Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary-designate of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of other staff members in attendance at this meeting.

Ms. Hasara introduced Dr. Christophe Pierre and asked for brief comments. Dr. Pierre commented that the area of academic affairs is the ‘cornerstone of the University’ and that he looks forward to working with the vice presidents/chancellors and other University officers to
advance the University in academic affairs. Further, he emphasized the importance of the dashboard data as it reflects needs in programming, hiring, enrollment management, diversity, and faculty recruitment and retention. The chair then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the committee meeting that was held on September 8, 2011. On motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Dr. Koritz, the minutes were approved. There were no nay votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS

Ms. Hasara read a list of the items within the purview of the committee that were on the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting the following day, and indicated that information regarding these items had been sent to committee members in advance of this meeting. She asked President Hogan to comment on some of these items.

President Hogan stated that the provosts would comment on the agenda items. Dr. Barbara Wilson, vice provost for academic affairs, Urbana, representing provost Richard Wheeler, commented on the recommendation for an honorary degree for Mr. Raymond Ozzie, chief software architect at Microsoft. Dr. Wilson described Mr. Ozzie's relationship to the University and his achievements. She then commented on the Master of Science in Cell and Developmental Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana; the Asian American Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana; renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Geography, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana; renaming the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana; and renaming of the Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana. Dr. Lon Kaufman, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, then commented on the revocation of a Doctor of Philosophy
Degree, Chicago. President Hogan thanked Dr. Wilson and Dr. Kaufman and asked if there were any questions. There were none. The chair asked Dr. Thompson to comment on the Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff. Dr. Thompson described the processes involved in arriving at the recommendations for appointments. There was no discussion of the items.

There was no disagreement with moving these items to the full Board for consideration at the Board meeting the next day.

PRESENTATIONS

Campus Programs to Increase Diversity Among the Student Body

Next, Ms. Hasara welcomed Dr. Tim Barnett, vice chancellor for student affairs, Springfield, and Ms. Clarice Ford, director of the diversity center, Springfield, and asked them to make their presentation (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Barnett introduced the members of his panel: Ms. Lori Giordano, interim director, student services admissions, Springfield, Dr. Clarice Ford, associate dean of student services, Springfield, and Ms. Tammy Craig, director, career services, Springfield. The panel presented student demographic data and discussed recruiting activities as they relate to diversity. They also discussed new and upcoming initiatives and programming to increase diversity.
Status of Online Higher Education, National Trends and Offerings at the Springfield Campus

The chair then welcomed Professor Ray Schroeder, director of the Center for Online Learning, Research and Service, Springfield (Professor Schroeder’s presentation may be found at the following link: http://tinyurl.com/uibot). Professor Schroeder in turn introduced Dr. Lynn Pardie, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield. She presented an overview of online education at Springfield, and stated that enrollments in online courses account for 36 percent of all credit hours generated at the Springfield campus. Professor Schroeder presented demographic data regarding students enrolled in online courses and commented on the effectiveness of this educational format. The chair asked the student trustees to comment on their experiences with online courses. Mr. Tienken made positive remarks regarding his experience with online coursework. Ms. Ehrenberg stated that she found her experience with a blending of online courses and resident courses to be very valuable and positive for learning. Mr. Thomas was also positive about his experience with online courses. Mr. Oliver asked about the statistics of fraud-related incidents in online courses. Professor Schroeder explained that all examinations are proctored, and students are observed while they are taking tests. Ms. Ehrenberg inquired about the process involved in making a determination to place a course online. Professor Schroeder explained that these decisions are made based on student needs.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.
NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hasara announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 9:30 a.m., Rooms B and C, Student Center West, Chicago Campus.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Dr. Koritz, seconded by Mr. Oliver with no nay votes, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Thompson
Clerk

Karen Hasara
Chair

Susan M. Kies
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Tim Barnett, vice chancellor for student affairs, Springfield
Yolanda Beamon, director, new student orientation and parent relations, Springfield
Eileen Cable, special assistant to the secretary, Board of Trustees
Tammy Craig, director, career services, Springfield
Charles Evans, director, University outreach and public services
Clarice Ford, associate dean, student services, Springfield
Marnie Fuesting, assistant secretary, Board of Trustees
Lori Giordano, interim director, student services admissions, Springfield
Lon Kaufman, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago
Jo Menacher, associate director, planning and budgeting
Lynn Pardie, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield
Menah Pratt-Clarke, associate chancellor, Urbana
Ray Schroeder, associate vice chancellor for online learning, Springfield
Lisa Troyer, chief of staff to the president
Barbara Wilson, vice provost for academic affairs, Urbana
Julie Wurth, reporter, The News-Gazette