This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in Room 414, Administrative Office Building, 1737 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois, on May 17, 2012, beginning at 3:04 p.m. Attendance via videoconference was also available in Room 1030 National Center for Supercomputing Applications, 1205 West Clark Street, Urbana, Illinois, and Room 550 Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

Trustee Pamela B. Strobel, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Ms. Karen Hasara, Mr. James D. Montgomery, and Ms. Pamela B. Strobel. Ms. Hannah Ehrenberg, student trustee from the Urbana campus, and Mr. Kenneth M. Thomas, voting student trustee from the Chicago campus, were present.

The following University officers were also in attendance: President Designate Robert A. Easter; Dr. Phyllis M. Wise¹, vice president of the University of Illinois and chancellor of the Urbana campus; Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Walter K. Knorr, vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; Ms. Katherine Laing, executive director of governmental relations.

¹ Dr. Wise arrived at 3:10 p.m.
Attached is a listing of other staff members in attendance at this meeting, as well as some members of the media.

Ms. Strobel asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on March 13, 2012, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the minutes were approved. There were no nay votes.

**REVIEW RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS FOR THE MAY 31, 2012 BOARD MEETING**

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

Dr. Kies explained that the new appointments of faculty, administrative and professional staff, and intercollegiate athletics staff recommended in this item have been thoroughly reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, or unit, and that this item appears regularly on the Board’s agenda.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Senior Vice President of the University of Illinois Foundation

This item was withdrawn.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Urbana

Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke, associate chancellor, Urbana, provided information regarding this item in Vice President/Chancellor Wise’s absence. Dr. Pratt-Clarke explained that after an extensive search, Dr. Ilesanmi Adesida is being recommended for the position of vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana. She described the search process, provided information on the background of Dr. Adesida, and asked if there were questions. There were none.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Springfield

Dr. Edward Wojcicki, assistant chancellor for constituent relations, Springfield, provided an overview of the search process for the position of provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Springfield, and stated that Dr. Lynn Pardie is being recommended for the position. Dr. Wojcicki provided information on the background of Dr. Pardie, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, Academic Year 2012-2013

Dr. Kies explained that there were few sabbatical leave of absence requests from all campuses included in this item. There were no questions or comments regarding the agenda item.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana

Vice President/Chancellor Phyllis Wise discussed the recommended appointment of Dr. Debasish Dutta to serve as interim vice chancellor for research at Urbana. She provided information about the appointment and described Dr. Dutta’s background. She asked if there were any questions about the recommendation, and there were none.

Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana

Next, Vice President/Chancellor Wise discussed the recommended appointment of Dr. Peter Schiffer to serve as the vice chancellor for research, Urbana. She discussed the search process and Dr. Schiffer’s qualifications. There were no questions regarding the recommended appointment.
Acting Dean, College of Education, Urbana

Vice President/Chancellor Wise discussed the recommended appointment of Dr. James D. Anderson as acting dean, college of education, Urbana. She provided information on the background of Dr. Anderson and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Closure of Police Training Unit, Urbana

Next, Vice President/Chancellor Wise provided information on the recommended closure of the Police Training Unit at Urbana. She explained that the proposed closure involved thoughtful consideration and was recommended in the Stewarding Excellence report, and she stated that the institute has been supported by general revenue funds, rather than tuition dollars. She indicated that a presentation on this topic may be made to the full Board, and she referred to community interest in this topic.

Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Vice President/Chancellor Wise provided information regarding the appointment of members to the Athletic Board, and explained that these individuals were recommended by students, faculty and the Alumni Association. She told the committee that the Athletic Board provides oversight for academic and educational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program and serves as an advisory committee on some operational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program.

Head Varsity Coach – Men’s Basketball, Urbana and

Head Varsity Coach – Women’s Basketball, Urbana

Vice President/Chancellor Wise then discussed the recommended appointments of the head varsity coach for men’s basketball at Urbana and the head varsity coach for women’s basketball at Urbana. She provided information about these recommended candidates and referred to
information that was previously provided to trustees on the process for recruiting coaches. There were no questions or comments regarding either recommended appointment.

This concluded the review of recommended Board items for the May 31, 2012 Board meeting. There were no objections to forwarding the above items to the full Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Task Force on Sexual Abuse Prevention

Ms. Maureen M. Parks, executive director and associate vice president for human resources, presented an update on the Task Force on Sexual Abuse Prevention. Ms. Parks explained that she, Ms. Donna McNeely, University ethics officer, and Mr. Thomas Bearrows, University counsel, were charged by President Hogan to do the following: draft and distribute expectations regarding behavior and reporting parameters for employees; compile an inventory of applicable State and local laws and University procedures related to prevention of sexual abuse and harassment; conduct a review of those laws and procedures; and identify special situations requiring additional attention involving minors.

Ms. Parks stated that the work of the task force includes many offices throughout the University. She reported on progress that has been made, including a plan to provide voluntary training for all employees on sexual abuse and prevention awareness. She stated that legislation is likely to be signed by the Governor that will add employees of State universities to the list of mandated reporters and will also require training for all State university employees, and explained that there is interest in a collaborative effort to provide this training among State universities. She provided an overview of next steps, and she responded to questions from committee members regarding the work of the task force. Mr. Bearrows and Ms. McNeely also
commented, and Ms. Parks said there will also be a presentation on this topic at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

July 2012 Board Retreat

Trustee Strobel discussed plans for the Board retreat that is scheduled for July 18, 2012. She provided an overview of logistics for the retreat and explained that key leaders from the campuses and deans would be invited, and she indicated that the tone of the retreat will be participatory and inclusive. She said that the retreat will begin with a panel of national leaders in higher education, and President Designate Easter announced that the panelists include Dr. William DeLauder, Dr. Larry Faulkner, and Dr. James Duderstadt, who will discuss their areas of expertise and answer questions. Ms. Strobel stated that facilitated breakout sessions will allow for discussion among participants, and that a discussion led by the chancellors will be held when the Board reconvenes. The committee discussed potential themes, which were inspired by the recent attendance of Trustees Strobel and Hasara at the Association of Governing Boards national conference, and included topics such as the disruptive innovation of online learning as a competitor to classic learning formats, as well as blended learning.

Mr. Montgomery remarked on the need for regular and ongoing opportunities for the faculty to communicate with the Board. President Designate Easter responded that he was interested in developing a ‘Board Liaison,’ which would involve assigning one or two trustees to each campus for frequent communication and reporting back to the Board.
MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 3:55 p.m., Ms. Strobel stated that a motion was in order to convene an executive session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. On motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Thomas, this motion was approved. There were no nay votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Ms. Strobel asked Dr. Kies to provide some information about the item to be discussed in closed session. Dr. Kies referred to the item that will appear on the Board’s agenda: “Recommendation Concerning Disclosure of Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Held During Meetings of the Governance, Personnel and Ethics Committee Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.”

Dr. Kies then told committee members that the Open Meetings Act requires periodic review of sequestered minutes to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists. She stated that after consultation with Mr. Bearrows and appropriate University officers, they recommend that matters considered in executive session during the meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee that was held on November 17, 2011, be made available to the public. She noted that this pertains only to the portion of the minutes regarding the discussion of the release of minutes that was held during that meeting, and that all other matters will continue to be sequestered, as the need for confidentiality still exists. Dr. Kies stated that committee members would vote on this item in open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED
There being no further business, the executive session adjourned at 3:59 p.m.
AGENDA

At 4:00 p.m., the open session resumed. The purpose for the remaining time in the meeting was to consider and vote on one item. This was: “Recommendation Concerning Disclosure of Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Held during Meetings of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.” The clerk read the recommendation, and the chair requested a motion for this item. On motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Thomas, these were approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Hasara, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Thomas; No, none.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Ehrenberg)

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Thomas with no nay votes, the committee adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Kies
Clerk

Eileen B. Cable
Assistant Clerk

Pamela B. Strobel
Chair
GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING

STAFF AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE, MEETING OF MAY 17, 2012

Urbana Campus
Robert Easter, president designate
Marnie Fuesting, assistant secretary, board of trustees
Michael Hites, associate vice president and chief information officer, administrative information technology services
Katherine Laing, executive director for governmental relations
Jo Menacher, associate director, planning and budgeting
Peg O'Donoghue, associate chancellor, Urbana
Susan Parker, staff, board of trustees
Maureen Parks, executive director and associate vice president for human resources
Sean Powers, WILL
Menah Pratt-Clark, associate chancellor, Urbana
Phyllis Wise, vice president and chancellor, Urbana
Julie Wurth, reporter, The News Gazette
Julie Zemaitis, executive director of university audits

Chicago Campus
Tom Bearrows, university counsel
Tom Hardy, executive director, office of university relations
Lon Kaufman, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost
Walter Knorr, vice president, chief financial officer and comptroller
Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs

Springfield Campus
Donna McNeely, ethics officer, university ethics office
Edward Wojcicki, associate chancellor for constituent relations

Teleconference
Eileen Cable, assistant secretary, board of trustees

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