MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
JULY 24, 2013

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in the Michèle Thompson Rooms A, B, and C, UIC Student Center West, 828 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, beginning at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Karen Hasara, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Karen Hasara, and Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes. The following student trustees were present: Mr. Michael A. Cunningham, voting student trustee, Urbana campus; Mr. Jamaal E. Hollins, student trustee, Springfield campus; and Ms. Danielle M. Leibowitz, Chicago campus. President Robert A. Easter was also present.

The following University officers were also in attendance: Dr. Phyllis M. Wise, chancellor, Urbana, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Paula Allen-Meares, chancellor, Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr.
Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations. Attached is a listing of other staff members in attendance at this meeting, as well as some members of the media.

Ms. Hasara welcomed those in attendance. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013, meeting of the committee. On motion of Mr. Estrada, seconded by Ms. Holmes, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS FOR THE JULY 25, 2013, BOARD MEETING

Ms. Hasara introduced the Board items within the purview of the committee that were on the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting the following day and asked that certain individuals make comments. The recommended Board items discussed at the meeting are on file with the clerk.

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

Dr. Kies explained that the appointments of faculty, administrative and professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic 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. Ms. Hasara provided background on this item for the new student trustees.
Appoint Interim Vice President for Health Affairs

President Easter presented information on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Jerry L. Bauman, dean, College of Pharmacy, Chicago, as interim Vice President for Health Affairs. Dr. Easter provided background on the recommendation process, and noted that Dr. Bauman's appointment is effective September 1, 2013.

Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2013-14

Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Pierre to review this item, and expressed gratitude for additional information contained in the report associated with this item (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Pierre stated that there were 207 individuals recommended for promotion, and discussed reasons for fluctuation in the numbers when compared to the 2012-13 item. He also provided background on the vetting process.

Appoint Professors to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana

In relation to this recommendation, Dr. Ilesanmi Adesida, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Urbana campus, provided information about the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana, and its membership. He commented that nine individuals were elected and recommended for inclusion in the center.
Redesignate and Reorganize the Bachelor of Science in Journalism in Broadcast Journalism and the Bachelor of Science in Journalism in News Editorial, College of Media, Urbana

Dr. Adesida commented on this recommendation, and discussed the changing landscape of journalism and its effect on these degrees.

Rename the Bachelor of Science in Health, College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Adesida then commented on this recommendation, stating that the suggested name change reflects what students are currently learning and areas of specialty in the field.

Transfer the Master of Science in Agricultural Education, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Adesida reviewed this recommendation, and provided background on the program’s recommended movement.

Reorganize the Department of Bioengineering, College of Engineering and College of Medicine, Chicago

Dr. Lon S. Kaufman, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chicago, provided history on this recommendation. He commented on the discussions at the college and campus levels prior to this recommendation, as well as the review of program and tenure accommodations necessary to move forward.
Eliminate the Center for Urban Educational Research and Development,
College of Education, Chicago

Dr. Kaufman then discussed the recommendation to eliminate the Center for Urban Educational Research and Development, providing background on the center and its work. A brief discussion was had regarding the Illinois Board of Higher Education's processes.

Amend Policy on Employment of University of Illinois Retirees and Employment of Other State University Retirement System Annuitants

Ms. Hasara asked Ms. Maureen M. Parks, executive director and associate vice president for human resources, to review this recommendation. Ms. Parks provided background on this item, detailed proposed restrictions and requirements, and explained policy exceptions. She discussed the process of creating a tracking and reporting mechanism to satisfy the new policy. Dr. Easter and Ms. Parks commented on the University's history on this issue. A discussion was had regarding costs associated with this policy for the University.

There were no objections to moving all items listed above forward to the full Board.

PRESENTATIONS

Institutional Transfer and Minority Students

Dr. Pierre introduced his presentation by providing a definition of transfer students and describing their importance to the University and its mission. He provided information on
first-time student enrollment at the University; in the nation’s top 100 colleges and universities; and within the University’s peer groups. Dr. Pierre discussed the fall 2012 transfer students’ demographics, including institution of origin and University college of admission. He reviewed key issues faced by the University regarding transfer students, outlined community college agreements, and discussed tools in place to assist transfer students. Dr. Pierre also discussed an internal study on credit articulation, as well as graduation rates for transfer students. A brief discussion was had regarding students who transfer away from the University to other institutions.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hasara announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 11, 2013, at 3 p.m., in the Illini Rooms B and C, Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street on the Urbana campus.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Estrada, seconded by Ms. Holmes with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Kies  
*Clerk*

Aubrie L. Williams  
*Assistant Clerk*

Karen Hasara  
*Chair*