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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

AUGUST 28, 2014

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 campus, Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, August 28, 2014, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Attendance via videoconference was also available in Room 1030, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, 1205 West Clark Street, Urbana campus, Urbana, Illinois; and the Hatmaker Room, Room 550, Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield campus, 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: Mr. Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Mr. James D. Montgomery, Ms. Pamela B. Strobel. Ms. Hannah Cave, student trustee from the Springfield campus, was present. Ms. Karen Hasara was absent. President Robert A. Easter was present.

Also present were Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Jerry L. Bauman, interim vice president for health affairs; Dr. Lawrence B. Schook, vice president for research; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. 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 July 10, 2014, and there were none. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes, and on motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Ms. Strobel introduced the items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on September 11, 2014. All recommended 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 that are recommended in this item are thoroughly reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, or unit, and that this item appears regularly on the Board’s agenda. Mr. Fitzgerald asked if there were any appointments of which the Board should be made aware, and Dr. Kies explained that these are usual appointments and have been thoroughly vetted.

Amend Bylaws of Wolcott, Wood and Taylor, Inc.

Dr. Bauman discussed the proposed amendments to the bylaws of Wolcott, Wood and Taylor, Inc., (WWT) and explained that one amendment proposes to modify the composition of the WWT board of directors. He stated that the second amendment proposes to change the approval process for the election and appointment of board members and would delegate authority for this to the WWT board of directors. Dr. Bauman stated that a report of the composition of board members would be submitted to the Board of Trustees at least once per year. Brief discussion followed, and Dr. Bauman stated that the chair of the Board proposed this change.

Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Chicago

Ms. Caryn A. Bills-Windt, associate chancellor and director of access and equity, Chicago, commented on the item recommending the interim appointment of Dr. Eric A. Gislason, currently vice chancellor for research emeritus and professor emeritus of chemistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago, as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago. She described Dr. Gislason's background, experience, and history at the Chicago campus, and Ms. Strobel thanked Dr. Gislason for agreeing to serve in this capacity. Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Montgomery also expressed their appreciation.

There were no objections to forwarding the items listed above to the full Board.

PRESENTATIONS

The Statutes Revision Process: A Report from the University Senates Conference

At 1:13 p.m., Ms. Strobel asked Dr. Nicholas C. Burbules, professor of education policy organization and leadership at Urbana, to provide a presentation on the University of Illinois *Statutes* revision process (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Burbules described the process for revising the *Statutes* and *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure* and advised that the Board should prioritize the approval of changes to the *Statutes* due to the lengthy approval process. He discussed the timing and justification for these proposed changes and presented the members of the governing documents review committee. Dr. Burbules provided an overview of the process, timeline, and key steps for revising these documents, and said that the goal is to obtain final approval in June or July 2015. He commented on the importance of shared governance and explained how this process reflects its principles. Dr. Burbules concluded his presentation at 1:28 p.m.

Ms. Strobel thanked Dr. Burbules for the tremendous work on the governing documents revision process. Discussion followed regarding the timeline, and Dr. Burbules stated that it is possible the revisions could be approved in May if the senates meet their deadline and the Board has time to review the final documents.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Strobel commented briefly on the retreat that was held on July 24, 2014, and said the themes that were identified during the retreat will be presented to the incoming president. All agreed the retreat was productive, and President Easter commented on a sense of unity and purpose among its participants.

Ms. Strobel then commented on the search for a president. She reported that the search is on schedule and that the search committee met the previous week and discussed and narrowed down the list of prospective candidates. Ms. Strobel said that September and October will be busy months for the committee and that a new president should be selected in early November. She reported that the chancellor search is on a parallel track and should conclude several weeks later.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kies stated that the trustee self-evaluations have been distributed and that results should be available in October. Ms. Strobel announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for October 30, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Montgomery with no "nay" votes, the committee adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk



PAMELA B. STROBEL
Chair



EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk