MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

MAY 18, 2016

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Conference Rooms C and D, Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield campus, Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, beginning at 11:07 a.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: Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Karen Hasara. Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes was absent. The following student trustees were present: Mr. Dominique Wilson, voting student trustee, Springfield campus; Mr. Jaylin D. McClinton, Urbana campus; Mr. Jauwan Hall, Chicago campus. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

The following University officers were also present: Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, interim chancellor, Urbana campus, and interim vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, Chicago campus, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, Springfield campus, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Walter K. Knorr, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Lawrence B. Schook, vice president for research; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr.
Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University, and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary-designate of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Ms. Hasara asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held March 15, 2016, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Estrada, seconded by Mr. McClinton, the minutes were approved with no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON MAY 19, 2016

Ms. Hasara introduced the Board items within the purview of the committee 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

Ms. Hasara asked Ms. Williams to comment on the item recommending appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Ms. Williams explained that the appointments of faculty, administrative and professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff recommended in this item have been thoroughly
vetted and reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, or unit, and she encouraged committee members to contact her with any questions.

Establish the Master of Arts in Applied Economics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to establish the Master of Arts in Applied Economics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Poser stated that this proposed degree would create a second pathway for master’s-level education in economics that will be particularly valuable for students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than economics. She said that this degree would train students who seek jobs that require a strong background in economics and quantitative methods but not extensive knowledge of theory. Dr. Poser discussed anticipated enrollment and said that the creation of this degree would not require new State funds.

Rename and Revise the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, Concentration in Early Childhood Education, College of Education and the Graduate College, Chicago;

Next, Dr. Poser discussed proposed changes to the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership in the College of Education and the Graduate College, Chicago. She stated that it is being recommended that the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, concentration in Early Childhood Education, be renamed Master of Education in Early Childhood Education. Dr. Poser gave the rationale for this and said it would better reflect
the program's content and match the name of endorsements sought by students, and that it would also provide additional credentialing options for students.

Rename and Revise the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, Concentration in Literacy, Language, and Culture, College of Education and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser then discussed the recommendation to rename the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, concentration in Literacy, Language, and Culture, to the Master of Education in Language, Literacies, and Learning to better reflect the program's content and more clearly show the relationship to the name of endorsements sought by students. She described the advantages of this proposed change and said revisions to the degree will also provide some needed flexibility.

Rename and Revise the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, Concentration in Science Education, College of Education and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Dr. Poser commented on the recommendation to rename and revise the Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, concentration in Science Education, as the Master of Education in Science Education to better reflect the relationship to the name of endorsements sought by students. She discussed aspects of the degree program and gave the rationale for the proposed change.
Eliminate the Integrated Systems Laboratory, College of Engineering, Chicago

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Poser to report on the recommendation to eliminate the Integrated Systems Laboratory in the College of Engineering at Chicago. Dr. Poser told the committee that the lab has not operated for many years and that formally eliminating the center is necessary to remove it from the academic and research program inventories at the University.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Disability and Human Development, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

Next, Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to provide information on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Disability and Human Development, Chicago. Dr. Barish discussed aspects of the proposed degree and said it brings together the expertise of faculty within the Department of Disability and Human Development, which already offers a master’s degree and doctoral degree in the field. He said there is no other similar degree in the State, and he responded to questions from Mr. Estrada regarding demand for the degree. Dr. Barish referred to an increase in those identified with disabilities and an expansion of the field of disability studies.
Establish the Department of Health Sciences Education, College of Medicine at Peoria, Chicago; and Establish the Department of Health Sciences Education, College of Medicine at Rockford, Chicago

Dr. Barish then discussed the recommendation to establish the Department of Health Sciences Education in the College of Medicine at Peoria, Chicago, and the College of Medicine at Rockford, Chicago. He explained that currently, students complete their first year of medical school at the regional campus in Urbana and their second, third, and fourth years at Peoria or Rockford. Dr. Barish indicated that the regional campus at Urbana will be phased down with the advent of the new Carle Illinois College of Medicine and that students will receive their entire medical education and training at Peoria or Rockford beginning in August 2017. He explained that this results in a need to hire faculty in several areas, and he reviewed the proposed structure for this, adding that no new State funds will be used. Dr. Barish told the committee that this recommendation is being made to ensure student success and provide quality education. He also reported that the College of Medicine at Chicago has undergone a curriculum reform that is currently under review by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), and he stated that the feedback has been positive. Dr. Barish said the curriculum will be consistent at Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Innovation, Leadership and Engineering Entrepreneurship, College of Engineering, Urbana

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Edward Fesper, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to provide information on the recommendation to establish the
Bachelor of Arts in Innovation, Leadership, and Engineering Entrepreneurship in the College of Engineering at Urbana. Dr. Feser stated that this proposed degree responds to a demand for courses in this area and formalizes a course of study that many students are already pursuing.

Rename the Bachelor of Science in General Engineering, College of Engineering, Urbana

Next, Dr. Feser discussed the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Science in General Engineering in the College of Engineering at Urbana as the Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering and Design to more accurately reflect the curriculum and to better convey the depth and breadth of the education that students in the program receive. He stated that this is also more recognizable by employers and would permit the program to be accredited by the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) as a Systems Engineering and Design program.

Rename the Deloitte Center for Business Analytics in Accountancy, College of Business, Urbana

Dr. Feser then commented on the recommendation to rename the Deloitte Center for Business Analytic in Accountancy in the College of Business at Urbana as University of Illinois Deloitte Foundation Center for Business Analytics and said that this proposed change better reflects the fact that business analytics spans disciplines beyond accountancy and better highlights the partnership between Deloitte and the Urbana campus.
Appoint Acting Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Lynn Pardie, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to comment on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Lucia Vazquez, presently associate professor of biology and associate dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield, as acting dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield. Dr. Pardie described Dr. Vazquez’s background and experience and told the committee that she will succeed Dr. James Ermatinger, who will serve as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost beginning June 1, 2016.

Approve Policy on Open Access to Research Articles at the University of Illinois

Next, Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Pierre to present information on the recommendation to approve the policy on open access to research articles at the University (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Pierre said there is a national movement on open access, and he gave an overview of the process by which this proposed policy was created. He told the committee that this process was initiated by the Open Access to Research Articles Act that was passed in 2013, and he read the purpose from the text of the act. Dr. Pierre outlined aspects of the proposed policy, which he said was inspired by the policy in use at the University of California at Berkeley, and he reviewed the next steps in implementing the policy, pending Board approval. Brief discussion followed regarding the timeline and benefits of an open access policy.
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 July 20, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Urbana campus. She also stated that it is the last committee meeting that Dr. Kies and Dr. Pardie will attend, and she and Mr. Estrada expressed appreciation for their years of service.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Estrada, seconded by Mr. McClinton with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN M. KIES
Clerk

KAREN HASARA
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk