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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
MARCH 14, 2017

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Illini Rooms B and C, Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street, Urbana, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 14, 2017, beginning at 3:01 p.m.

Trustee Edward L. McMillan, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Mr. Edward L. McMillan, Ms. Jill B. Smart. Mr. Collin T. Schumock, voting student trustee, Urbana, was present. Mr. Jauwan Hall, student trustee, Chicago, and Mr. Nathan C. Hoffman, student trustee, Springfield, were absent. President Timothy L. Killeen was in attendance.

The following University officers were also present: Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Mr. Walter K. Knorr, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel;

and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations, was also present.

Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. McMillan asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held January 18, 2017, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Schumock, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, 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 MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. McMillan 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

Mr. McMillan 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.

#### Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, 2017-2018

Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Wilson to report on the recommendation for sabbatical leaves of absence for Academic Year 2017-2018. Dr. Wilson gave an overview of sabbatical requests and reported that 172 sabbatical leaves of absence have been requested for Academic Year 2017-2018. She said that on average, about 90 percent of approved sabbatical leaves are actually taken, and about 75 percent are for one semester in length. She emphasized that this is not an entitlement, and that sabbatical leaves of absence are instead earned by faculty members. Dr. Wilson said the process for approving sabbatical leaves of absence is vetted at all levels and that sabbaticals provide an opportunity for faculty members to engage in important scholarly and instructional work.

#### Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Urbana

Mr. McMillan then asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to appoint Mr. John P. Wilkin, presently professor, University Library; Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson dean of University Libraries and University Librarian; and professor, School of Information Sciences, Urbana, as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana. Dr. Jones described Mr. Wilkin's background and experience and said this recommendation is being made after full consultation with deans, faculty, administrators,

and students. He told the committee that Mr. Wilkin has been serving as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost-designate since February 2017.

Appoint Acting Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, Urbana

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Mr. Wilkin to comment on the recommendation to appoint Mr. William H. Mischo, presently professor of library administration and engineering librarian, and Berthold Family Professor in Information Access and Discovery, University Library, Urbana, as acting dean of libraries and University librarian. Mr. Wilkin described Mr. Mischo's background and experience and said he began serving in this role as acting dean of libraries and University librarian-designate in February when Mr. Wilkin assumed the role of interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost-designate.

Extend Term, Dean, School of Information Sciences, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin then discussed the recommendation to extend the term of Dr. Allen H. Renear as dean of the School of Information Sciences at Urbana, through August 15, 2019. Mr. Wilkin said the faculty at the School of Information Sciences fully support this recommendation.

Extend Term, Dean, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin discussed the recommendation to extend the appointment of Dr. Fritz Drasgow as dean of the School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana. Mr. Wilkin

stated that Dr. Drasgow's initial appointment was effective August 16, 2014, through August 15, 2017, and he said this recommendation would extend his appointment by two years.

Establish the Bachelor of Musical Arts in Lyric Theatre with  
Concentrations, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin then commented on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Musical Arts in Lyric Theatre. He said that students in the program can choose either a Creative or Performance concentration and described remaining aspects of this program and the required coursework.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Crop Sciences,  
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

Next, Mr. Wilkin reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, Urbana. He described aspects of this collaborative program for undergraduate students who wish to pursue careers in the field of agriculture that have a technology and data handling and management focus. He said the new degree will prepare students for graduate work or entry into the workforce. Dr. Jones added that this is an example of a multidisciplinary collaboration that redefines the land-grant mission of the University for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Mr. McMillan commented on the demand for graduates in this field.

Establish the Master of Science in Psychological Science, College of

Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Psychological Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said this two-year, self-supporting Master of Science program will prepare students for admission to doctoral programs or for professional opportunities. He reported that the Department of Psychology currently only awards a Master of Science to students who were pursuing a PhD and were unable to complete the doctoral requirements.

Establish the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Mr. Wilkin provided information on the recommendation to establish the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana. He described the type of research and activities conducted by the center, and Mr. Schumock expressed support for the recommendation based on his experience with the center's work.

Eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine,  
College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin discussed the rationale for the recommendation to eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, and said that there have been no students enrolled in this program in more than 20 years. He told the committee that the college does not intend to admit students to this program in the future.

Eliminate the Master of Arts in Psychology, College of Liberal Arts  
and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin then commented on the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Arts in Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said that students who are enrolled in the doctoral program sometimes leave before completing the degree and are granted a Master of Arts or a Master of Science in Psychology based on successful completion of coursework and a thesis. He told the committee that these students are better served by a Master of Science degree than a Master of Arts and indicated that the latter is no longer needed.

Eliminate the Institute for Environmental Studies,  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana

Next, Mr. Wilkin reported on the recommendation to eliminate the Institute for Environmental Studies (IES) in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana. He stated that the institute has remained on the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) inventory, despite having no activity for at least the past eight years. Mr. Wilkin referred to the creation of the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) and said this subsumed the remaining functions of the IES unit. He stated that there are no dollars, faculty, staff, or students associated with IES at this time.

Eliminate the Water Resource Center, Office of the  
Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin discussed the recommendation to eliminate the Water Resource Center, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana, and told the committee that the center has had no independent activity in at least six years. He stated that there are no dollars, faculty, staff, or students associated specifically with the Water Resource Center at this time.

President Killeen thanked Mr. Wilkin for providing an overview of these agenda items and welcomed him to his new role as interim vice chancellor and provost.

Appoint Faculty Fellows to the Institute for the Humanities,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Mr. McMillan then asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to comment on the recommendation to appoint faculty fellows to the Institute for the Humanities, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago. Dr. Poser listed the six faculty members recommended for appointments as fellows to the Institute for the Humanities for Academic Year 2017-2018, and explained that these individuals will be released from teaching duties for one year.

Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Dr. James Ermatinger, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to report on the recommendation to eliminate the

Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield. He explained that this program was approved by the IBHE in September of 2016, and said that the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) changed its policy in September 2016 to no longer accredit baccalaureate programs and only accredit athletic training programs at the master's level. He said that the program will be eliminated due to this change and that a proposal to develop a master's level degree program in athletic training is underway.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Affordability and Access

At 3:41 p.m., Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Wilson to give a presentation on affordability and access (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Wilson referred to the decrease in State support and the University's reliance on tuition income, and she emphasized the University's efforts to keep tuition as low as possible, particularly for Illinois residents. She showed that there has been little increase in State and federal aid over time for students. Dr. Wilson then presented examples of three students with different family backgrounds and levels of income to show how the family contribution is calculated and the type of financial aid that may be offered. She highlighted the amount of unmet need that exists in all three scenarios. Dr. Wilson then showed sources of aid, and she discussed the varying amounts of assistance students receive, noting that a good proportion of students at each university receive enough aid to cover most or all of their tuition and fees. However, we still need to increase financial support for many students.

She presented the average loan debt of students who graduated from the University of Illinois and referred to the University's financial literacy program, and she showed examples of three students who discussed the type of aid they received that enabled them to attend the University. Dr. Wilson concluded her presentation by stating that financial aid is vital to the success of the University. Committee members discussed student debt and commented on the importance of keeping tuition low. Dr. Amiridis noted the socioeconomic background of students at the University of Illinois at Chicago and said that some students do not attend the University because of inadequate aid, whereas others work full-time while taking courses, delaying the time to graduate. Committee members made additional comments, and Dr. Koch noted the value of on-campus student employment and its impact on graduation rates and future success.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McMillan announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for May 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at Springfield.

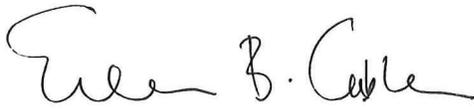
COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Ms. Smart, seconded by Mr. Schumock with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DEDRA M. WILLIAMS  
*Clerk*

  
EDWARD L. McMILLAN  
*Chair*

  
EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Assistant Clerk*