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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
MAY 10, 2017

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Conference Rooms C and D, Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, beginning at 10:12 a.m.

Trustee Jill B. Smart, 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. Donald J. Edwards, Ms. Jill B. Smart. Mr. Nathan C. Hoffman, student trustee, Springfield, and Mr. Collin T. Schumock, voting student trustee, Urbana, were present. Dr. Timothy N. Koritz, Mr. Edward L. McMillan, and Ms. Karina Reyes,¹ student trustee from Chicago, attended the meeting as guests. 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

¹Ms. Reyes arrived at 10:22 a.m.

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.

Ms. Smart stated that this would be the last meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for the current student trustees, and she congratulated them on their upcoming graduation. She asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held March 14, 2017, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Schumock, seconded by Mr. Hoffman, 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 11, 2017

Ms. Smart 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 to comment on them. 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. Smart 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.

Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Urbana

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Jones to provide information on the recommendation to appoint Mr. Kenneth T. Ballom, currently associate vice chancellor and dean of students, as interim vice chancellor for student affairs, Urbana. Dr. Jones said that Mr. Ballom will succeed Dr. C. Renée Romano, who had served in this position since July 1, 2006, and is retiring on May 15, 2017. He said Mr. Ballom will serve in this position on an interim basis until the position is filled permanently.

Appoint Interim Dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Ms. Smart then asked Mr. John Wilkin, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Peter Leslie Mortensen, currently associate professor, Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and director, School of Architecture, College of Fine and Applied Arts,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as interim dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts. Mr. Wilkin stated that Dr. Mortensen will succeed Dr. Kathleen Harleman, who served as acting dean-designate, acting dean, and interim dean since September 4, 2015, and will serve as interim dean until the position is filled on a permanent basis. Dr. Wilkin described Dr. Mortensen's background and experience, noting that he was the individual most frequently recommended to fill the interim position.

Appoint Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. James Ermatinger, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Springfield, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Robert W. Smith, currently professor of political science and public affairs, Savannah State University, Georgia, as dean of the College of Public Affairs and Administration at Springfield. Dr. Ermatinger described Dr. Smith's background and experience and discussed aspects of the appointment.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Springfield

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Koch to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Dennis Papini, currently dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, South Dakota State University, Brookings, as vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield. Dr. Koch discussed Dr. Papini's background and experience and said this recommendation comes as a result of a national search.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Springfield

Dr. Koch then discussed the recommendation to appoint Dr. Clarice Renee Ford, presently interim vice chancellor for student services, as vice chancellor for student affairs. Dr. Koch reported that Dr. Ford has been serving as interim vice chancellor for student services since 2014 and has been with the University of Illinois at Springfield since 2008. Dr. Koch also described Dr. Ford's background and experience and said she will succeed Dr. Timothy Barnett, who resigned in 2014.

At this time, Ms. Smart welcomed Ms. Karina Reyes, who was recently appointed as the student trustee from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Approve Tuition Rate for Online Master of Science in Accountancy, Academic Year 2017-2018, College of Business, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Wilson to provide information on the recommendation to approve a revised tuition rate for the online Master of Science in Accountancy for Academic Year 2017-2018 in the College of Business at Urbana. Dr. Wilson explained that this recommendation reflects a proposed increase in the tuition rate that was approved by the Board in January for the online Master of Science in Accountancy, and she discussed the reasons for the proposed change. She referred to an increase in the cost sharing fee charged by Coursera that was not yet finalized when the tuition rate was approved earlier. She also described evolving benchmark rates in online education and gave examples of the cost of similar programs at peer institutions, noting that this

program's tuition rate had not yet been advertised and no students have enrolled. Ms. Smart expressed support for this recommendation and referred to due diligence performed by the college. Committee members discussed alternatives to Coursera, and Dr. Wilson commented that Coursera has been a great partner. Additional discussion followed regarding aspects of online education and the value of the degrees from online programs. Mr. Edwards inquired about a cost analysis, and Dr. Wilson explained that online programs are self-supporting or revenue generating, noting that an analysis had been performed. Committee members then discussed components of the contract with Coursera, and the three chancellors gave examples of the ways in which Coursera and other online learning platforms are used uniquely throughout the University.

Eliminate the Master of Engineering in Bioinstrumentation,
College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Mr. Wilkin to discuss the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Engineering in Bioinstrumentation in the College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana. Mr. Wilkin explained that a Master of Engineering in Bioengineering was approved by the Board in July 2016 with three concentrations, one of which is bioinstrumentation. Therefore, a separate Master of Engineering degree with a bioinstrumentation major is no longer needed.

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Design,
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Susan Poser, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Design in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago. Dr. Poser provided background on the degree programs currently offered by the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts and said this new degree would allow for the enrollment of transfer students and those already in attendance at Chicago who wish to transfer their academic interests to design studies. She said this is being proposed in response to demand from students at Chicago and other institutions and said no other institution in Illinois offers an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts in design. She indicated there is no increased cost to the college to offer this program, and she described potential areas of employment for graduates.

Transfer the Center for Research on Women and Gender from
the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Chicago

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to transfer the Center for Research on Women and Gender (CRWG) from the Office of Vice Chancellor for Research at Chicago to the College of Medicine at Chicago. Dr. Barish described the history of the CRWG and said it was approved as a center by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in 1992. He discussed the benefits of the proposed transfer and said this will ensure the CRWG can continue to maintain and expand its research and operations. He told the committee that the College

of Medicine offers opportunities for collaboration related to funding and can provide improved infrastructure support to promote interdisciplinary growth.

Name the Dr. Martin Kolinski and Dr. Tricia R. Crosby Periodontics
Seminar Room, College of Dentistry, Chicago

Next, Dr. Barish commented on the recommendation to name the seminar room in in the College of Dentistry at Chicago in recognition of Dr. Martin Kolinski and Dr. Tricia R. Crosby's philanthropic support of the renovation. Dr. Barish said that Dr. Kolinski and Dr. Crosby are alumni of the College of Dentistry and practiced together for several years in St. Charles, Illinois.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

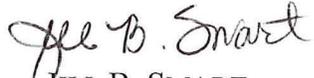
Ms. Smart announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 12, 2017, at 10:40 a.m., at Chicago.

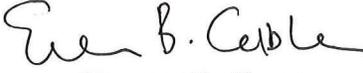
COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Schumock, seconded by Mr. Edwards with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Clerk


JILL B. SMART
Chair


EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk