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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 15, 2017

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Michèle M. Thompson Rooms B and C, UIC Student Center West, 828 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, November 15, 2017, beginning at 2:01 p.m.

Ms. 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;¹ Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, student trustee, Urbana; Ms. Karina Reyes, voting student trustee, Chicago; Mr. Edwin Robles, student trustee, Springfield. 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; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim

¹ Mr. Edwards arrived at 2:54 p.m.

comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Edward Seidel, vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary 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. Smart welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held September 6, 2017, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, 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 NOVEMBER 16, 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 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.

Award Honorary Degrees, Chicago

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Amiridis to discuss the recommendation to award honorary degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Amiridis discussed the recommendation to award honorary degrees to Mr. Randall B. Grove, executive director of the Chicago Dental Society for the past 28 years; Mr. Steve James, documentary filmmaker and producer; and Mr. Juan Salgado, chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago. Dr. Amiridis described their backgrounds and commented on the ways in which they have each contributed to their fields and to their communities.

Name the Gies College of Business, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Jones to comment on the recommendation to name the College of Business the Gies College of Business in honor of Mr. Larry W. Gies, a 1988 graduate of the College of Business. Dr. Jones described Mr. Gies's involvement with the college and said that the gift of \$150.0 million is the largest in the history of the college and University. Dr. Jones expressed great appreciation for the generosity of Mr. Gies and his family. Ms. Smart stated that she is a proud alumna of the College of Business. She expressed great appreciation for this gift and acknowledged the hard work of those involved in bringing it to fruition. President Killeen described Mr. Gies as a champion of higher education and told the committee that Mr. Gies and his wife were present at the

College of Business when the announcement was made. President Killeen said that Mr. Gies gave an electrifying speech and described the exciting atmosphere surrounding the event.

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art,
College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Ms. Smart then asked Mr. John P. Wilkin, interim vice chancellor of academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana. Mr. Wilkin said the proposed degree is designed to offer students a rigorous education in contemporary studio arts practices while allowing them sufficient space in their academic schedules to add studies in other areas or disciplines. He said the degree program will draw on existing courses, and that approximately 15 students per year are expected to enroll.

Establish the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art,
College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin then discussed the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana. He said that this proposed degree is designed to offer students an education in contemporary studio arts practices that is interdisciplinary and includes upper-level research courses in a dynamic, innovative curriculum that is broader in scope than the current majors available in the BFA degree. He told the committee that this is a rigorous and professional degree.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics and said that this proposed degree includes more quantitative studies than the existing Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS) in economics. He described the coursework that will be required of graduates of the program.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Advertising, College of Media, Urbana

Mr. Wilkin then provided information on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Advertising and described the proposed program as flexible with in-depth study of advertising that has a technology focus. He said the proposed BS in CS + Advertising will graduate two kinds of students: one group that is focused on immediate entry into the workforce in an advertising agency, business, or technology firm, and the other group that wishes to prepare for graduate-level study in one of these areas. Mr. Wilkin told the committee that there is currently no advertising department or computer science department offering an explicitly cross-disciplinary curriculum in the country and that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be the first institution to introduce a cross-disciplinary curriculum in these two fields. Mr. Wilkin said approximately 20 to 25 students are expected to enroll each year.

Reorganize and Rename Illinois Issues Magazine and WUIS Public
Radio, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Springfield

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Koch to discuss the recommendation to reorganize and rename *Illinois Issues* magazine and WUIS public radio. Dr. Koch said that the proposal is to rename both as NPR Illinois, and she discussed the rationale for the reorganization and renaming, stating that *Illinois Issues* has faced a reduction in print subscribers. She said that WUIS has shifted to primarily delivering news, and she said this merger will result in reduced costs. Mr. McMillan referred to the bipartisan nature of *Illinois Issues* and cautioned that he hopes that NPR Illinois be bipartisan, as well. Dr. Koch indicated that this has been discussed and said she will convey the message.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Social and Political Consequences of Online Media

Ms. Smart introduced Dr. Zizi Papacharissi, professor and head of the Department of Communication, Chicago, to give a presentation on the social and political consequences of online media (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Papacharissi explained that she studies the internet and society as well as the internet and politics with an intent to make technology more humane, to help people use technology optimally, and to make democracy better. She discussed the impact of the internet on social interactions and on democracy, and she reported on the effect of social media on revolutions. Dr. Papacharissi concluded her presentation by stating that people are connected by their stories and that technology is a vehicle for that connection. Discussion followed regarding

the impact of technology and social media on social norms and bullying. Committee members also discussed regulation of the internet, the role of educators in promoting literacy, and the need to evaluate sources of information in online outlets.

Determining the Functions of PTK6: A New Drug Target in Cancer

Ms. Smart then introduced Dr. Angela Tyner, professor, department of biochemistry and molecular genetics, Chicago, and asked her to provide a presentation on protein tyrosine kinase 6 (PTK6), a potential new approach to treating cancer (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Tyner gave an overview of PTK6 and its relationship to skin, breast, and prostate cancer and presented approaches for studying functions of PTK6. She reported on studies using mice and discussed the role of PTK6 on some types of breast tumorigenesis in mice and said that the genetic disruption of the PTK6 gene inhibits tumor growth in prostate cancer in mice. Dr. Tyner then discussed the role of PTK6 in prostate cancer in men and showed the results of preclinical studies of mice with prostate cancer. Committee members discussed the implications of this research, and noted that her work may lead to the development of additional treatment options. Dr. Tyner responded to questions from the committee and noted that the drug she is testing in her research has been approved for use on humans but to date has been employed only for the treatment of melanoma.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

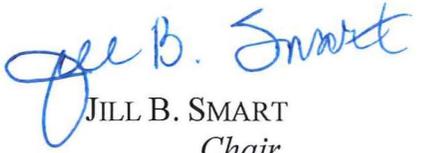
Ms. Smart announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for January 17, 2018, at 2:45 p.m., at Chicago.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Mitchell with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Clerk


JILL B. SMART
Chair


EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk