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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 6, 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, September 6, 2017, beginning at 3:06 p.m.

Mr. Ramón Cepeda, serving as chair *pro tem* 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; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Karina Reyes, voting student trustee, Chicago; Mr. Edwin Robles, student trustee, Springfield. Dr. Timothy N. Koritz and Dr. Stuart C. King attended as guests. Ms. Jill B. Smart, committee chair, and Mr. Trayshawn M.W. Mitchell, student trustee, Urbana, 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; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim

comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer) designate; 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.

Mr. Cepeda welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held July 12, 2017, and there were none. On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Edwards, 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Mr. Cepeda 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

Mr. Cepeda 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 Dean, School of Social Work, Urbana

Mr. Cepeda then asked Mr. John P. Wilkin, interim vice chancellor of academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Steven G. Anderson as dean of the School of Social Work at Urbana. Mr. Wilkin described Dr. Anderson's background and experience and said this recommendation comes as a result of a national search and advice from the search committee.

PRESENTATION

Academic Unit Review

Next, Mr. Cepeda asked Dr. Wilson to introduce the presentation on the academic unit review (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Wilson emphasized that academic unit reviews are ongoing, take many forms, and are used in multiple ways. She asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to report on academic unit reviews at Springfield. Dr. Papini told the committee that academic unit reviews allow for continuous improvement and promote accountability, and he described an eight-year review process that concludes with a report to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He presented key elements of program reviews and gave an overview of the outcomes of the review process. Dr. Papini described the relationship between budgeting and academic reviews at Springfield, noting that operating budgets are commensurate with

program review assessments. He also showed a list of programs and units scheduled for review in 2017-2018 and those that were reviewed in 2016-2017.

Next, Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, reported on academic unit reviews at Chicago. She discussed the purpose and review criteria of academic unit reviews and listed the steps in the program review process. Dr. Poser showed reviews that were completed from 2015 through 2017 and listed their outcomes. She used the review of the College of Engineering as an example to demonstrate the types of decisions that might be made as a result of this process. Dr. Poser listed programs scheduled for review in 2017-2018 and showed those identified as programs of excellence for 2017.

Lastly, Mr. Wilkin gave an overview of the department and program review process at Urbana and described the goals of program reviews. He commented on the role of an external review team and gave examples of these in Latina/Latino Studies, Psychology, and Civil and Environmental Engineering. Mr. Wilkin showed the program review schedule and described selected external review outcomes and benefits, and he concluded his presentation by commenting on the impact and excellence of the University. Some discussion followed regarding the selection of external reviewers. Mr. McMillan also inquired about a dashboard report that had been previously used and presented to the Board, and Dr. Wilson indicated that the contract with data analytics was terminated and that each university currently uses its own reporting system to better capture the data needed for its particular programs. Committee members discussed the creation of new programs and majors and the timing of the review process. Dr. Wilson referred to the

ongoing yearly review process for academic units that is part of the annual budget process, and Dr. Poser commented that colleges are incentivized to monitor and review units and make changes when appropriate. Mr. Edwards inquired about enrollment growth, and he and President Killeen discussed the enrollment strategy announced a year ago and the importance of maintaining quality. President Killeen emphasized that the basis of any strategy for growing enrollment in high-demand areas is to ensure that high quality is maintained. Mr. Cepeda referred to a previous presentation that was made on this topic.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cepeda announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for November 15, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., at Chicago.

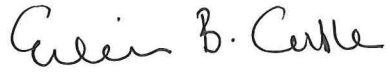
COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Reyes with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Clerk


RAMÓN CEPEDA
Chair pro tem


EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk