MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
JANUARY 17, 2018

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, January 17, 2018, beginning at 3:12 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; 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. Dr. Stuart C. King,
trustee, attended the meeting as a guest. 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); 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 November 15, 2017, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Reyes, 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 JANUARY 18, 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.

Approve Tuition Rates, Academic Year 2018-2019;
Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, Academic Year 2018-2019;
Approve Rate Changes for University-Operated Housing Facilities, Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, Academic Year 2018-2019

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Wilson to report on the recommendations to approve tuition rates, student fees, and rate changes for University-operated housing facilities for Academic Year 2018-2019. Dr. Wilson gave a presentation (materials on file with the clerk) and emphasized that the recommended rates for tuition, fees, and room and board are based on extensive consultation with faculty, students, administrators, and trustees. She reported that the goal is to protect access and affordability while sustaining academic quality and competitiveness. Dr. Wilson said it is recommended that there be no increase in the base tuition rate for new Illinois resident undergraduates for Academic Year 2018-2019, and she said this recommendation would result in the longest period without a tuition increase in 40 years and demonstrates the University’s commitment to affordability. Dr. Wilson presented the proposed guaranteed general tuition rates for undergraduate Illinois residents at Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield for Academic Year 2018-2019, and showed that the rates are unchanged from the previous year. She then reviewed additional recommendations, which included small increases for nonresidents and international students at Urbana and Chicago. Dr. Wilson then discussed recommendations for graduate tuition rates for Academic Year 2018-2019, which
included some targeted changes for specific graduate programs. She also reviewed recommendations for professional program tuition rates for Academic Year 2018-2019.

Next, Dr. Wilson gave an overview of student fees and assessments, and she described the process for establishing a student fee recommendation. She reviewed proposed fee and assessment increases at Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield and showed the recommended room and board rates for Academic Year 2018-2019. Dr. Wilson reported that the rates at Urbana and Springfield will remain unchanged from the previous year, with a 1.0 percent increase at Chicago. She concluded her presentation by commending all involved for their efforts to control costs and for their commitment to affordability.

Mr. Edwards inquired about the University’s tuition and fees compared to peer institutions, and Dr. Wilson indicated that she would discuss this at the Board meeting the following day. Ms. Smart asked for additional information about career services at the system and university level, and Dr. Wilson provided this information. Mr. Cepeda commended those throughout the University for controlling costs.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, presently dean of the College of Engineering; professor of electrical and computer engineering; M. E. Van Valkenburg Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; professor, Coordinated Science Laboratory, College of Engineering; and professor, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, Office of the Vice
Chancellor for Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana. Dr. Jones described Dr. Cangellaris’ background and experience and referred to his institutional knowledge. He commented on Dr. Cangellaris’ accomplishments and said that his many assets will be needed for this critical position. Dr. Jones thanked Dr. Edward Feser and Mr. John P. Wilkin for serving in interim positions until a search for a permanent vice chancellor could be completed.

Award Honorary Degrees, Urbana

Dr. Jones then reported on the recommendation to award honorary degrees to Dr. Robert S. Langer, the David H. Koch Institute Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Ms. Shelia Crump Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Salamander Hotels and Resorts, and vice chair, Monumental Sports and Entertainment. Dr. Jones discussed the background and accomplishments of each and said these would be conferred at commencement exercises on May 12, 2018.

Appoint Interim Dean, College of Engineering, Urbana

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Cangellaris to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. M. Tamer Basar, currently professor, Swanlund Endowed Chair, and Center for Advanced Study professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering; director, Center for Advanced Study, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost; professor of mechanical science and engineering; professor, Coordinated Science Laboratory; and professor, Information Trust Institute, College of Engineering,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as interim dean, College of Engineering, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris described Dr. Basar’s background and experience and referred to the many leadership roles he has held. Dr. Cangellaris indicated that this nomination is being made in consultation with department leaders, members of the executive committee, faculty, and staff in the college.

Appoint Associates to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana; and
Appoint Fellows to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then commented on the recommendations to appoint associates and fellows to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana, and said this allows for one semester of release time for self-initiated study. He briefly described the Center for Advanced Study and listed the faculty members selected to be associates and fellows for Academic Year 2017-2018. Dr. Cangellaris said this serves as an incubator for interdisciplinary scholarship at the University.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Philanthropy and said that this is an example of the CS+X model. He discussed aspects of the proposed program and said that training in philosophy complements training in computer science and provides an opportunity for students to investigate ethical issues surrounding the rise of computers in society.
Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Economics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris provided information on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Economics and said this is another example of the CS+X model. He described aspects of this proposed program and said that the combination of economics and computer science will provide students with enhanced quantitative analysis and programming skills.

Establish the Master of Science in Actuarial Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Actuarial Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He explained that actuarial science is currently a concentration within the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics, and that a separate major in actuarial science would be more visible and marketable to prospective students.

Establish the Master of Animal Sciences in Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then reported on the recommendation to establish the Master of Animal Sciences in Animal Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said this is complementary to the existing Master of Science in Animal Science and takes advantage
of a high demand program. Dr. Cangellaris said it provides an option for students with a bachelor’s degree who wish to pursue a non-thesis master’s degree.

Establish the Master of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris commented on the recommendation to establish a Master of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said that the proposed Master of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology is directed toward students who seek advanced preparation for professional school or careers in industry, government, or academia and provides an option for advanced study in the field of molecular and cellular biology without requiring a research thesis component. Dr. Cangellaris explained that departments in the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Urbana do not admit students directly to their Master of Science programs, and that these existing programs are used primarily for terminal degrees awarded to doctoral students who have passed their qualifying examinations but have chosen to leave the program. He described the benefits of the degree and the type of student who would be served by this proposed program.

Mr. McMillan referred to the previous recommendations for CS+X programs and asked why students could not pursue a major and minor rather than the combined CS+X degrees. Dr. Cangellaris explained that the CS+X programs meet a growing demand, and he referred to trends that rely on the use of data and analytics. He
confirmed that there are no additional costs associated with these programs. Dr. Cangellaris also briefly commented on the advantages cross-disciplinary degrees.

Name the Marching Illini Practice Field Tower, Urbana

Ms. Smart then asked Mr. Michael B. Bass, senior associate vice president and deputy comptroller, to report on capital and real estate items. Mr. Bass first discussed the recommendation to name the Marching Illini Practice Field Tower at Urbana as the Ronald and Paula Filler Instructional Tower, in recognition of the generosity of the Fillers for their contribution for the construction of this new facility. Mr. Bass told the committee that the Fillers are donating $260,000 for the construction of the tower.

Approve Project for West Renovation, Davenport Hall, Urbana

Mr. Bass discussed the recommendation to approve the project for the west renovation at Davenport Hall, Urbana. He said this proposed project would renew and renovate the west wing of Davenport Hall, a highly visible and high student-use building. Mr. Bass reported on funding for the project, which he said will be available from the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund and institutional funds, and said the proposed operating budget is $6.1 million.
Approve Project for Renovation, Townsend Hall and Wardall Hall, Illinois Street Residence Halls, Urbana

Next, Mr. Bass commented on the recommendation to approve the project for renovation of Townsend Hall and Wardall Hall, Illinois Street Residence Halls, Urbana. He described the scope of the proposed $55.5 million renovation of 220,767 gross square feet and said these buildings were first occupied in fall of 1964 and are in need of upgrades. He told the committee that the estimated date of completion for this project is July 2021.

Increase Project Budget for Roof Replacement, Multiple Buildings, Urbana

Mr. Bass then provided information on the recommendation to increase the project budget for roof replacement for multiple buildings at Urbana. He said a $1.1 million increase was approved in June 2017, and that an additional $400,000 is needed to address masonry repairs to the Music Building.

Increase Project Budget, Approve Renaming, and Award Construction Contract for Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Center, Urbana

Mr. Bass reported on the recommendation to increase the project budget, approve the renaming, and award a construction contract for the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Center, Urbana. He gave an overview of the history of the project and said it is necessary to increase the budget by $400,000 to complete the project. Mr. Bass said this recommendation also includes renaming of the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural
Center as the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center. Mr. Bass also provided information regarding the recommendation to award a contract to Broeren Russo Construction, Inc.

Award Construction Contracts for Engineering Innovation Building, College of Engineering, Chicago

Next, Mr. Bass provided information on the recommendation to award construction contracts for the Engineering Innovation Building, College of Engineering, Chicago. Mr. Bass gave an overview of the history of the project and described the building's location. He reported on aspects of the project and the scope of work to be completed, and he listed Minority and Female Business Enterprise (MAFBE) participation rates for the recommended contracts.

Mr. Edwards reminded members of the committee that the capital and real estate items are usually discussed at the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee meeting, which was canceled. He emphasized the need for a long-term capital plan. Ms. Smart inquired about demolition of the residence halls in lieu of renovation, and Mr. Bass discussed the rationale for renovation. He also provided additional information about the bidding process in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code.

Appoint Dean, College of Pharmacy, Chicago

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Glen Thomas Schumock, presently head and professor of the Department of Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes, and Policy; center affiliate
in the Center for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomic Research, College of Pharmacy; and department affiliate, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, as dean of the College of Pharmacy, Chicago. Dr. Barish reported on Dr. Schumock’s background and experience and said that he succeeds Dr. Jerry L. Bauman, who retired on December 31, 2017, after providing more than 37 years of service and leadership to the University of Illinois.

**Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago**

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago, as the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts. Dr. Poser provided information about the degree program and described the rationale for the proposed change, stating that it better reflects the curriculum and avoids potential confusion with the Bachelor of Arts in Design that will enroll its first students in Fall 2018.

There were no objections to the items listed above going forward to the full Board for approval.
Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Wilson to introduce a presentation on academic support programs for students (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Wilson discussed factors related to academic success and referred to the great diversity among the University’s students. She reported that strong partnership among staff in student affairs, academic affairs, medical units, and athletics is key to ensuring student success. Then, as examples, she described the types of support programs available for students with disabilities, students from underrepresented groups, and international students. Dr. Wilson presented a chart depicting the six-year graduation rate at Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana and compared these rates to those at peer institutions.

Dr. Wilson then invited Dr. Nikos Varelas, vice provost for undergraduate affairs and academic programs, Chicago, to discuss academic support programs at Chicago. Dr. Varelas highlighted the Summer College program, which he said is tuition-free and assists students with the transition from high school to college. He provided additional details about the program and its impact and said the Summer College has a proven track record of helping students succeed at Chicago.

Dr. Wilson asked Dr. Robert Blankenberger, associate vice chancellor for undergraduate education, Springfield, to report on academic support programs for students at Springfield. Dr. Blankenberger discussed Students Transitioning for Academic Retention and Success (STARS) and said this living-learning community was created to provide assistance to academically underprepared, first generation, and
underrepresented students at Springfield. He provided some background on the origins of the program and described the services available through STARS, and he reported that STARS student outcomes have been positive, with STARS students performing better than their peer group.

Lastly, Dr. Wilson asked Dr. Kevin Pitts, vice provost for undergraduate education and innovation, Urbana, to provide information on academic support programs for students at Urbana. Dr. Pitts highlighted the Academic Redshirt in Science and Engineering (ARISE) program, which he said identifies students who have potential but are not sufficiently prepared. He discussed aspects of the program and described some of the activities associated with it, and he said the program utilizes a holistic approach.

Discussion followed, and Mr. McMillan commended these efforts to provide academic support and urged that they also challenge students to be independent. Committee members then discussed mental health issues and services and their cost, and Dr. Wilson emphasized the goal of any of these services is to promote student success.

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 March 14, 2018, at 2:45 p.m., at Urbana.
COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Reyes with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Clerk

EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk

JULI B. SMART
Chair