

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in Illini Rooms B and C, Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street, Urbana, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, beginning at 2:12 p.m.

Trustee Patrick J. Fitzgerald, serving as chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Mr. Patrick J. Fitzgerald; Dr. Timothy N. Koritz; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Mr. Sanford E. Perl; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, student trustee, Urbana; and Mr. Darius M. Newsome, student trustee, Chicago. Dr. Stuart C. King, trustee, and Ms. Shaina Humphrey, voting student trustee, Springfield, attended the meeting as guests. President Timothy L. Killeen was in attendance.

Also present were Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; 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, 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. President Killeen introduced Dr. Nicholas C. Burbules, chair of the University Senates Conference Statutes and Governance Committee. Attached is a listing of other staff members in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on July 19, 2018, and there were none. He requested a motion to approve the minutes, and on motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Smart, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Mr. Fitzgerald introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on September 27, 2018. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff,
and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

Mr. Fitzgerald asked Ms. Williams to comment on the recommended appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Ms. Williams explained that the appointments recommended in this item are thoroughly reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, and unit, and she asked that members

of the committee contact her with any questions. There were no comments or questions regarding this recommendation.

Approve Academic and Administrative Appointments for Contract Year 2018-2019

Mr. Fitzgerald then asked Dr. Wilson to discuss the recommendation to approve academic and administrative appointments for Contract Year 2018-2019. Dr. Wilson indicated that this item, which appears before the Board on an annual basis, reflects the 2 percent salary increase received by 76 percent of academic and administrative employees. She said that 24 percent did not receive an increase because those individuals were recently hired, had performance issues, or recently received promotions.

Appoint Interim Director, Discovery Partners Institute

Next, Mr. Fitzgerald asked President Killeen to report on the recommendation to appoint an interim director of the Discovery Partners Institute. President Killeen told the committee that Dr. William H. Sanders, presently professor and head, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is being recommended to serve as interim director of the Discovery Partners Institute. President Killeen described Dr. Sanders' background and experience and said he has served as interim director-designate since August 16, 2018. Dr. Koritz told the committee that Dr. Sanders' testimony at the Senate Higher Education Committee was very impressive, and Mr. McMillan agreed.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Research, Chicago

Mr. Fitzgerald then asked Dr. Amiridis to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Joanna Groden as vice chancellor for research, Chicago. Dr. Amiridis stated that Dr. Groden currently serves as professor and vice chair for academic affairs in the Department of Cancer Biology and Genetics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and he described her background and experience. Dr. Amiridis told the committee that a national search was conducted for this position and described the interview and search process.

Amend Multi-Year Contract, Head Coach, Men's Basketball, Chicago

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Approve Minutes of Prairieland Energy, Inc., Meeting

Mr. McMillan then asked Mr. Michael B. Bass, senior associate vice president and deputy comptroller, to discuss the recommendation to approve the minutes of Prairieland Energy, Inc. Mr. Bass stated that Board of Trustees is the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., and that these minutes concern the May 17, 2018, meeting of Prairieland.

Appoint Directors, Prairieland Energy, Inc.

Mr. Bass then reported on the recommendation to appoint directors to the board of Prairieland Energy, Inc. He said the Prairieland board of directors recommends that Dr. Mohamed Attalla, executive director of facilities and services, Urbana; and Dr. Mark Laufenberg, president of PowerWorld Corporation and alumnus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, serve as Prairieland directors. He thanked Ms. Helen Coleman and Mr. Larry Altenbaumer, who previously served on the board of directors, for their service to the University and Prairieland.

Ms. Williams reminded committee members that these two items will appear on the Board's agenda for Prairieland Energy, Inc. for voting the following day.

PRESENTATIONS

Legislative Update

Next, Mr. Fitzgerald asked Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, senior director of State relations, Office of Governmental Relations, to give a legislative update. Ms. Creasey discussed advocacy and outreach efforts at the State level. She described events that focused on building momentum and support for the Discovery Partners Institute, and she reported on legislation impacting the University. Ms. Creasey said the Office of Governmental Relations continues to work to gain additional support for the University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) from other

institutions of higher education, and she commented on the GROW Illinois initiative. She told the committee that the Office of Governmental Relations is working with the chancellors at each university to coordinate visits and events that will continue to demonstrate the universities' presence in their districts. Ms. Creasey reported on additional events and said the Office of Governmental Relations is planning an aggressive and proactive agenda for the upcoming session.

Next, Ms. Melissa S. Haas, associate director of federal relations, reported on activities and events at the federal level and gave examples of University faculty serving as expert witnesses for congressional hearings. She gave an update on legislative items and discussed Fiscal Year 2019 funding, noting the strong support from Congress for higher education and research funding. She reported on the University's participation in a summit on quantum research and noted the University's contributions to the federal government's efforts to address the opioid crisis. Ms. Haas referred to a leaked draft of a document that would change the Title IX rules associated with allegations of sexual misconduct, and the committee discussed the ramifications of these potential changes and emphasized that careful consideration, processes, and resources are critical to this issue.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Creasey and Ms. Haas for their report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fitzgerald encouraged committee members to review the trustee self-evaluation report and presidential evaluation materials that were made available to them.


Mr. Fitzgerald announced that the next meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee is scheduled for November 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Smart, seconded by Mr. Newsome, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,


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Secretary

PATRICK J. FITZGERALD
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
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