

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
MAY 15, 2019

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Room 224, Student Union, 2251 Richard Wright Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, beginning at 2:50 p.m.

Trustee Edward L. McMillan, vice chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Kareem Dale; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Darius M. Newsome, student trustee, Chicago; Ms. Shaina Humphrey, voting student trustee, Springfield. Ms. Jill B. Smart, chair of the committee, was absent. Mr. Donald J. Edwards attended the meeting as a guest.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; 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, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Edward Seidel, vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Dedra

M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations. President Killeen introduced Dr. Xiaoqing Li, member of the Academic Affairs and Research Committee of the University Senates Conference. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. McMillan welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held March 13, 2019, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Dale, 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 16, 2019

Mr. McMillan introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on May 16, 2019, and asked certain individuals to comment on them. The recommended Board items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

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

Mr. McMillan 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, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago

Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Rebecca Ann Rugg as dean of the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts at Chicago. Dr. Poser described Dr. Rugg's background, education, and experience and said this recommendation comes as a result of a national search and an intense interview process.

Appoint Dean, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago

Dr. Poser then discussed the recommendation to appoint Ms. Darby Dickerson, presently dean and professor of law at The John Marshall Law School as dean of the UIC John Marshall Law School. Dr. Poser explained there was no search committee for this position because it is part of the asset transfer of the UIC John Marshall Law School. She added that Ms. Dickerson has played an essential role in the success of this transfer and noted that she is an exceptional dean.

Establish the Program in Rehabilitation Sciences,
College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

Next, Dr. Poser provided information on the recommendation to establish the program in Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago. She said this is an interdisciplinary program that brings together student interest and faculty expertise from

the college's departments, and she gave some background on the Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences, which was first offered in Fall 2015. Dr. Poser said the program in Rehabilitation Sciences will function as an independent unit led by a director who reports to the dean of the college and will house the BS in Rehabilitation Sciences. She said it will serve as tenure home for a critical mass of anticipated new faculty and a stable disciplinary home for 14 existing non-tenure system faculty, and she told the committee that formalizing a program in Rehabilitation Sciences will increase clarity about this interdisciplinary option.

Establish the Master of Public Policy, College of Urban Planning
and Public Affairs and Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Public Policy in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago, and said the degree is designed for students interested in analytical careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. She described aspects of the degree and program of study, and said that it is anticipated that 10 students will enroll in Fall 2020, with 42 enrolled once fully implemented.

Establish the Master of Science in Civic Analytics,
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser then discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Civic Analytics in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago, and said the degree is designed to produce graduates who can contribute to

solving public problems using principles of data science and technology. She described characteristics of the degree and the program of study, and said that it is anticipated that 20 students will enroll in Fall 2020, with 56 enrolled once fully implemented.

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

Next, Dr. Poser reported on the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Design in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago, as the Bachelor of Arts in Design Studies. She gave the rationale for this proposed change and said it will align the degree name with developing national and international trends.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Animal Sciences,
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

Mr. McMillan then asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris said this is an example of a CS + X program that will prepare graduates for graduate-level study or careers in animal-related fields that have a technology, data-handling and management, and/or genomics focus. Brief discussion followed, and Mr. McMillan asked how many CS + X programs are in existence. Dr. Cangellaris responded that he knows of at least seven.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in
Brain and Cognitive Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Brain and Cognitive Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Urbana. He said the proposed degree combines the study of psychology, neuroscience, computer science, philosophy, linguistics, and related fields to allow students to gain novel but integrated perspectives on information and intelligence, both biological and artificial. He discussed the potential career paths for graduates of the program.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design,
College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts at Urbana. He said the proposed degree will draw on the disciplines of design, architecture, landscape architecture, and urban and regional planning with a focus on the places, objects, systems, and policies needed to help solve problems in a sustainable society; coursework in the degree will focus on building sustainable communities through intentional design of environmentally-sensitive products, buildings, landscapes, and cities. Dr. Cangellaris said this program aligns with an initiative to cultivate community engagement and foster the growth of healthy communities into the future.

Establish the Master of Agricultural and Applied Economics
with the Major in Agricultural and Applied Economics,
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then provided information on the recommendation to establish the Master of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, Urbana, and said this would be a non-thesis master's degree that will focus on the concepts and analytical techniques used by analysts and managers in the food and agribusiness industries, in government, and in other related organizations. Mr. Mitchell commented that this degree seems to be in high demand, and Dr. Cangellaris said there is much interest from companies in graduates with this degree.

Establish the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies as a
Permanent Center, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to establish the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies as a permanent center in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana. He said that the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies was created in 2009 with temporary status and that this proposal seeks permanent status under the revised name Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies. Dr. Cangellaris told the committee that the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies was established through an endowment gift by Mr. Jorge Palo Lemann, which provides annual income support for the unit. He said financial stability is in place to support permanent status, including a new endowment gift, income from an annual charitable fund, and grants and cost-matching awards from the Brazilian federal government, Sao Paulo Research Foundation, and the Lemann Foundation.

Name The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to name the College of Engineering as The Grainger College of Engineering, in honor of William W. Grainger, a 1919 graduate of the College of Engineering. He said this naming opportunity recognizes the many generous personal and family foundation gifts that have been given to the college to help it deliver on its mission as an engine of engineering excellence. President Killeen commented on the positive relationship with this benefactor and said that a major unrestricted gift enables the naming of this venerated college. He noted that if all personal and family foundation gifts related to Grainger were added together, they would constitute the largest gift ever given to a public institution, and he remarked on the importance of this moment. Mr. McMillan acknowledged the continuity of the relationship between The Grainger Foundation and the university, which began with its first gift in 1987. He said this 31-year relationship is a great tribute to the Grainger family and those at the university who have contributed to the process.

Name the Magelli Office of Experiential Learning, Gies College of Business, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then provided information on the recommendation to name the Office of Experiential Learning at the Gies College of Business in recognition of Dr. Paul Magelli and his many years of service and dedication to experiential learning at the University of Illinois. He said the naming of the Magelli Office of Experiential Learning will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Magelli, who passed away in 2016. He noted that Dr. Magelli was a great leader and advocate for the Gies College of Business and that this naming is a celebration of his contributions.

Rename the Department of Animal Biology,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to rename the Department of Animal Biology as the Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior. He discussed the rationale for the change and said the name change was the top recommendation from the department's 2017-2018 external review, and that the proposed new name is strongly supported by the department's faculty, as well as by the faculty from the College of Liberal Arts and Science.

Amend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*, Urbana

Mr. McMillan then asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to amend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*. Dr. Jones explained that the proposed change extends the deadline for submission of final items for the Senate agenda to create a shorter time period for the Senate clerk to prepare items listed for distribution.

There were no objections to the agenda items listed above going forward to the full Board for voting.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHT

At 3:14 p.m., Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Thomas Rothfus, director, Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon Preserve, and Dr. Anne-Marie Hanson, Department of Environmental

Studies, Springfield, to give a presentation on the field stations at Springfield and opportunities for interdisciplinary research to engage students and the public (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Rothfus described the two field stations and the uses of each, showing the diversity of projects that have been conducted. He provided information about a camera trapping project at the UIS Field Station at Lake Springfield and described opportunities for collaboration and hands-on experience for students. Dr. Hanson then reported on a project that deals with plastic pollution in central Illinois waterways and said that it engages students through interdisciplinary teaching, learning, and research, noting that it frames the problem of plastics in waterways through a local perspective. She gave examples of the ways in which students are engaged in this project and said it brings together various fields and creates intellectual connections among them. Dr. Hanson also discussed opportunities to engage the public and address grand challenges. One example she described is the 30-Minute Litter Walk project that encourages members of the community to send photographs of litter collected during a 30-minute walk that can be used for research purposes.

Discussion followed, and Mr. Dale asked for more information about the staff and buildings associated with the field stations. Dr. Rothfus explained that there is one building at the Emiquon field station, and that he works with one staff member there. He indicated there is no additional staff working at the Lake Springfield field station. Mr. McMillan and Dr. Rothfus discussed high water levels and how this is handled at the Emiquon field station, and Dr. Rothfus also commented on the litter that has been found in high water levels. Dr. Koch referred to a previous visit from members of the Board to

Emiquon and said they are welcome to visit again anytime in the future. Mr. McMillan commented on the history of the area. President Killeen referred to student interest in environmental issues and noted that engaging high school students could also have some recruiting potential. Dr. Hanson stated that a summer camp is being designed and a graduate student is currently developing a plan for outreach initiatives. Mr. McMillan thanked Dr. Rothfus and Dr. Hanson for the presentation.

Mr. McMillan then referred to the University's recent Commencement ceremonies, which graduated about 22,000 students, and highlighted aspects of the ceremonies at each university. A slideshow with photographs from the Commencement ceremonies followed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McMillan asked if there was any new business, and there was none. He announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 24, 2019, at 10:40 a.m., in Chicago.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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