

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
MAY 20, 2020

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference¹ on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, beginning at 3:13 p.m.

Trustee Jill B. Smart, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary-designate to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ricardo Estrada;² Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, voting student trustee, Urbana; Ms. Susan E. Panek, student trustee, Chicago. Mr. Kareem Dale and Ms. Rosie Dawoud, student trustee, Springfield, were absent. Mr. Donald J. Edwards, chair of the Board of Trustees, attended the meeting. Dr. Stuart C. King attended the meeting as a guest.

Also present were Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; 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;

¹ Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-33.

² Mr. Estrada left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary-designate of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations. 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 March 11, 2020, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. McMillan, 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 21, 2020

Ms. Smart introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on May 21, 2020, 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

Ms. Smart asked Mr. Knott to comment on the item recommending appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Mr. Knott

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 he encouraged committee members to contact him with any questions.

Approve Student Health Insurance Rate
for Springfield University, Academic Year 2020-2021

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Wilson to provide information on the recommendation to approve student health insurance rates at Springfield for Academic Year 2020-2021. Dr. Wilson noted that the rates for Urbana and Chicago were previously approved by the Board. She said the cost of the proposed student health insurance rates at Springfield will increase by \$26.00 per semester for all students, which is an increase of 3 percent. She reported that 60 percent of students opt out of the insurance.

Resolution to Revise the Policy on
Names of Students in Records, Catalogs, and Diplomas

Dr. Wilson then discussed the resolution to revise the policy on student names that are permitted on records, catalogs, and diplomas and explained that this resolution specifically concerns names on diplomas. She gave examples of why students might wish to use a preferred or chosen name on their diplomas rather than a legal name and said this change would not impact formal records, such as transcripts. Dr. Wilson added that student requests for a preferred name would be subject to a review process, and she told the committee this is an accepted practice at many institutions across the country. Mr.

McMillan expressed concern that this could degrade the significance of a University of Illinois degree. Dr. Wilson noted his concern and referred again to the review process. Mr. Estrada described his own experience wishing that his mother's last name could be added to his name on his diploma, which he said is a common practice in Latin American communities. Dr. King stated this is a good example of why this is an appropriate proposal. Ms. Smart also gave an example of why students may choose an alternate name for a diploma.

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

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Jones to report on the recommendation to amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*. He outlined the proposed changes, which deal primarily with updates to terminology used to describe someone who is seeking a degree.

Extend Term, Dean, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to provide information on the recommendation to extend the term of the dean of the School of Labor and Employment Relations at Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris said this item recommends extending the term appointment of Dr. Fritz Drasgow as dean of the School of Labor and Employment relations by an additional two years, through August 15, 2022. Dr. Cangellaris said this will ensure stable leadership until a national search can be conducted.

Eliminate the Master of Science in the Teaching of Earth Science,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Science in the Teaching of Earth Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College at Urbana. He said the program has not had any graduates in several years and explained why students may not have been interested in the program. He added that the Department of Geology offers a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Teaching of Earth Science.

Approve General Management Online Tuition, Gies College of Business, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to approve the general management online tuition at the Gies College of Business at Urbana. He said the proposed rate is \$302 per credit hour for General Management Online programs and said this is the same rate approved for the online Master of Business Administration (iMBA) at Urbana. He gave examples of programs that would be assessed this rate, including the proposed online Master of Science in Management (iMSM) program. Dr. Cangellaris said that setting a general management tuition rate for online graduate programs that mirrors the iMBA rate will provide consistency.

Mr. McMillan mentioned that there was once a proposal to incorporate the School of Labor and Employment Relations into the Gies College of Business. He asked for an update on the enrollments for the School of Labor and Employment Relations, and Dr. Cangellaris said he would be happy to provide this after this meeting. Dr. King

inquired about the calculation of the tuition rate and the type of methodology or assessment utilized. Dr. Cangellaris said there is careful assessment of online tuition rates and explained that these programs are offered through Coursera, which provides, in conjunction with the colleges, a detailed and thorough assessment of the market and appropriate tuition rate. He said he could provide additional details after this meeting.

Appoint Interim University Librarian and
Dean of Libraries, University Library, Chicago

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to appoint an interim university librarian and dean of libraries at Chicago. Dr. Poser said this item recommends the appointment of Dr. Karen J. Colley, currently dean of the Graduate College and professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics in the College of Medicine at Chicago, as interim university librarian and dean of libraries at Chicago, and noted that Ms. Mary Case, current dean, is retiring on July 31, 2020. Dr. Poser said that Dr. Colley will continue to hold the position of dean of the Graduate College and told the committee this is the second time one person has held positions as deans of two colleges simultaneously. Dr. Poser said the search for a permanent dean launched that day.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Data Science, College of Engineering, Chicago

Dr. Poser then reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Data Science in the College of Engineering at Chicago. She provided information about the field and the requirements of the degree. Dr. Poser said 45 students are anticipated

enrolling in the first year, growing to 200 once fully implemented. She also described employment opportunities for graduates of this program.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Linguistics,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Dr. Poser provided information about the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Chicago. She explained that a new framework has been designed in the college to facilitate the creation of degree programs that will prepare students for technical or professional careers in arts and sciences that also require a sound grounding in computer science. Dr. Poser provided additional information about degree and admission requirements and said it is anticipated that 75 students will be enrolled once the degree is fully implemented. She said five students are expected to enroll the first year.

Redesignate and Reorganize the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences,
Major in Psychology, Concentration in General Psychology,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Dr. Poser discussed the recommendation to redesignate and reorganize the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Psychology, concentration in General Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She said the Department of Psychology currently awards the Bachelor of Arts, major in Psychology, and that students must complete one of two concentrations. She said the department will eliminate the concentration terminology and current administrative framework so as transform each concentration into a stand-alone degree, one of which will be the Bachelor of Science in

Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Psychology. Dr. Poser then discussed the redesignation from a Bachelor of Arts to a Bachelor of Science and said this will aid the department and advisors in communicating the purpose of the degree, emphasizing its scientific nature.

Rename and Reorganize the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences,
Major in Psychology, Concentration in Applied Psychology,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Dr. Poser then reported on the recommendation to rename and reorganize the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Psychology, concentration in Applied Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago. As Dr. Poser explained in the previous item, this recommendation would enable the department to transform the concentration in Applied Psychology into a stand-alone degree, the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Applied Psychology. Dr. Poser explained that the major in Applied Psychology involves the application of psychological principles in a field setting, and she explained that maintaining the program of study as a Bachelor of Arts degree is consistent with peer programs. She noted that including “applied” in the name of the major will provide clarity to students and future employers.

Rename the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering,
College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Dr. Poser provided information on the recommendation to rename the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering in the College of Engineering and the Graduate College at Chicago as the Department of Civil, Materials, and Environmental

Engineering. She said this new name better reflects the environmental engineering and sustainability research conducted by faculty in the department and the related coursework that exists across the curricula. Dr. Poser said this change is expected to benefit recruitment of faculty and students, noting that peer departments already include “environmental” in their names.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Smart asked if there was any new business, and there was none. Ms. Smart announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 22, 2020, at 2:45 p.m., at a location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Smart, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Secretary

JILL B. SMART
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary