

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 11, 2020

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference<sup>1</sup> on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Trustee Jill B. Smart, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Kareem Dale; Mr. Ricardo Estrada; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Ali Mirza, student trustee, Urbana; Ms. Jocelyn Bravo, voting student trustee, Chicago; Mr. Austin Verthein, student trustee, Springfield. Mr. Donald J. Edwards, chair of the Board of Trustees, attended the meeting.

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. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim

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<sup>1</sup> Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-59.

vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

President Killeen introduced Dr. Aria Razfar, professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Chicago, and member of the University Senates Conference Academic Affairs and Research Committee. 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. She asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held September 9, 2020, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Mirza, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, the minutes were approved by the following vote:<sup>2</sup> Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Smart, Mr. Mirza, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Verthein; No, none.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Ms. Smart introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on November 12, 2020, and asked certain individuals to comment on them. The recommended Board items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

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.

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

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to provide information on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Agronomy in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris described a restructuring of the concentrations within the Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences, pointing out that the concentrations are consolidated and elevated through the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Plant Biotechnology and the proposed Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He described the benefits of this reorganization and discussed the curriculum. Mr. McMillan remarked on the role of agronomy and expressed support for the proposed change, stating it is a critical area of study.

Establish the Doctor of Clinical Exercise Physiology,  
College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Doctor of Clinical Exercise Physiology in the College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago. Dr. Barish said this would be the first doctorate of its kind in the country and world, and he described the role of clinical exercise physiologists, stating that they are health-care professionals who help people with a variety of chronic diseases. He said the degree will elevate professional preparation beyond what is currently available and he described the degree requirements. He said this occupation is growing and referred to demand for this degree. Dr. Barish told the committee that no additional State funds are required. He reported that eight students are expected to enroll the first year, with 20 students enrolled when the program is fully implemented. Dr. Barish said one clinical teaching faculty member would be hired during the first year of the program, and current clinical facilities and library resources are adequate to support the program.

There were no objections 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. She announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for January 20, 2021, at 2:45 p.m., at a location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Estrada, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m. by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Smart, Mr. Mirza, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Verthein; No, none.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

JILL B. SMART  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*