

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, September 9, 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. Dr. Stuart C. King and Mr. Lester H. McKeever, treasurer, attended the meeting as guests.

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,

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<sup>1</sup> Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-52.

comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim 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 July 22, 2020, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Mirza, the minutes were approved by the following vote:<sup>2</sup> Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Smart, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein; No, none.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Ms. Smart introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on September 10, 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 Master of Science in Translational Medical Sciences,  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine and the Graduate College, 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 Master of Science in Translational Medical Sciences in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine and the Graduate College at Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris said this is a one-year program aimed at non-medical students that combines clinical immersion with a biomedical capstone design experience. He described anticipated interest in the program and the types of career paths that would be likely for its graduates. Dr. Cangellaris provided information about the curriculum and coursework and said that current facilities, including library resources, are adequate to support the program. He said current Carle Illinois College of Medicine faculty will be invited to teach core courses and that additional specialized teaching faculty will be hired if needed with funds provided by tuition. Dr. Cangellaris said tuition revenue from the program is anticipated

to be adequate to cover any service-in-excess cost as well as salary for staff necessary to administer the program.

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

## PRESENTATION

### UIC John Marshall Law School

Ms. Smart asked Ms. Darby Dickerson, dean of the UIC John Marshall Law School, to give an update. Ms. Dickerson began her presentation (materials on file with the secretary) by giving an update on the transition of The John Marshall Law School to the University of Illinois at Chicago. She gave a budget and finance update for Fiscal Year 2020 and showed that enrollment and tuition revenue exceeded estimates. Ms. Dickerson reported on the mission statement, core values, and strategic priorities of the college, and she highlighted the college's rankings and faculty diversity. She told the committee that Ms. Alexandra Pruitt, a student at the school, was selected as *prelaw Magazine* National Student of the Year. Ms. Dickerson discussed the field of public lawyering and the recent recruitment of Professor Alicia Alvarez to the school as the new associate dean of experiential education. Ms. Dickerson then reported on Fall 2020 admissions and stated that 70 percent are Illinois residents, 56 percent are women, and 35 percent are students of color. She said that as a result of joining the university, the college now offers an in-state tuition rate, which is lower than the previous rate offered as a private college. The law school also has an out-of-state rate for students outside Illinois. Ms. Dickerson then

showed the newest faculty to join the college. She described the ways in which the college planned for Fall 2020 in light of the coronavirus pandemic, and she listed the initiatives for Academic Year 2020-2021, which include the development of undergraduate pipeline programs, dual degrees, interdisciplinary certificates, and a Master of Jurisprudence in Law and Policy.

Ms. Smart thanked Ms. Dickerson for the presentation and remarked on faculty diversity and increased enrollment. Mr. Dale also commented on diversity and inquired about a certification in civic diversity that he had seen elsewhere. Ms. Dickerson discussed anti-racism and diversity modules that are built into some courses at the law school and the possibility of offering a concentration in racial justice or something similar. Dr. King congratulated Ms. Dickerson on the college's progress, remarked on the benefits of interdisciplinary programs, and asked about the possibility of a MD/JD degree program. Ms. Dickerson said this may take a few years to develop and referred to the complication of testing requirements in each field.

President Killeen congratulated Dr. Amiridis; Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago; and Ms. Dickerson on successfully incorporating The John Marshall Law School into the university. President Killeen thanked the Board for its support and said he is very proud. Ms. Dickerson explained that it is a good match because the missions of the two institutions are strongly aligned. Mr. McKeever, Mr. Estrada, and Ms. Jakobsson also extended congratulations, and Ms. Jakobsson said she was impressed by the public service provided by the law school. Mr.

Mirza added that the lower tuition rate is important, as the cost of law school is often a barrier to entry for many students.

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 November 11, 2020, at 2:45 p.m., at a location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. Estrada, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m. by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Smart, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein; No, none.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

JILL B. SMART  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*