

Board Meeting
December 2, 2011

APPOINT INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, URBANA

Action: Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Research

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

The Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has recommended the appointment of Robert A. Easter as Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at a total annual salary of \$60,000, beginning January 1, 2012.

Dr. Easter retired from the University on October 15, 2011, as Professor of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana, and Special Assistant to the President, having concluded his service as Interim Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on September 30, 2011. In a September 9, 2011, Board action, he was named Dean Emeritus, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, effective August 16, 2009, and Professor Emeritus of Animal Sciences, effective October 16, 2011. He succeeds Interim Vice Chancellor for Research Ravishankar K. Iyer, who will return to full-time faculty service on January 1, 2012. Dr. Easter will serve in the critical leadership position of Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, leading, supporting, and enabling research initiatives and technology commercialization for the

Urbana-Champaign campus, until a permanent appointee is identified through a competitive search, approved by the Board, and is prepared to begin service.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material aspects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This recommendation is made with the advice of the Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, at Urbana.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

ROBERT A. EASTER

Education

Texas A&M University, College Station, B.S., 1970; M.S., 1972
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D., 1976

Professional or Other Experience

Texas A&M University, College Station, 1970-92, Graduate Fellow
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Agricultural, Environmental
and Consumer Sciences, 1973-75, Research Assistant; 1976, Lecturer in Animal
Nutrition; 1976-80, Assistant Professor of Swine Nutrition and Management,
Department of Animal Sciences; 1980-87, Associate Professor of Swine Nutrition and
Management, Department of Animal Sciences; 1987-2011, Professor of Animal
Sciences, and Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences; 1996-2001, Head,
Department of Animal Sciences; 2001-02, Interim Dean; 2002-09, Dean; 2006-09,
Interim Director, National Soybean Research Laboratory; 2009-11, Interim Provost
and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; 2009-10, Interim Provost/Chancellor;
2010-11, Interim Provost and Vice President and Chancellor; 2011, Interim Vice
President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, Urbana; 2011, Special Assistant to
the President