

Board Meeting
January 15, 2015

APPOINT INTERIM CHANCELLOR, CHICAGO

Action: Appoint Interim Chancellor

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

President Robert A. Easter recommends the appointment of Eric A. Gislason, presently Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Chicago, to serve as Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois during the two months prior to the March 16, 2015, start date for Dr. Michael Amiridis. For service in this capacity, Dr. Gislason will receive an administrative increment of \$75,000 on a twelve-month service basis, effective immediately. In addition, he will continue to serve as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Chicago, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$300,000, effective August 16, 2014, for a total annual salary of \$375,000. Dr. Gislason is uniquely qualified to serve in both roles on a short-term basis. As previously noted, he has had a distinguished record of service to the Chicago campus spanning four decades, which included serving as Head of the Department of Chemistry, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Vice Chancellor for Research, and Interim Chancellor.

As Interim Chancellor and Interim VCAA/Provost, under the direction of the President, Dr. Gislason shall perform such duties as may be delegated and assigned

by the President, consistent with the University *Statutes*, *The General Rules* and actions of the Board of Trustees. He succeeds Dr. Paula Allen-Meares, whose term as Chancellor ends on January 14, 2015.

Dr. Gislason will continue to hold these positions through March 15, 2015, at which time Dr. Michael D. Amiridis will assume his responsibilities as Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois on March 16, 2015. At that time, Dr. Gislason will no longer be required to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Interim Chancellor and he will revert back to his duties and responsibilities as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Chicago, at the annual compensation rate (\$300,000) provided to him at the time of his initial appointment to that position effective August 16, 2014.

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

I seek your approval.