

Board Meeting
January 21, 2021

EXTEND APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD, AND VICE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Action: Extend Appointment, Interim Chancellor and Vice President

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

In June 2020, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Karen M. Whitney as Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois (“Interim Chancellor and Vice President”), on a one-year appointment effective July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2021.

President Timothy L. Killeen now recommends extending this appointment by one additional year, through June 30, 2022. This extension recognizes Dr. Whitney’s outstanding performance to date and provides continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic. A national search will be launched for a permanent chancellor in late summer or early fall 2021.

The extension of Dr. Whitney’s appointment will be reflected in an agreement for services (“Agreement”) to be entered between the System and The Registry for College and University Presidents (“The Registry”). Under the terms of the Agreement, The Registry will perform the services required through Karen M. Whitney, Sole Proprietor, an independent contractor. For the twelve-month period from July 1,

2021, through June 30, 2022, Dr. Whitney will receive a monthly fee of \$24,969.67; this amount may be increased by the President effective in fall 2021 to reflect a faculty salary program if one is instituted for the 2021-22 academic year. In addition, she will receive a monthly housing stipend of \$2,083.33. During the term, the System also will pay a monthly fee of \$8,240.00 for The Registry's services, which will include: i) monitoring and assessing Dr. Whitney's performance under the Agreement predicated upon evaluation reports from the System; and ii) as needed, providing strategic advice and addressing any matters related to Dr. Whitney's performance. If a permanent successor is identified prior to June 30, 2022, the Interim Chancellor and Vice President is subject to a 30-day termination notice without penalty. As Interim Chancellor and Vice President, under the direction of the President, Dr. Whitney shall continue to perform such duties as may arise from that role, consistent with the University *Statutes*, *The General Rules* and actions of the Board of Trustees.

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.

The President seeks your approval.

(A biosketch follows.)

KAREN M. WHITNEY

Education

University of Houston, B.A. (Psychology), 1982; M.A. (Public Administration), 1990

The University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. (Higher Educational Administration), 2003

Professional and Other Experience

The University of Houston, 1980-83, Assistant Night and Weekend Manager, University Center; 1981-83, Activity Advisor, Department of Residence Life; 1983-84, Hall Director, Department of Residence Life; 1984, Assistant Area Coordinator, Department of Residence Life; 1984-87, Area Coordinator, Department of Residence Life

The University of Texas at San Antonio, 1987-90, Director of Residence Life; 1990-97, Assistant Vice President for Student Life; 1997-99, Associate Vice President for Student Life

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, 1999-2007, Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Diversity and Dean of Students; 2007-10, Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Dean of Students

Indiana University, School of Education, 2006-10, Adjunct Assistant Professor
Clarion University, Clarion, PA, 2010-17, President

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, 2017-18, Interim Chancellor
University of Illinois Springfield, 2020-date, Interim Chancellor and Vice President