Approved by the Board of Trustees

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# APPOINT INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois System recommends the appointment of Linda M. Delene, as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost for the period of January 9, 2023, through June 30, 2023. During this time period, a national search will be conducted to identify a permanent successor following the resignation of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Dennis R. Papini on January 8, 2023. Dr. Delene has been serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Designate since January 9, 2023.

Dr. Delene is being appointed as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost pursuant to an agreement for services (“Agreement”) between the University and The Registry for College and University Presidents (“The Registry”). Under the terms of the Agreement, The Registry will perform the services required through Linda M. Delene, Sole Proprietor, an independent contractor. For the period from January 9, 2023, through June 30, 2023, Dr. Delene will receive a monthly fee of $19,583.33 and a monthly fee of $504 for housing. During the term, the University also will pay a monthly fee of $5,483.33 for The Registry’s services, which will include: i) monitoring and assessing Dr. Delene’s performance under the Agreement predicated upon evaluation reports from the University; and ii) as needed, providing strategic advice and addressing any matters related to Dr. Delene’s performance. If a permanent successor is identified prior to June 30, 2023, the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost is subject to a 30-day termination notice without penalty.

Dr. Delene is qualified to serve as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost on a short-term basis. Dr. Delene has extensive experience in administration, particularly at the Provost level. She most recently served as Interim Provost and VPAA at SUNY Brockport.

As Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, under the direction of the Chancellor and Vice President, Dr. Delene shall perform such duties as may arise from that role, consistent with University *Statutes, The General Rules* *Concerning University Organization and Procedure* 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 of the University of Illinois System concurs with this recommendation.

(A biosketch follows.)

LINDA M. DELENE

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, B.A, 1964

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, M.B.A., 1968

University of Toledo, Ohio, Ph.D., 1974

Professional or Other Experience

National Security Agency, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., and Tokyo, Japan, 1964-68, Information Systems Specialist

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1968-69, Systems Analyst, Administrative Data Processing

Marygrove College, Detroit, 1969-72, Assistant to the President, Director of the Budget, Coordinator of Grants Administration and Instructor

Oberlin College, Ohio, 1972-73, Director of Institutional Research and Planning

Michigan State University, East Lansing, College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1973-74, Deputy Director of Budget, Research, and Planning; and 1973-74, and Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine

Kalamazoo College, Michigan, Institutional Research and Planning, 1974-76, Assistant to the President and Director; 1976-77, Vice President for Planning

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 1977-86, Associate Professor; 1990-2008, Director, Service Quality Institute; 1986-2008, Professor; 1996-98, Reaccreditation Project Director; 1998-2001, Assistant to the Provost for Strategic Planning; 2001-04, Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment; 2004-07, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC, August 2018-July 2020, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUNY Brockport, New York, June 2021-June 2022, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs