Approved by the Board of Trustees

July 20, 2023

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Board Meeting

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# APPOINT INTERIM DEAN, COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Appoint Interim Dean, College of Health, Science and Technology

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends the appointment of Dr. J. Travis Bland, interim dean, College of Health, Science and Technology. This will be a twelve-month, 100 percent time academic professional appointment, renewable annually, at an annual salary of $160,000, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Prior to accepting this appointment as interim dean, College of Health, Science and Technology, Dr. Bland served from 2020 until present as the associate dean of the College of Public Affairs and Education. Dr. Bland also served as the director of the Doctor of Public Administration Program from 2017 to present and served as the acting chair for the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Department of Legal Studies from 2020 to 2022.

Dr. Bland succeeds Mark Anderson, who served as interim dean through June 30, 2023.

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 the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This recommendation is made with the advice of a search committee.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

J. TRAVIS BLAND

Education:

Radford University, Radford, VA, BS, 2001

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, MPA, 2007, PhD, 2011

Professional or Other Experience:

University of Illinois, Springfield, 2012-date, associate professor of public administration; 2020-23, associate dean, College of Public Affairs and Education; 2020-22, division chair, Criminology and Criminal Justice and Dept. of Legal Studies; 2017-date, director, Doctor of Public Administration Program; 2015-17, associate director, Doctor of Public Administration Program

Central Illinois American Society for Public Administration, 2013-date, council member

1. Noah Reynolds, assistant professor of biology, *cochair*; Liang Kong, associate professor of mathematical science, *cochair*; Yu-Sheng Lee, assistant professor of public health; Jeffrey Lorber, vice chancellor for advancement; Tom Rothfus, director, UIS Field Station; Frances Shen, professor of psychology; Carrie Switzer, associate professor of psychology; Shawn Boyne, associate vice chancellor for undergraduate education; Angela Doehring, assistant professor of exercise science [↑](#footnote-ref-1)