

Executive Committee Meeting
June 10, 2020

APPOINT INTERIM CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT SPRINGFIELD, AND VICE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Action: Appoint Interim Chancellor and Vice President

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

President Timothy L. Killeen recommends the appointment of Karen M. Whitney, Ph.D., to serve as Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois (“Interim Chancellor and Vice President”), effective July 1, 2020. Dr. Whitney will serve as Interim Chancellor and Vice President for the period of one year, i.e., through June 30, 2021. During this time period, a national search will be conducted to identify a permanent successor following the retirement of Chancellor and Vice President Susan Koch on June 30, 2020. To effectuate a smooth transition, Dr. Whitney has been serving as Interim Chancellor and Vice President Designate since June 8, 2020, as the result of a temporary appointment by the President.

Dr. Whitney is being appointed as Interim Chancellor and Vice President 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 Karen M. Whitney, Sole Proprietor, an independent contractor. For the thirteen-month period from June 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, Dr. Whitney will receive a monthly fee of \$24,969.67. In addition, she will receive a monthly housing stipend of \$2,083.33. During the term, the University 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 University; 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, 2021, the Interim Chancellor and Vice President is subject to a 30-day termination notice without penalty.

Dr. Whitney is uniquely qualified to serve as Interim Chancellor and Vice President on a short-term basis. Dr. Whitney is the president emerita of Clarion University in Pennsylvania and recently served as interim chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

As Interim Chancellor and Vice President, under the direction of the President, Dr. Whitney shall 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 of the University seeks your approval.

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