

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

June 5, 2006

This special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was conducted telephonically on Monday, June 5, 2006, beginning at 10:35 a.m.

Chair Lawrence C. Eppley called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the board were present:

Mr. Devon C. Bruce, Dr. Frances G. Carroll, Mr. David V. Dorris, Mr. Lawrence C. Eppley, Dr. Kenneth D. Schmidt, Mrs. Marjorie E. Sodemann, Mr. Robert Y. Sperling.

The following members of the board were absent: Governor Rod Blagojevich, Mr. Niranjan S. Shah, Mr. Robert F. Vickrey. Mr. Nicholas W. Klitzing,<sup>1</sup> voting student trustee from the Urbana-Champaign campus, was present. The following nonvoting student trustees were present: Mr. Shumail Alam, Chicago campus; Ms. Carrie M. Bauer, Springfield campus.

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<sup>1</sup>Mr. Klitzing joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

## INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OFFICERS AND SENATE OBSERVERS

Mr. Eppley asked President White to introduce the University officers and senate observers. President White introduced the following: Dr. Sylvia Manning, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago; Dr. Richard D. Ringeisen, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield; Dr. Richard H. Herman, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Dr. David L. Chicoine, vice president for technology and economic development; and the officers of the board, Mr. Stephen K. Rugg, comptroller (and vice president for administration); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, university counsel; and Dr. Michele M. Thompson, secretary. The president also introduced: Mr. Richard M. Schoell, executive director for governmental relations; and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for university relations. In addition, the following persons were also in attendance: Ms. Marna K. Fuesting and Ms. C. Ellen Foran, both assistant secretaries. President White then stated that the following persons were joining the meeting today: Dr. Douglas H. Vinzant, associate vice president for planning and budget; Mr. Lyle D. Wachtel, associate vice president for facilities planning and programs; Mr. David J. Stewart, interim associate vice president for human resources; Ms. Julie Zemaitis, executive director of university audits; Ms. Donna McNeely, university ethics officer; Mr. Mark S. Rosati, associate chancellor for public affairs, Chicago; and Ms. Sharita Forrest, editorial associate, News Bureau, Urbana.

Also, two of the student trustees elected to serve in 2006-2007 were present: Ms. Sarah M. Doyle, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Mr. Christopher Kantas, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Mr. Eppley welcomed all to this special meeting of the Board of Trustees and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to give President White and the chancellors an opportunity to update the board on business at the University occurring since the last regular board meeting, that the board should know of before the next regular board meeting that is several weeks away.

Mr. Eppley then indicated that before receiving these reports he would ask the president and others to present and comment on the limited number of items for action presented for the board's consideration at this meeting. To begin the presentations he asked President White to present information related to the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2007 and to engage others as needed.

Agenda item no. 5, "Preliminary Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007"-- President White first called the trustees' attention to the page that is part of this item titled, "The 5/500 Plan and U of I Compact Scorecard for FY07." This presented the revenue goals for the fiscal year and illustrated that all had been accomplished. The president thanked the trustees for approving both a tuition increase and the fee for the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund. He said that with these increases, plus reallocation of \$27.7 million within the University, it will be possible to meet increases

due to inflation, address deferred maintenance for facilities, strengthen academic quality, ensure access through financial aid, and fund other needs of the campuses.

Vice President Rugg addressed the board and stated that State Statute requires approval of a preliminary budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, which is July 1, 2006, and since the next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2006, it is necessary to present the preliminary budget for FY 2007 to the board for approval at this time. He told the board that this budget, which includes a 5.9 percent increase in funding, was \$3.7 billion, and indicated that this represented all sources of funds for the University. He also said that at the July 13 regular board meeting there would be a presentation of initial plans for the FY 2008 budget. Further, he noted that the detailed operating budget for FY 2007 would be presented to the board for approval at its September 7, 2006, regular meeting.

Mr. Sperling stated that since approving the University's budget is a significant action for the board he would prefer that this item be presented to the board at a regular board meeting in future.

Mr. Eppley said he had a similar response and then stated that the reality of the matter is that the board approved a request for this budget at its September 8, 2005, meeting. He noted that what is presented today is a preliminary budget and that the final budget for FY 2007 would be presented to the board at its September 7, 2006, regular meeting.

Mr. Sperling accepted this explanation and all acknowledged that his point was well taken.

Mr. Eppley referred to the scorecard related to the 5/500 plan and asked for greater description of how the budget funds would be used in FY 2007, and requested that this information be sent the board later.

Mr. Bruce, chair of the board's Budget and Audit Committee, stated his support for the preliminary budget and reinforced the suggestion that the budget be presented henceforward at a regular board meeting.

Agenda item no. 4, "Appointment of University Retirees"--President White referred to the list of retirees recommended for appointment after this date and said that each of these individuals was qualified to provide service for necessary purposes and in the most cost-effective manner. He noted that these recommendations represented a wise use of University retirees, that the chancellors had reviewed the list carefully, and that they recommended each of these individuals be re-hired for the purpose given.

He also said that in the interest of full disclosure, he wanted to notify the board that the hospital employs retired registered nurses on an on-call basis to work when permanent status nurses are on vacation or unable to report to work. He said that there are about 12 retired nurses in this group and due to the familiarity and talent they possess the hospital saved \$200,000 last year employing them temporarily rather than utilizing the services of a nurses' registry. The president told the board this category of University retirees would be added to the policy for re-hiring University retirees that would be presented to the board at its July 13, 2006, regular board meeting.

Mr. Eppley asked if the list had been reduced as a result of the chancellors' reviews and the president assured him that had occurred.

Agenda item no. 1, "Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Urbana"-- Chancellor Herman said that Dr. C. Renée Romano is recommended for this position as a result of a national search and that the search committee found her credentials to be impeccable. He noted that July 1, 2006, is the beginning date recommended for Dr. Romano, at a salary of \$200,000. He explained that that this salary was competitive and comparable to others in this position in peer institutions.

Agenda item no. 2, "Interim Dean, College of Education, Urbana"-- Chancellor Herman explained that this appointment of Dr. Lizanne DeStefano was necessitated by the hiatus created by the departure date of the sitting dean and the beginning date of the new dean. He said that the sitting dean's departure date was based on personal reasons.

Agenda item no. 3, "Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/ Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff"--Chancellor Herman reported that Ms. Elyne G. Cole is recommended as associate provost for human resources at the Urbana campus, a position that will combine two administrative positions. He said that the board's approval is required now because the appointment is to begin June 16, 2006.

In response to a query posed by Trustee Carroll, Chancellor Herman explained that tenure would not accompany this position, as it is not a faculty position, but an academic professional position.

At this point Mr. Eppley stated that all the agenda items presented today are items that require action before the next regular board meeting.

Agenda item no. 6, "Contract for Instructional Facility, College of Business, Urbana"--Chancellor Herman said that this contract is for the heating system in this building that is currently under construction. Mr. Wachtel noted that the board had approved a contract for the heating system at its May 11, 2006, meeting and that since then the contractor awarded the contract had withdrawn, which necessitated approval of another contractor; in this case, the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder. He stated that this contract is \$13,000 more than the contract approved at the earlier meeting; however, it was the next lowest bid and it is essential to keep construction of this project moving. He indicated that Trustee Shah, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, had reviewed this contract and recommended its approval.

Agenda item no. 7, "Employ Architect/Engineer for Townhouses Phase III, Springfield"--Chancellor Ringeisen told the board that these residences on campus will be needed in fall 2007 for the expected increase in enrollment of students. Mr. Wachtel concurred that construction should begin immediately on this \$5.2 million project in order to have the townhouses completed for the students in time for the fall 2007 semester. He said the project would include six buildings with four units per building. Each unit would have four bedrooms for a total of 96 bedrooms. President White agreed that it was urgent for this project to commence. Discussion followed on the popularity of this kind of housing on the Springfield campus.

Agenda item no. 8, “Purchases and Change Orders”--Mr. Bass reported one purchase and two change orders for the board’s consideration. He told the board that he had reviewed these with Trustee Shah, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Trustees Carroll and Vickrey, vice chairs of this committee, with whom he regularly reviews recommendations for purchases and change orders, and they supported these recommendations.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

When all items had been presented, Mr. Eppley said that he would prefer fewer items for presentation at future special meetings between regular board meetings and urged careful planning to keep these requests to a minimum. He thanked the board for participating in this meeting and said he valued his colleagues’ comments on such items in a meeting that included the majority of the board. He stated that the Executive Committee may be used in future to a greater degree for approving items between regular board meetings.

#### AGENDA

The board considered the following reports and recommendations from the president of the University.

By consensus, the board agreed that one vote would be taken and considered the vote on each agenda item nos. 1 through 4 inclusive. The recommendations were individually discussed but acted upon at one time.

(The record of board action appears at the end of each item.)

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Urbana

(1) The chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of C. Renée Romano, presently vice president for educational and student services and associate professor of educational leadership, counseling and postsecondary education, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, as vice chancellor for student affairs, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$200,000, beginning July 1, 2006.

Dr. Romano will succeed Dr. William L. Riley, who has served as interim vice chancellor-designate then interim vice chancellor since September 1, 2005, following the August 31, 2005, retirement of Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Askew.

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.

This recommendation is made with the advice of a search committee.<sup>2</sup>

The vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The president of the University recommends approval.

On motion of Dr. Schmidt, this appointment was approved.

Interim Dean, College of Education, Urbana

(2) The chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Lizanne DeStefano, presently professor of educational psychology, College of Education; associate dean for research, Bureau of Educational Research and College of Education; and professor of kinesiology and community health, College of Applied Life Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as interim dean of the College of Education, from June 16, 2006, through July 31, 2006. Dr. DeStefano will receive an administrative increment

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<sup>2</sup>Tanya Montaleone Gallagher, professor of speech and hearing science and dean, College of Applied Life Studies, and professor and director, Disability Research Institute, College of Applied Life Studies, *chair*; John E. Collins, director, Housing Division, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Quincy Means, undergraduate student in business, College of Business; Robert Dennis Palinkas, director, McKinley Health Center, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Staci J. Provezis, graduate student in educational organization and leadership, College of Education; Ryan Ruzic, undergraduate student in political science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Meredith C. Schaumburg, undergraduate student in media studies, College of Communications; F. William Simmons, associate professor of soil and water management, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, and acting assistant dean for academic programs (undergraduate research, curricular development, and honors programs), College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Jesse C. Thompson, assistant dean for academic programs (diversity programs), College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Arlette I. Willis, professor of curriculum and instruction, College of Education; Barbara Jan Wilson, professor and head, Department of Speech Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

totaling \$5,000 for her service as interim dean during this transition period. She will continue to hold her current positions while serving as interim dean.

Dr. DeStefano succeeds Dean Susan A. Fowler, who has served since August 21, 2000, and will resign the deanship on June 15, 2006, in order to return to full-time faculty status. Effective August 1, 2006, Mary Kalantzis will begin service as dean of the college under terms approved by the board on May 11, 2006.

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.

This recommendation is made with the advice of the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The president of the University recommends approval.

On motion of Dr. Schmidt, this appointment was approved.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

### **Appointments to the Faculty**

(3) According to State statute, the student trustee will not vote on those items marked with an asterisk.

The following new appointments to the faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above, and certain administrative positions, have been approved since the previous meeting of the Board of Trustees and are now presented for your confirmation.

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.

**Administrative/Professional Staff**

ELYNE G. COLE, associate provost for human resources, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Urbana-Champaign, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$156,000, beginning June 16, 2006.

On motion of Dr. Schmidt, this appointment was confirmed.

Appointment of University Retirees

(4) The following recommendations for appointment of University retirees are presented for approval. The president of the University concurs.

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.

On motion of Dr. Schmidt, these appointments were approved.