

Executive Committee Meeting  
March 23, 2012

### APPOINT PRESIDENT DESIGNATE

**Action:** Appoint President Designate

**Funding:** State, Institutional, and Gift Funds of the University

Due to the resignation of President Michael J. Hogan to be effective at the close of business on July 1, 2012, the Executive Committee wishes to appoint a President Designate to serve until July 1, 2012, to permit an orderly transition of leadership and to recognize the significant time commitments that will be required during this time period.

The Executive Committee has considered various individuals who might provide this leadership for the University, and hereby appoints as President Designate Dr. Robert A. Easter. Dr. Easter has served the University in many roles, including Professor of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana; and Interim Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A summary of his professional and other experience is attached.

Dr. Easter's service as President Designate is effective immediately upon approval of this item. As President Designate, Dr. Easter will receive an annual compensation rate of \$250,000 on a twelve-month service basis.

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 Chair of the Board recommends approval of this appointment.

## ROBERT A. EASTER

## Education

Texas A&M University, College Station, B.S., 1970; M.S., 1972  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D., 1976

## Professional or Other Experience

Texas A&M University, College Station, 1970-92, Graduate Fellow  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Agricultural, Environmental  
and Consumer Sciences, 1973-75, Research Assistant; 1976, Lecturer in Animal  
Nutrition; 1976-80, Assistant Professor of Swine Nutrition and Management,  
Department of Animal Sciences; 1980-87, Associate Professor of Swine Nutrition and  
Management, Department of Animal Sciences; 1987-2011, Professor of Animal  
Sciences, and Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences; 1996-2001, Head,  
Department of Animal Sciences; 2001-02, Interim Dean; 2002-09, Dean; 2006-09,  
Interim Director, National Soybean Research Laboratory; 2009-11, Interim Provost  
and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; 2009-10, Interim Provost/Chancellor;  
2010-11, Interim Provost and Vice President and Chancellor; 2011, Interim Vice  
President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, Urbana; 2011, Special Assistant to  
the President; 2012, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana