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 Dr. Cecilia S. Cornell as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. Dr. Cornell has been serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Designate since May 8, 2023. Dr. Cornell will serve until the hiring of a permanent Provost and will receive a monthly stipend of $10,000. The search for a permanent Provost is currently in progress, and it is anticipated that a new Provost will be appointed in July 2023.

This is being requested following the resignation of Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Dr. Linda M. Delene, who had been serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost since January 9, 2023.

Dr. Cornell is qualified to serve as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost on a short-term basis. Dr. Cornell has extensive experience in senior academic administration as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education since November 2013.

As Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, under the direction of the Chancellor/Vice President, Dr. Cornell shall perform such duties as may arise from that role, consistent with University of Illinois *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 Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs.

The President of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

CECILIA STILES CORNELL

Education

Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University), Monmouth, OR, BS, 1977

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, MA, 1980; PhD, 1987

Professional and Other Experience

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 1985, Adjunct Instructor

Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, 1987-88, Visiting Assistant Professor of History

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1988-89, Visiting Assistant Professor; 1989-90, Assistant Professor of History

University of Illinois Springfield, 1990-96, Assistant Professor of History; 1996-date, Associate Professor of History; 2011-12, Acting Chair and Program Director, Department of Social Work; 2007-17, Director, Whitney M. Young Graduate Fellowship Program; 2011-13, Faculty Associate, Provost’s Office; 2013-date, Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education