

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

APPOINT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Action: Appoint Executive Director for Governmental Relations

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

The President of the University recommends the appointment of Katherine Laing as Executive Director for Governmental Relations, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$185,000, beginning July 1, 2010.

She will succeed Richard M. Schoell, who retired July 31, 2009.

Reporting to the President, the Executive Director will serve as a University officer directing the University Office for Governmental Relations, and will provide management and oversight of University of Illinois government relations at the State and Federal level. This position will also work with State and Federal officials in obtaining the operating and capital budgets and research and student aid support for the University, will serve on the University Policy Council, and will act as senior policy advisor and strategist.

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.¹

The campus Chancellors are in concurrence with this recommendation.

KATHERINE LAING

Education

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, B.A., 1979

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, J.D., 1992

Professional or Other Experience

Lead Lobbyist, Illinois General Assembly, Chicago Public Schools (since 2008)

¹ Walter K. Knorr, Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, *Chair*; Michael B. Bass, Senior Associate Vice President, Capital Programs and Real Estate Services and Interim Executive Director for Governmental Relations; Craig S. Bazzani, University of Illinois Foundation; Warren Chapman, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs; Amy Eichhorst, Director of Illinois Connection, University of Illinois Alumni Association; Avijit Ghosh, Vice President for Technology and Economic Development; Joe Garcia, Vice Chancellor for Research, Chicago; Ravishankar Iyer, Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana; Mrinalini Rao, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Margaret O'Donoghue, Assistant to the President; Robert Rich, Director, Institute of Government and Public Affairs; and Edward Wojcicki, Associate Chancellor for Constituent Relations, Springfield.