

Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 20, 2021

Board Meeting
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APPOINT INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action: Appoint Interim Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

President Timothy L. Killeen recommends the appointment of Avijit Ghosh, presently Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, to serve as Interim Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$482,000, beginning July 15, 2021.

As Interim Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, under the direction of the President, Dr. Ghosh will serve as the senior academic and chief operating officer of the University of Illinois System, and as second-in-command to the President. In this role, Dr. Ghosh will be responsible for defining and shaping strategic academic priorities and directions for the U of I System as defined by the Strategic Framework, providing advice on important academic policy issues and supporting key academic initiatives. He will also be responsible for the overall direction of planning and budgeting across the System, working closely with academic and administrative leaders at each of the three universities and with U of I System officers.

Dr. Ghosh will hold this position until a search has been conducted and a permanent executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs assumes the duties of the position. He will continue to hold the rank of Professor of Business Administration, College of Business, Urbana-Champaign, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried.

He will succeed Barbara J. Wilson who will resign from the position on July 14, 2021.

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 following consultation with members of the University Senates Conference.

I seek your approval.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

AVIJIT GHOSH

Education

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, B.S., 1970

Xavier Institute of Management, Jamshedpur, India, Post-Graduate Program in Management, 1974

University of Iowa, Iowa City, M.A., 1977; Ph.D., 1979

Professional and Other Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2001-date, Professor of Business Administration, College of Business; 2003-07, Dean, College of Business

University of Illinois, 2008-10, Vice President for Technology and Economic Development; 2011-12, Special Assistant to the President, Office of the President; 2012-15, Senior Advisor to the President, Office of the President; 2014-15, Associate Vice President for Hospital Operations, Office of the Vice President for Health Affairs, University Administration; 2014-17, Chief Executive Officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, Chicago; 2017-date, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller