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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

March 11, 2021

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference<sup>1</sup> on Thursday, March 11, 2021, beginning at 8:02 a.m.

Chair Donald J. Edwards called the meeting to order and began the meeting by installing the new trustees appointed by the governor on February 5, 2021. He welcomed Ms. Sarah C. Phalen and Ms. Tami Craig Schilling to the Board, and he welcomed back Mr. Ramón Cepeda, who was reappointed to the Board for another term. Mr. Edwards conveyed the responsibilities and expectations for members of the Board of Trustees. He described the powers of the trustees and their responsibility to the State and University, and he stated that the Board is committed to representing and protecting the best interests of the University and to serve the State and the people of Illinois. Mr. Edwards congratulated the three trustees and said that a pin ceremony would take place when the Board is together in person.

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<sup>1</sup> Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-04.

Mr. Edwards asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Ms. Tami Craig Schilling, Mr. Kareem Dale, Mr. Donald J. Edwards, Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes, Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson, Dr. Stuart C. King, Ms. Sarah C. Phalen. Governor J. B. Pritzker was absent. Ms. Jocelyn Bravo, voting student trustee, Chicago, was present. The following nonvoting student trustees were in attendance: Mr. Ali Mirza, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Austin Verthein, student trustee, Springfield. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

Also present were the officers of the Board: Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

#### MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:06 a.m., Mr. Edwards stated: “A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider University employment or appointment-related matters; and pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University.”

On motion of Dr. King, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, this motion was approved by the following roll call vote:<sup>2</sup> Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

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<sup>2</sup> Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Material redacted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06d)**

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no other comments or questions, the executive session adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

#### REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 9:44 a.m., with all Board members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance. Mr. Edwards remarked on important dates in the month of March for the University, noting that the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University was held on March 12, 1867. He stated that the University opened for classes on March 2, 1868.

#### PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE SONG

Mr. Edwards shared a virtual performance of the State song, *Illinois*, performed by Ms. Sophia Byrd, a senior at Urbana studying lyric theatre. Mr. Edwards highlighted several of Ms. Byrd's performances and works and said that she recently became a 2021 Grammy Award nominee for her collaborative work on the original cast recording of *Place*. Ms. Byrd's performance of the State song was followed by a round of applause.

## INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OFFICERS AND SENATE OBSERVERS

Mr. Edwards asked President Killeen to provide introductions. President Killeen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; and Dr. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System. President Killeen then introduced other University officers and staff: Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs.

President Killeen introduced the senate observers and the representative of the academic professional staff: Dr. Mitra Dutta, professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Chicago, representing the University Senates Conference; Ms. Chaya Sandler, academic advisor, Campus Center for Advising and Academic Services, Urbana, representing the Urbana Senate; Dr. Charles Le Hew, professor, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Chicago, representing the Chicago Senate; Dr. Lynn Fisher, associate professor, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, and chair of the Springfield Senate, representing the Springfield Senate; and Mr. Brian R. Brauer, associate director, Illinois Fire Institute, Urbana, representing the academic professional staff. Ms. Sandra De

Groote, professor and head, assessment and scholarly communications, University Library, Chicago, and chair of the Chicago Senate Executive Committee, and Dr. Magic Wade, assistant professor, Department of Political Science at Springfield, and chair of the University Senates Conference, were also introduced.

#### OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Killeen remarked that one year ago today, he sent a message to students, faculty, and staff that began the process of reigning in the entire academic enterprise across the University System. He said less than two weeks later, classrooms were closed, with most students studying from home, and most employees began working remotely. President Killeen said despite the many challenges in a year unlike any other, the University system has made it one of its best, with record enrollment, improved rankings, and pioneering contributions in the fight against COVID-19. He referred to the ancient Greek word “paeon” and said one definition defines it as a fervent expression of joy or praise. He showed a series of photographs and said that this was his tribute, or paeon, to those throughout the University who have made the past 12 months a success. President Killeen mentioned employees who performed essential work throughout the pandemic, keeping buildings and grounds clean and functioning; those in public safety, information technology, and communications; health-care workers; and faculty. He acknowledged the team responsible for the Shield program and highlighted some of its achievements, including the Emergency Use Authorization that was granted in February. He stated that \$1.0 billion in sponsored research was secured this year across the University System.

President Killeen then commented on the growth in enrollment and thanked the admissions teams for their work and ability to adapt by giving virtual tours. He referred to increases in financial aid and in undergraduate enrollment of underrepresented groups. He remarked on the sacrifices made by students and thanked the staff at the universities who have supported students in a variety of ways. President Killeen acknowledged the creative and successful approach to Commencement ceremonies. He thanked the extraordinary faculty for their hard work, invaluable contributions, and ability to adapt throughout the year and referred to improved rankings at each university. He highlighted the efforts of arts and humanities faculty who found creative approaches to teaching and sharing their talents. He referred to the 10-year capital program and funding for facilities for the Discovery Partners Institute and the Illinois Innovation Network, and he expressed gratitude for the extension offices that have global and state-wide audiences. President Killeen remarked on the contributions of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs and the Prairie Research Institute, and he highlighted the repurposing of UI Ride buses for delivery of wireless internet for K-12 students learning at home. He commented on the ways in which the universities were able to continue to safely participate in athletics. President Killeen thanked the University's partners at the alumni associations and University of Illinois Foundation and highlighted their contributions. He referred to the crucial role of those in the Office of Governmental Relations and expressed appreciation for the guidance and insights provided by faculty through shared governance. President Killeen concluded his remarks by thanking the leadership team and the members of the Board and said he is proud and grateful as he looks back on the University's response to the pandemic.

## WELCOME FROM THE CHANCELLOR AT URBANA

Mr. Edwards stated that this meeting would normally be held at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and as such, asked Dr. Jones to give welcome remarks. Dr. Jones welcomed the two new trustees to the Board and recognized Mr. Cepeda on his reappointment to the Board. He showed a video from October 2020 that featured an announcement he made stating that the university was halfway to its \$2.25 billion dollar goal and said that the university met and exceeded its goal earlier in March. Dr. Jones stated this was the most ambitious fundraising goal in the university's history, and he noted that the campaign began with a celebration that was taken on the road. He told the Board that the campaign reflects bold and innovative thinking, and he thanked President Killeen for embracing a system-wide approach that allowed each university to showcase its unique characteristics and points of pride. Dr. Jones said that the campaign never lost its momentum, and he highlighted the gifts from the Gies family, The Grainger Foundation, and from Mr. Edwards and his wife, Anne. Dr. Jones expressed appreciation for all gifts and remarked on the importance of philanthropy. He thanked the faculty for their perseverance and hard work throughout the year and commented on the Shield testing program and the university's ability to successfully remain open this year. He said the university was never complacent. Dr. Jones concluded his comments by acknowledging the basketball team and congratulating them on the best season in the program's history.

## UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

At 10:23 a.m., Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Christopher Span, associate dean for graduate programs, to give a presentation entitled “Systemically Addressing the Grand Challenges of Our Community Post-Pandemic.” Dr. Span stated that the pandemic has exposed and exacerbated deep structural inequities and that the University Senates Conference (USC) reviewed these matters, as well as possible scenarios. He listed examples of faculty collaborations, including those related to the COVID-19 response and Shield testing; the elevation of racial justice as a permanent priority; and the modification of campus policies. He discussed post-pandemic opportunities for the University System and a critical analysis of higher education. Dr. Span discussed the impact of COVID-19 on civil unrest and political divisiveness and the role the universities can play in addressing these challenges, and he concluded his presentation by commenting on the need for innovation and engagement as universities work to promote the common good.

Mr. Edwards thanked Dr. Span for the presentation. Mr. Edwards remarked on his recent meeting with the USC and recognized the contributions of the faculty, noting the importance of creating a condition in which the faculty can thrive.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from Chair,  
Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee

At 10:41 a.m., Mr. Edwards stated asked Mr. Cepeda, chair of the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee, to give a report from that committee. Mr. Edwards



said the committee met on March 1, 2021, and that he attended the meeting with Mr. Edwards, Mr. McKeever, Ms. Phalen, and Ms. Bravo. He said Ms. Craig Schilling, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. Mirza, and Mr. Verthein joined the meeting as guests. Mr. Cepeda said the committee approved the minutes of the last meeting, held January 11, 2021, and that the committee reviewed the recommended agenda items within the purview of the committee. He listed those items. Mr. Cepeda said that Ms. Julie A. Zemaitis, executive director of University audits, presented a summary of internal audit activity through the second quarter ended December 31, 2020. He said Ms. Zemaitis introduced the item recommending amendments to the internal audit charter, which was approved by the committee by roll call vote. There was no old or new business, and Mr. Cepeda announced the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Report from Chair,  
University Healthcare System Committee

Next, Dr. King, chair of the University Healthcare System Committee, gave a report from that committee. He said the committee met the previous day and that he attended along with Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Phalen, and Mr. Mirza. He said Mr. Edwards, Ms. Jakobsson, and Mr. Verthein attended as guests. Dr. King said the meeting began with a brief executive session to discuss pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University. He said the committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2021, in open session. Dr. King reported that Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, gave opening remarks and provided an overview of UI Health. Dr. King said the committee

reviewed the agenda items within the purview of the committee, and he listed those items. He reported that Mr. Michael B. Zenn, chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, gave the chief executive officer report, and he gave a brief summary of the information that was shared by Mr. Zenn and Dr. Susan Bleasdale, chief quality officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics. He said Dr. Bleasdale also provided an update on quality and safety. Dr. King stated that there was no old or new business discussed and announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 12:30 p.m., at a location to be determined.

Report from Chair,  
Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee

Mr. Edwards then asked Mr. Estrada, chair of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee, to provide a report from that committee. Mr. Estrada said he attended the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee meeting the previous day with Mr. Dale, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, and Mr. Verthein. He said Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Mirza attended as guests. Mr. Estrada said the committee approved the minutes of the last meeting that was held on January 20, 2021, and reviewed the items within the purview of the committee on the Board's agenda. Mr. Estrada said Ms. Donna S. McNeely, executive director of University Ethics and Compliance, gave the 2020 annual report, and Mr. Estrada gave a brief summary of her presentation on the work of the University Ethics and Compliance Office. Mr. Estrada said the committee also heard a legislative update from Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, senior director of State relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, director of federal relations, and he gave a brief summary of their

reports. Mr. Estrada stated there was no old or new business. He announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at a location to be determined.

Report from Chair,  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Edwards, chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, gave a report from that committee. Mr. Edwards stated that the committee met the previous day, and that he attended the meeting with Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. Mirza, and Mr. Verthein. He said Ms. Phalen attended as a guest. Mr. Edwards reported the committee approved the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2021, and reviewed the agenda items within the purview of the committee on the Board's agenda. He listed those items. Mr. Edwards said there was no old or new business discussed, and he announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 2:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At 10:50 a.m., Mr. Edwards announced a public comment session and explained that the *Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees* allows for a maximum of six individuals to speak for five minutes each. He then invited Mr. Layton Olson to speak. Mr. Olson stated that he is a facilitator of Internet Public Trust, a retired attorney, and an education and community investment advocate with a focus on telecommunications. He referred to reinforcing the social equity agenda at the University

and beyond, focusing on partnerships. Mr. Olson discussed three goals: increase civic engagement; encourage scaling of education to promote lifelong learning; and to follow up with interested parties at the May 20, 2021, Board meeting. He commented on the role of the University System in Illinois and said much can be achieved by working together.

Next, Mr. Edwards called on Ms. Valerie Leonard. Ms. Leonard said she is the founder of the nonprofit Utopia, whose mission is to train the next generation of ethical nonprofit leaders. She provided information about Utopia's programs and services, and she said Utopia is working with Mr. Olson, the previous commenter, as well as Neighborhood Development Services, and she described the role of each in exploring partnerships throughout the state to develop programs to highlight the work of the University and improve a variety of community outcomes. Ms. Leonard requested a meeting with members of the Board to provide a detailed proposal.

Mr. Edwards then invited Mr. Norman Montgomery to comment. Mr. Montgomery said he is the director of Neighborhood Development Services and a retiree of the University of Illinois Chicago. He discussed the use of data in community engagement and the increasing complexity of data. Mr. Montgomery described a dashboard that can present a variety of views and data for neighborhoods. He referred to issues of connectivity and the digital divide and said that a connected community hub would allow for the successful organization and distribution of data.

Next, Mr. Edwards called on Ms. Nakhia Crossley. Ms. Crossley stated she is vice president for the Black Women Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago Inc. (BWLAI), and thanked the Board for the opportunity to comment on behalf of the BWLAI, the Cook County Bar Association, the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, and the

Black Men Lawyers Association. She described the role of these organizations and relayed her observation of a meeting between several Black law students, the dean of the UIC John Marshall Law School, and members of the staff at the University of Illinois Chicago regarding the use of a racial epithet on an exam administered by Mr. Jason Kilborn, a member of the law school faculty. Ms. Crossley said the law school failed to address student concerns and expressed dissatisfaction with the school's response, which she said is not unique to the law school. She said there is a critical need for the involvement of the bar associations. Ms. Crossley referred to a statement submitted to the Board that requests more details on this matter and urged the Board to intervene and terminate the employment of this faculty member. She concluded her comments by noting that the name of the UIC John Marshall Law School honors and perpetuates the history of systemic racism.

Mr. Edwards then invited Ms. Kimberly Cross to speak. Ms. Cross stated she is the president of the Black Law Student Association at UIC John Marshall Law School, and she shared concerns of Black students. She said there has been a lack of transparency and response to discrimination and that Black students' experiences are often minimized and dismissed, creating disparities and inequities in education. Ms. Cross gave examples of discrimination against Black students and said that the dean of UIC John Marshall Law School did not address these matters with the same urgency and seriousness that she addressed matters of concern with other groups. Ms. Cross told the Board that Black students are impacted academically by these injustices, and she advocated for a series of changes, emphasizing the need for cultural competency training. She asked the Board for sustainable change.

Mr. Edwards then called on the last commenter, Mr. Anthony Jackson. Mr. Jackson said he is a third year law student at UIC John Marshall law School, and he described his experience in the class of Mr. Kilborn, describing him as dismissive of Black students. He discussed additional experiences with Mr. Kilborn, the resulting complaint that was filed with the law school, and the response he received from the assistant dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the law school. Mr. Jackson referred to a grievance process which ruled in his favor, and he described his reaction to the language used on Mr. Kilborn's test. Mr. Jackson described the experiences of other Black students with Mr. Kilborn, including one student who received a verbal threat. Mr. Jackson referred to failed attempts to utilize the school's grievance process and described fears of retaliation, and he asked the Board to thoroughly investigate this matter.

Mr. Edwards thanked the speakers for the comments and noted that the Board does take seriously the statements made during the public comment session.

## AGENDA

At 11:23 a.m., Mr. Edwards announced that the agenda for this meeting would now be considered. All Board members recorded as present at the start of the meeting were in attendance. Mr. Edwards noted that the items were discussed extensively at meetings of the Board committees, which are open to the public. He noted that two items on the Board's agenda was not vetted by a Board committee and asked the Board to review them at this time. Mr. Edwards asked for discussion of item no. 1., "Resolution for Jill B. Smart."

Mr. Edwards stated Ms. Smart joined the Board in 2015 after serving on the University of Illinois Alumni Association board and on committees in the Gies College of Business. He said she has been a passionate supporter of the University of Illinois, and he described her role as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, delving into complex issues concerning students and faculty. Mr. Edwards said Ms. Smart advocated for the success of all who attended and worked at the University, and as a Board member, asked questions to ensure trustees understood all aspects of an issue. Mr. Edwards expressed appreciation for her sharing her time and talents by volunteering to work on many Board committees, and he noted her dedication to the University.

Dr. King said this resolution is well deserved. Mr. Cepeda said Ms. Smart will be missed, and he stated that she is a great leader, referring to her expertise in human resources. He noted that he was not at the meeting when the Board approved the resolution for Mr. Edward L. McMillan and said that he will also be missed. Ms. Jakobsson also stated that Ms. Smart will be missed, noting that she will likely see her at the University in some capacity.

Mr. Edwards then asked for discussion of item no. 2., “Resolution for Thomas P. Hardy,” and asked President Killeen to introduce the item. President Killeen referred to Mr. Hardy’s 18 years at the University, serving as the executive director of the Office for University Relations, and said he is known for his highly visible, public-facing role as chief spokesman for the University of Illinois System. He said Mr. Hardy served under six presidents and seven Board chairs, and that he assumed this role after working as a reporter for nearly 20 years at the *Chicago Tribune* and as a press secretary for former Governor Jim Edgar. President Killeen described Mr. Hardy’s contributions and

said his institutional knowledge; calm, good humor; and unwavering commitment will be missed. He wished him well in retirement and thanked him for his dedicated service. Mr. Edwards also thanked Mr. Hardy for his help and support when he assumed the role of Board chair and said that the entire administration is grateful for Mr. Hardy's service and expertise.

With no objections, Mr. Edwards indicated these items would go forward to the full Board for a vote. He explained that due to the virtual environment, a roll call vote is required for both the regular and roll call agenda, and that the Board would now vote on both agendas simultaneously with a roll call vote. He said the secretary would read the titles of the items. Mr. Edwards noted that several Board members had previously discussed concerns with President Killeen and other staff members regarding these items, and he said that he would welcome further discussion at this time.

By consensus, the Board agreed that one roll call vote would be taken and considered the vote on each agenda item no. A1 and through 22 inclusive.

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

#### Approve Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

(A1) The secretary presents for approval the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 21, 2021.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these minutes were approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.



(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

### Resolution for Jill B. Smart

(1) In your six years as a member of the Board of Trustees, you have shown the same love and passion for the University of Illinois that you first brought to Urbana-Champaign as an undergraduate.

Both the deep connection you have forged with the U of I System over more than four decades and your long, successful career trace back to your parents, who nurtured you, inspired you, and encouraged you to attend the very best college. As a high school senior, you applied only to UIUC and became the first in your family to earn a college degree.

From that experience, you have emerged as a champion for first-generation students, for access and affordability that opens our doors wide to every deserving student, and for ensuring our universities maintain the world-class excellence that will unlock their dreams.

You will be remembered for your concern for students and your hopes for their future, which you expressed so eloquently in your role as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Since earning your bachelor's degree in business administration, you also have served new generations of students as a role model – a real-world example of the limitless heights that are within reach with a U of I degree. You have served your chosen field at the highest levels, as president of the National Academy of Human Resources and

as chief human resources officer for Accenture, where your tenure saw a tripling of the Fortune Global 500 firm's workforce to nearly 300,000.

As an alumna, you also have shared your time and talents to help the students following in your footsteps. You have regularly spent time in classrooms at the Gies College of Business and served as a member of the Dean's Business Council, the Advisory Council of Illinois Business Consulting, and Women in Business & Philanthropy. That first-hand commitment to students also led you to teaching, as an adjunct professor in the School of Labor and Employment Relations.

You have also given generously of your time as a longtime member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Those ties endured after you became a trustee, and you regularly attending meetings of the UIAA board to share system-wide news and show your support for our nearly 800,000 alumni around the world.

Your passion for your alma mater includes athletics and your regular presence at events supports your legitimate claim that you are at least in the running for world's greatest Illini fan.

The U of I System and its universities, faculty and staff, and students have benefitted greatly from the human touch you have brought to all the Board's deliberations during your years as a trustee. You were diligent in exploring issues that came before the Board and asked questions to make sure all sides were considered before any action was taken. The Board of Trustees is grateful that you found time in your busy schedule to share your leadership and dedication to ensure that the U of I System is a nurturing place for all.

You and your husband Steve, a UIC alumnus, have shown a remarkable loyalty and commitment to the U of I System through both the time and gifts you have shared over the years. Your generous financial support for scholarships has benefited many students, including those in Gies College of Business.

Your colleagues, fellow alumni, and many friends across the U of I System will miss your dedication, compassion, insight, and devotion to making the U of I System a global leader.

At this time, the Board members, joined by President Killeen, as well as the University officers, faculty members, students, and staff members wish to pay tribute to you for your valuable service and extend best wishes to you, Steve, and your family.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given you as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which you are held.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this resolution was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

#### Resolution for Thomas P. Hardy

(2) The Board of Trustees would like to honor you and express its deepest appreciation for your important contributions to the University of Illinois System as you

retire after nearly two decades as executive director of the Office for University Relations.

Your duties were varied and far-reaching but most visible in your public-facing role as chief spokesman. Under six presidents and seven board chairs, you were an informed, thoughtful and trusted voice for the U of I System. Day or night, in times of celebration or challenge, you fielded inquiries from media around the world, and always worked to keep lifting our richly deserved standing as a world leader in education and innovation. Nearly as often, inquiries came from colleagues within the system, seeking to draw on your unique talents and extensive institutional knowledge to shape their messaging.

But your work in the public eye was only a small part of your vital role as head of communications for the system. You also oversaw all system and presidential communications, from news releases to speeches, and guided strategy to help tell our story, working in concert with public affairs teams at our universities and university-related organizations.

Under your leadership, the U of I System also established and built its social media presence and launched nationwide marketing efforts that are expanding awareness of our achievements, our excellence, and our value to both students and the public good.

You also directed a less visible but equally important operation that processes more than 1,000 requests every year under the Freedom of Information Act, ensuring transparency with the public whose tax dollars support us and compliance with state law.

The many skills you brought to the U of I System were honed during a long, distinguished career in journalism, government and public affairs. For nearly 20 years, you were a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, where your work took you to the national stage, including coverage of presidential campaigns. Later, you moved on to serve the people of our state as press secretary under former Governor Jim Edgar, who became a colleague again when he joined our Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

Your 18 years with the U of I System have been characterized by unwavering dedication, remarkable diplomacy, a steady hand, and deep-seated passion for our missions and our image. You have been a trusted advisor and a valued colleague, and your impact will endure through the countless coworkers you helped guide and mentor.

Your warmth, good humor, steadfast calm, and friendly demeanor are also deeply appreciated and will be forever remembered by the Board of Trustees and your friends across the U of I System.

The President, the University officers, faculty members, students, and staff join with the Board of Trustees in this statement of gratitude to you and extend best wishes to you and your partner, Sue Schoij, and your family on the occasion of your retirement from the University of Illinois System.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given you as a permanent reminder of the esteem and affection in which you are held.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this resolution was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Appoint Interim Director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield

(3) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends the appointment of Roy Lawrence Brown, University of Illinois Springfield, as interim director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield.

Mr. Brown will continue to hold the title of deputy director of athletics, non-tenured, on a twelve-month basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$84,150. For additional duties as interim director, he will receive an administrative increment of \$20,000 effective March 12, 2021, until a permanent incumbent is named by the Board. His annual total salary will be \$104,150. Mr. Brown was appointed as interim director-designate, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, under the same terms beginning February 19, 2021.

Mr. Brown succeeds Peyton Deterding, whose duties ended January 12, 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.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs.

The president of the University recommends approval.

(A biosketch is on file with the secretary.)

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this appointment was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Appoint Members to the Board of Managers of the  
University of Illinois Research Park, LLC

(4) In January 2000, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (“Board of Trustees”) authorized the formation of the University of Illinois Research Park, LLC (“UIRP” or “Company”) as a University-Related Organization to assist the University in developing and operating research parks in support of its economic development mission. The UIRP is a limited liability company (“LLC”) governed by an Operating Agreement (revised May 16, 2019) and a Services and Management Agreement (revised May 16, 2019). The Board of Trustees is responsible for defining the terms and conditions, and obligations of the parties relative to the operation and management of the UIRP.

Under the terms of the Operating Agreement, the board of managers may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, as the “sole member” of the Company. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the board of managers shall, to the extent reasonably feasible, include one member of the Board of Trustees. Until January 18, 2021, Edward L. McMillan served as the Board of Trustees representative. Chancellor Dr. Robert J. Jones, upon the recommendation of the vice chancellor for research and innovation Dr. Susan Martinis, recommends that Tami Craig Schilling be appointed to the Board of Trustees position on the UIRP board of managers.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the board of managers shall, to the extent reasonably feasible, include at least four business leaders with expertise in entrepreneurship, real estate development, and/or corporate innovation strategy. Each manager serves an appointed term, with staggered appointments of three years. Chancellor Dr. Robert J. Jones, upon the recommendation of the vice chancellor for research and innovation Dr. Susan Martinis, recommends that current board of managers member Rick Stephens be reappointed as a business leader for an additional three-year term.

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 president of the University concurs with this recommendation.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these appointments were approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig



Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

#### Appoint Members to the Board of Managers of Illinois VENTURES, LLC

(5) At its meeting on April 13, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (“Board of Trustees”) authorized the formation of Illinois VENTURES, LLC (“VENTURES” or “Company”) as a University-Related Organization to promote the development of new companies commercializing technologies developed at the University and to assist companies in obtaining seed and venture capital funding, recruiting management talent, developing business plans, and acquiring other business services as needed. VENTURES is a limited liability company governed by an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement, revised March 15, 2012 (“Operating Agreement”). The VENTURES board of managers is responsible for the management and control of the business, affairs, and properties of the Company. Under the terms of the Operating Agreement, the board of managers shall consist of such number of individuals and with such qualifications, and may include voting and non-voting managers, as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees as the “sole member” of VENTURES. A majority of the voting managers shall be business and industry leaders, and said leaders shall not include any employee of (or person financially dependent upon) the University of Illinois, the State of Illinois, or any agency thereof, or any member of the immediate family of such person. The Operating Agreement does not require the Board of Trustees to designate a trustee to serve as a member of the board of

managers, but the Board of Trustees has traditionally appointed a trustee to serve as a manager. Various University of Illinois System employees serve as *ex officio* non-voting members of the board of managers. Subject to these conditions, the managers shall be appointed, and may be removed at any time, by resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

The interim vice president for economic development and innovation, who is responsible for coordination and oversight of interactions between the University of Illinois System and VENTURES, recommends that the Board of Trustees confirm the following changes to the board of managers:

- 1) Approve Edward L. McMillan as a business and industry member of the board of managers. Mr. McMillan has served as the Board of Trustees representative on the board of managers for over a decade;
- 2) Approve Sarah Phalen as a member of the board of managers to serve as a representative of the Board of Trustees;
- 3) Approve Deborah Paul as a member of the board of managers. Dr. Paul is a governing director on the University of Illinois Foundation board of directors. Dr. Paul worked for Abbott Laboratories for over three decades as a biochemist and director of business development and licensing;
- 4) Approve Jay Walsh as a non-voting member of the board of managers in his capacity as the interim vice president for economic development and innovation; and
- 5) Update the titles of the vice chancellor for research and innovation at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Dr. Susan Martinis and the vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois Chicago Dr. Joanna Groden.

Based on these recommendations from the interim vice president for economic development and innovation and following consultation with the Office of University Counsel, the president now recommends that 12 managers of the company be

confirmed as voting members of the board of managers: one Board of Trustees representative (Sarah Phalen); seven business and industry leaders (Edward L. McMillan, Deborah Paul, Guy Padbury, Dennis Hesch, Michael Liang, Michael Tokarz, and Anthony G. DiTommaso); the vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois Chicago (Joanna Groden) (*ex officio*) and the vice chancellor for research and innovation at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Susan Martinis) (*ex officio*); the director of the Office of Technology Management at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Nathan Hoffmann) (*ex officio*); and the director of the Office of Technology Management at the University of Illinois Chicago (Suseelan Pookote) (*ex officio*). In addition, it is recommended that five managers of the company be confirmed as non-voting *ex officio* members: the interim vice president for economic development and innovation (Jay Walsh); the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller (Avijit Ghosh); the University counsel (Thomas R. Bearrows); the senior associate vice president for business and finance (Michael B. Bass); and the VENTURES CEO/managing director (Nancy A. Sullivan).

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 Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these appointments were approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

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

(6) According to State statute, no student trustee may vote on those items marked with an asterisk.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3 of the University of Illinois *Statutes*, the following new appointments to the faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above, and certain administrative positions, are now presented for action by 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.

**Faculty New Hires Urbana**  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per year
<b>*Wei, Na</b>	College of Engineering	Associate Professor	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$123,000.00	year
<b>*Wang, Dong</b>	School of Information Sciences	Associate Professor	School of Information Sciences	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$137,500.00	year
<b>Zhang, Tingting</b>	School of Labor and Employment Relations	Assistant Professor	School of Labor and Employment Relations	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$142,500.00	year
<b>Burgess, Steven James</b>	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Plant Biology, School of Integrative Biology	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	10/16/2021	\$82,500.00	year
<b>Burgess, Steven James</b>	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Plant Biology, School of Integrative Biology	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2022	\$82,500.00	Year
<b>Miller, Daniel J.</b>	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Evolution, Ecology and Behavior, School of Integrative Biology	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$82,500.00	year
<b>Sweeney, Patrick Robert</b>	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Molecular and Integrative Physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$82,000.00	year

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service description	Service Begin Date	Salary per year
Canipe, Michelle Reed	University Library	Assistant Professor	University Library	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Twelve-Month	03/16/2021	\$73,000.00
Canipe, Michelle Reed	University Library	Head of Scholarly Commons	University Library	Non-Tenured	0.00	Twelve-Month	03/16/2021	\$7,000.00
Canipe, Michelle Reed	University Library	Assistant Professor	University Library	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Twelve-Month	08/16/2021	\$73,000.00
							<b>Total Annual Salary</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>
*Fry, Amy Lynn	University Library	Associate Professor	University Library	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Twelve-month	03/16/2021	\$84,500.00 /yr
Fry, Amy Lynn	University Library	Electronic Resources Management Librarian	University Library	Non-Tenured	0.00	Twelve-month	03/16/2021	\$0.00 /yr
Mei, Wenyan	Veterinary Medicine	Assistant Professor	Comparative Biosciences	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	03/12/2021	\$91,000.00 /yr
Mei, Wenyan	Veterinary Medicine	Assistant Professor	Comparative Biosciences	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$91,000.00 /yr

## URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

*Emeriti*

ANNA MARIA ESCOBAR, Professor Emerita of Spanish and Portuguese, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, January 1, 2021

HADI S. ESFAHANI, Professor Emeritus of Economics, November 1, 2020

STAFFORD HOOD, Sheila M. Miller Professor Emeritus of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, January 1, 2021

DAVID A. PADUA, Donald Biggar Willett Professor Emeritus, Department of Computer Science, February 1, 2021

DEBORAH L. THURSTON, Gutzgell Professor Emerita, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, April 1, 2021

TERRY WEECH, Associate Professor Emeritus, School of Information Sciences, January 1, 2021

MARTIN D. F. WONG, Edward C. Jordan Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering, December 16, 2020

*Out-of-Cycle Promotion and Tenure:*

QIAN CHEN, to associate professor of materials science and engineering with indefinite tenure; and to associate professor, Materials Research Laboratory, The Grainger College of Engineering, non-tenured; associate professor, Beckman Institute, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, non-tenured; and associate professor, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, non-tenured, effective 3/12/2021

**Faculty New Hires Chicago**  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
Fair, Freda L.	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Gender & Women's Studies	Summer Appointment	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	08/01/2021 - 08/15/2021	\$4,866.80	**
Fair, Freda L.	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Gender & Women's Studies	Probationary, Yr 2	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$92,000.00	year
Fair, Freda L.	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Black Studies	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$0.00	year
							<b>Total Annual Salary</b>	<b>\$92,000.00</b>	<b>year</b>
Friend-Kendall, Ashley	College of Medicine at Chicago	Assistant Professor	Medicine	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	12-Month	03/12/2021	\$115,000.00	year
Friend-Kendall, Ashley	College of Medicine at Chicago	Assistant Professor	Medicine	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	12-Month	08/16/2021	\$115,000.00	year
Gentile, Saverio	College of Medicine at Chicago	Assistant Professor	Medicine	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	12-Month	03/12/2021	\$125,000.00	year
*Jin, Jian-Ping	College of Medicine at Chicago	Professor	Physiology and Biophysics	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	12-Month	03/16/2021	\$230,550.00	year



Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
Rojnica, Marko	College of Medicine at Chicago	Assistant Professor	Surgery	Initial/Partial Term	0.51	12-Month	03/16/2021	\$60,000.00	year
Rojnica, Marko	College of Medicine at Chicago	Physician Surgeon	Surgery	Non-Tenured	0.49	12-Month	03/16/2021	\$390,000.00	year
Rojnica, Marko	College of Medicine at Chicago	Assistant Professor	Surgery	Probationary, Yr 1	0.51	12-Month	08/16/2021	\$60,000.00	year
							<b>Total Annual Salary</b>	<b>\$450,000.00</b>	<b>year</b>
*Wissner, Erik	College of Medicine at Chicago	Associate Professor	Medicine	Indefinite Tenure	0.40	12-Month	03/16/2021	\$136,184.20	year
Wissner, Erik	College of Medicine at Chicago	Physician Surgeon	Medicine	Non-Tenured	0.60	12-Month	03/16/2021	\$203,065.30	year
							<b>Total Annual Salary</b>	<b>\$339,249.50</b>	<b>year</b>
*Maslowsky, Julie	School of Public Health	Associate Professor	Community Health Sciences	Indefinite Tenure	0.75	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$86,250.00	year
Maslowsky, Julie	School of Public Health	Research Associate Professor	Community Health Sciences	Non-Tenured	0.25	Academic Year	08/16/2021	\$28,750.00	year
							<b>Total Annual Salary</b>	<b>\$115,000.00</b>	<b>year</b>

## CHICAGO

*Emeriti*

ROBERT PAUL MALCHOW, professor emeritus of biological sciences, September 1, 2020

W. J. MINKOWYCZ, professor emeritus of mechanical and industrial engineering, August 16, 2020

SERGEY POPOV, associate professor emeritus of physiology and biophysics, May 16, 2019

LESLIE THOMAS STAYNER, professor emeritus of epidemiology and biostatistics, School of Public Health, January 1, 2021

KARL VOLZ, associate professor emeritus of microbiology and immunology, May 16, 2020

DONALD PAUL WALLER, professor emeritus of pharmaceutical sciences, August 14, 2004

**Faculty New Hires Springfield**  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
None									

\*No student trustee may vote on those items marked with an asterisk  
 \*\*Salary reflected is for specific range of service dates  
 \*\*\*100% tenure will be held in this unit



### Administrative Professional New Hires Springfield

Faculty appointments noted, when appropriate.  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	Per
<i>None</i>									

### Administrative Professional New Hires University System

Faculty appointments noted, when appropriate.  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	Per
<b>Gerini, Susan M.</b>	System Human Resource Services	Director, Information Management	System Human Resource Services	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/15/2021	\$115,000.00	year
<b>Parker, James</b>	Office of Medicaid Innovation	Director, Medicaid Policy and Innovation	Office of Medicaid Innovation	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/15/2021	\$202,800.00	year

\*No student trustee may vote on those items marked with an asterisk

\*\*Salary reflected is for specific range of service dates

\*\*\*Salary for two months of summer service during each summer of appointment as Head/Chair/Director

**Intercollegiate Athletics New Multi-Year Contracts Urbana**  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

*Division of Intercollegiate Athletics New Multi-Year Contracts*

Name	Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Annual Salary	Contract Year
Kane, Kevin Michael	Assistant Varsity Coach, Football	03/12/2021	01/31/2023	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$550,000.00**	03/12/2021 - 01/31/2023
McDonald, George Lamont	Assistant Varsity Coach, Football	03/12/2021	01/31/2023	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$550,000.00**	03/12/2021 - 01/31/2023

\*\*Annual increases based on university salary program as applicable.

**Addendum Items Faculty New Hires**  
Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 11, 2021

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per	Previously approved
Doodnaught, Graeme Michael	College of Veterinary Medicine	Assistant Professor	Veterinary Clinical Medicine	Initial/Partial Term	1.00 0.65	Twelve-Month	11/16/2020	\$132,000.00	year*	Nov 2020
Doodnaught, Graeme Michael	College of Veterinary Medicine	Assistant Professor	Veterinary Clinical Medicine	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00 0.65	Twelve-Month	08/16/2021	\$132,000.00	year	Nov 2020
Doodnaught, Graeme Michael	College of Veterinary Medicine	Assistant Professor	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Non-Tenured	0.35	Twelve-Month	11/16/2020	\$0.00	year	

\*100% tenure will be held in Veterinary Clinical Medicine

## Urbana

*Emeriti – September 2020*

GARY S. DELL, professor emeritus of psychology, ~~August 16, 2020~~ **August 15, 2020**

*Emeriti – July 2020*

JEAN-PHILIPPE R. MATHY, professor emeritus of French and Italian; and professor emeritus, comparative and world literature, ~~July 1, 2020~~ **June 1, 2020**

## Chicago

*Emeriti – January 2021*

PATRICK ANTHONY TRANMER, professor emeritus of **clinical** family medicine, August 1, 2016

LAURIE SCHAFFNER, associate professor emerita of sociology and associate professor **emerita** of gender and women's studies, May 16, 2020

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these appointments were approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Ms. Bravo asked to be recorded as not voting on this item)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

## Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, 2021-2022

(7) The chancellors/vice presidents at Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield recommend that the following members of the faculty be given sabbatical



leaves of absence in accordance with the provisions of the University of Illinois *Statutes* and on the terms and for the periods indicated. (A list of those recommended has been filed with the secretary of the Board for record.)

The programs of research and study for which leaves are requested have been examined at all the universities.

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 Procedures*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs in these recommendations.

The president of the University recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these leaves were granted as recommended by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Dr. King asked to be recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Appoint Faculty Fellows to the Institute for the Humanities,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

(8) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the recommendation of the director of the Institute of

the Humanities and with the concurrence of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, recommends the following appointments of fellows to the Institute for the Humanities for the academic year 2021-2022, and for the programs of research or study indicated.<sup>3</sup> Fellows are released from teaching and administrative duties, normally for one year, so that they can devote full effort to their research.<sup>4</sup>

ESTHER DIAZ MARTIN, assistant professor, Latin American and Latino Studies Program and Gender and Women's Studies Program, "Radiophonic Feminisms: Sounding Latina Gender Politics"

NINA DUBIN, associate professor, Department of Art History, "Eros and the Economy: Love, Trust, and Risk in French Art, 1720-2008"

FREDY GONZÁLEZ, associate professor, Global Asian Studies Program and Department of History, "Forging the Cantonese Diaspora: A Global History of the Chee Kung Tong"

MATTHEW KENDALL, assistant professor, Department of Polish, Russian and Lithuanian Studies, "Sound Works: The Aural Imaginations of Soviet Art"

RAPHAEL SOLOMON SAFRON MAGARIK, assistant professor, Department of English, "The Invention of the Biblical Narrator"

RACHEL N. WEBER, professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, "The Urban Oracular: Prediction and Speculation in Real Estate"

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 the University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University concurs.

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<sup>3</sup> Faculty fellows are chosen competitively by the institute's executive committee through evaluation of research proposals.

<sup>4</sup> Alternate 1: Rachel Goodman, assistant professor, Department of Philosophy, "Foundations for a Theory of Singular Thought"; Alternate 2: Peter M. Coviello, professor, Department of English, "After Ahab: Tyranny in the Wake of the Age of Revolutions"

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these appointments were approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Ms. Bravo asked to be recorded as not voting on this item)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Master of Science in Integrative Biology,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

(9) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to establish the Master of Science in Integrative Biology.

The proposed Master of Science in Integrative Biology (MS in IB) is a non-thesis program geared toward students seeking advanced preparation for professional school or careers in industry, government, or non-governmental organizations. Currently, students can avail themselves of a traditional, thesis-based MS in each of the School of Integrative Biology's individual departments (Evolution, Ecology and Behavior; Entomology; and Plant Biology) or of interdisciplinary curricula such as the Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology. However, there is no opportunity for an MS in Integrative Biology specifically. This program would fill that gap, serving students who graduate with bachelor's degrees in the integrative biology areas who are

seeking to further develop their knowledge and take next steps in their academic or professional careers.

Bachelor's-level graduates in integrative biology are put into a wide applicant pool, often needing advanced degrees, lab skills, and work experiences to stand out. The proposed MS in IB serves to integrate educational, research, and innovation assets by allowing better connections to be forged through the attainment of advanced-level knowledge, lab experience, and a required mentoring course, which will pair MS in IB students with alumni mentors to help them plan their next steps and career growth. By providing an additional year of advanced-level coursework in areas such as bioinformatics and genomics and advanced laboratory coursework, the program affords an opportunity for graduates to be more competitive for placement in applying for either additional graduate or professional school or for employment.

Significant impact on faculty resources, student-to-faculty ratios, library and other instructional resources is not expected. The School of Integrative Biology has capacity in all upper-level courses. Additionally, the proposed program will be capped at 30 students, who would be spread across over 50 upper-level courses across multiple semesters. A recently hired specialized faculty member in the School of Integrative Biology teaches some of these courses and will assist in directing the MS in IB program. In addressing the lack of diversity often seen in STEM fields, the School of Integrative Biology plans to offer financial support to underrepresented minorities after the program is in place for three years, when it is expected to be financially stable.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Master of Science in Biomedical Image Computing,  
The Grainger College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana

(10) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from The Grainger College of Engineering and the Graduate College to establish the Master of Science in Biomedical Image Computing.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is ideally suited to assume a leadership role in computational bioimaging education and is expected to rapidly receive international recognition for doing so through this proposed program. The proposed

Master of Science in Biomedical Image Computing (MS in BIC) is grounded in and blends together two research strengths in The Grainger College of Engineering: biomedical imaging science and machine learning. This solid foundation of scholarship and directly relevant faculty expertise will facilitate the program's implementation.

Biomedical image computing is a large, rapidly growing industry and research field comprising the formation and analysis of diagnostic images. Both image system design and biomedical image analysis are currently being revolutionized at a tremendous rate by the emergence of machine learning techniques. The proposed MS in BIC addresses the unmet need for efficient, rigorous training focused at the intersection of biomedical imaging science and machine learning. Graduates will find careers as engineers who are developing, translating, and evaluating biomedical imaging technologies that use machine learning methods. This non-thesis program is designed to be completed in three semesters of full-time study and will allow students instant, complete immersion in the burgeoning field of imaging science, a sustained and streamlined practicum in modern machine learning techniques, and a new curriculum that is integrated a priori with the explicit purpose of efficient training in solving real imaging science problems via machine learning.

The proposed program will be administratively housed in the Department of Bioengineering. The department intends to fill two new tenure-track faculty positions before the program starts, with departmental and The Grainger College of Engineering funding committed to these hires. In addition to these two new hires, existing faculty in the Bioengineering Department will contribute to teaching in the program. Current facilities, technology, and non-technical resources are adequate to support the proposed

program. For the first two years, while the program is ramping up, existing staff in the department and the college will be leveraged to support the program's administrative needs. At year three, the program is expected to be revenue-generating through tuition funds, and at that point, a new program coordinator will be hired to oversee marketing, budgeting, and other daily business operations.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Design,  
College of Engineering, Chicago

(11) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Chicago Senate and College of Engineering, recommends the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Design.

The BS in Computer Science and Design (CS + Design) is an interdisciplinary program shared between the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering and the School of Design in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts. The two units have collaborated for over 40 years in operating the Electronic Visualization Laboratory (EVL), which specializes in collaborative visualization, virtual reality, visual data science, and advanced computing and networking infrastructure. The overarching goal of the BS in CS + Design is to foster a generation of technically savvy designers and creative scientists who operate between these disciplines. The degree is designed for students interested in using human-centered computing and design methods within fields that involve the creative application of advanced technologies and cross-practice collaboration. There is only one other bachelor's degree program of this kind in the country at Northeastern University (Boston, Massachusetts).

The degree will be housed in the Department of Computer Science, but the CS + Design Program Advisory Committee comprised of faculty and staff from both units will make recommendations regarding admissions, monitor the program's performance and growth, and ensure the curriculum remains current. The degree will require 122 total hours, including 40 hours of general education and non-core courses, 36 hours in the computer science core, and 40 hours in the design core.



Entering students will begin their university studies as pre-majors in CS + Design. In order to be considered for admission to the degree, students must complete established course requirements (e.g., English, math, computer science, and design), and meet course grade and grade point average minimums. The colleges anticipate the first cohort of students in the program will be current computer science students who have already demonstrated an interest in this specialty. It is anticipated that 100 students will be enrolled once the degree is fully implemented.

The BS in CS + Design draws from existing faculty and curricular strengths in visualization, interaction, user experience, user studies, design and computer science research, typography, computer graphics, and application of computational design in real world situations. The degree is comprised entirely of existing courses. Current faculty in Computer Science and Design are adequate to support the program, as are facilities and library resources.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Master of Public Policy,  
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

(12) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Public Affairs and Administration to establish the Master of Public Policy (MPP).

Housed within the Department of Public Administration, the UIS MPP will prepare students with the skills and abilities to analyze and evaluate public policy to serve the public interest and advance civic engagement. The program will educate current and future government and nonprofit public service professionals through innovative integration of disciplinary knowledge and skills with practice. The location of the UIS campus in the state capital provides access to a diverse network of community and public affairs scholars, practitioners, and students. Although the proposed MPP will complement the existing Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, the MPP will focus on building analytical skills for students interested in policy research, analysis, and evaluation, while the MPA is an implementation and management degree. Student outcomes for the MPP program are aligned directly to the core competencies of the

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) and include the ability to lead and manage in public governance; to participate in and contribute to the policy process; to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions; to articulate and apply a public service perspective; and to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

The proposed 36 credit-hour MPP program consists of 24 hours of core coursework and 12 hours of electives. Elective coursework may be used to complete a concentration in areas such as Child Advocacy, Education Policy, Health Policy, Policy Analysis Tools, or Social Policy. The program plans to seek NASPAA accreditation for the MPP program. Because the MPA program is already accredited by NASPAA and the accreditation criteria overlap substantially with the MPA, much of the groundwork for adding the MPP program and gaining accreditation is already laid for the new program.

The program will be offered in face-to-face, blended, and online formats. No additional funding is required for the proposed MPP, as the program will be built on the MPA, with just three new core classes to be added to support the new degree. As a result, current funding is sufficient to launch the new program.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Master of Science in Healthcare Informatics,  
College of Business and Management, Springfield

(13) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Business and Management to establish the Master of Science in Healthcare Informatics (MS HCI).

Per the American Health Information Management Association, healthcare informatics is an interdisciplinary field that utilizes technology to organize, analyze, manage, and use information to improve health care. As a fast-growing field, various healthcare informatic applications, such as electronic health records, electronic billing, and data analytics, are becoming critical to the development and success of health services. The proposed MS HCI is designed to develop graduate students' leadership,

analytical thinking, data analytic skills, and management skills in healthcare informatics as required by private, public, and nonprofit healthcare institutions.

The proposed MS HCI, a 30-hour degree program, will be housed in the Department of Management Information Systems and will provide students with an opportunity to begin a career in healthcare informatics or to advance existing careers in a health-care organization. It is also expected that health-care technicians and nurses will pursue this degree to advance their careers to information technology-related management positions. The proposed program will prepare students to navigate legal, privacy, regulatory, and ethical challenges in health care. Graduates of the program will be marketable in high-demand fields such as health data analytics and information systems in health-care organizations. Although the program is designed for program completion within 12 months, students may require more time to complete the degree based on personal and professional circumstances.

The program curriculum, which was mapped to the American Medical Informatics Association Core Competencies for Health Informatics, and designed in consultation with healthcare informatics experts from industry and academia, includes 10 required courses such as a survey of U.S. health-care systems, and topics such as healthcare information systems security and privacy, and project management in healthcare. A required exit exam will assess student knowledge mastered in the program, as well as the achievement of the program's learning objectives.

The MS HCI will be offered in an online format, providing coursework flexibility that is expected to attract working professionals, as well as students who seek

competencies in applying acquired information technology skills to support various types of health-care operations.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Master of Science in Human Resource Management,  
College of Business and Management, Springfield

(14) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Business and Management to establish the Master of Science in Human Resource Management (MS HRM).

The proposed MS HRM is designed to prepare graduate students to become organizational leaders, well-equipped to handle the complexities of human resources (HR) in the modern workplace. In addition to learning traditional HR functions such as workforce planning, labor and employee relations, and employment regulations, students will also acquire skills in specialized areas such as HR predictive analytics and strategic planning. A range of cross-disciplinary electives and experiential learning will allow students completing the degree to step into an HR generalist role or to specialize in areas such as HR information systems or international HR management.

The proposed MS HRM 30-hour degree program, which will be housed in the Department of Management, Marketing, and Operations, builds on a successful graduate certificate currently offered by the department. The MS HRM is expected to be of interest to students seeking a more specialized graduate degree in business than a Master of Business Administration (MBA). The curriculum is aligned with the professional standards of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the Society for Human Resource Management. The program will be offered in both face-to-face and online delivery modes, and courses will be offered in an eight-week format, allowing students to complete the degree program in one calendar year.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education,  
College of Education and Human Services, Springfield

(15) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Education and Human Services to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education.

Currently at UIS, students pursuing a career in teaching high school English must major in English and obtain a minor in Secondary Education in order to obtain Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) licensure. Feedback from ISBE, Illinois legislators, and potential and current students has indicated a preference for secondary teachers to graduate with an education degree rather than with an education minor. In addition, secondary schools in Illinois prefer to hire graduates with an education major.



The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education will allow students interested in teaching English in secondary schools the option of an education major instead of an education minor.

The proposed degree program will be offered in a mostly online format with few face-to-face sessions required, providing flexibility that is expected to be of interest to students locally and statewide. Because the education degree requires students to take fewer courses than obtaining the secondary education minor as a supplement to the traditional English degree, students will complete their coursework at a faster pace. An expedited path to graduation not only benefits students financially, it is also expected to address the high demand for teachers in Illinois high schools, where there are currently extreme shortages of qualified English teachers. Because the program is designed to meet current ISBE licensure standards, upon graduation, students will be fully-licensed to teach high school English in the State of Illinois.

Both required and elective courses for the major will be taught by existing faculty. Because UIS has both the facilities and faculty to support this new degree program, no additional funding is required or requested.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Secondary History Education,  
College of Education and Human Services, Springfield

(16) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Education and Human Services to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Secondary History Education.

Currently at UIS, students pursuing a career in teaching high school history must major in History and obtain a minor in Secondary Education in order to obtain Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) licensure. Feedback from ISBE, Illinois legislators, and potential and current students has indicated a preference for secondary teachers to graduate with an education degree rather than with an education minor. In addition, secondary schools in Illinois prefer to hire graduates with an education major. The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Secondary History Education will allow students interested in teaching history in secondary schools the option of an education major instead of an education minor.

The proposed degree program will be offered in a mostly-online format with few face-to-face sessions required, providing flexibility that is expected to be of interest to students locally and statewide. Because the education degree requires students to take fewer courses than obtaining the secondary education minor as a supplement to the traditional History degree, students will complete their coursework at a faster pace. An expedited path to graduation not only benefits students financially, it is also expected to address the high demand for teachers in Illinois high schools, where there are currently extreme shortages of qualified History teachers. Because the program is designed to meet current ISBE licensure standards, upon graduation, students will be fully-licensed to teach high school history in the State of Illinois.

Both required and elective courses for the major will be taught by existing faculty. Because UIS has both the facilities and faculty to support this new degree program, no additional funding is required or requested.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Mathematics Education,  
College of Education and Human Services, Springfield

(17) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Education and Human Services to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Mathematics Education.

Currently at UIS, students pursuing a career in teaching high school mathematics must major in Mathematics and obtain a minor in Secondary Education in order to obtain Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) licensure. Feedback from ISBE, Illinois legislators, and potential and current students has indicated a preference for secondary teachers to graduate with an education degree rather than with an education minor. In addition, secondary schools in Illinois prefer to hire graduates with an education major. The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Mathematics Education will allow students interested in teaching mathematics in secondary schools the option of an education major instead of an education minor.

The proposed degree program will be offered in a mostly-online format with few face-to-face sessions required, providing flexibility that is expected to be of

interest to students locally and statewide. Because the education degree requires students to take fewer courses than obtaining the Secondary Education minor as a supplement to the traditional Mathematics degree, students will complete their coursework at a faster pace. An expedited path to graduation not only benefits students financially, it is also expected to address the high demand for teachers in Illinois high schools, where there are currently extreme shortages of qualified mathematics teachers. Because the program is designed to meet current ISBE licensure standards, upon graduation, students will be fully-licensed to teach high school mathematics in the State of Illinois.

Both required and elective courses for the major will be taught by existing faculty. Because UIS has both the facilities and faculty to support this new degree program, no additional funding is required or requested.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr.

Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Rename the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics,  
The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana

(18) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from The Grainger College of Engineering to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics to the Bachelor of Science in Physics.

This proposal to rename the existing Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics, changing the major name to “Physics,” is part of a larger restructuring of undergraduate physics education at the university. As described in companion proposals, there are currently multiple undergraduate physics programs: the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS in Physics), which includes the Physics Teaching concentration; the Bachelor of Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (BS in Physics); and the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. The BSLAS in Physics and BS in Physics in the College of LAS are essentially the same degree as the Engineering Physics degree in The Grainger College of Engineering. The BS in Physics, Teaching concentration, has recently had low enrollment, and the option of pursuing the BS in Engineering Physics with a Secondary Education minor already exists and will

continue to exist. With the related companion proposals, this proposal seeks consolidation of these existing physics programs into a single undergraduate degree to be named the Bachelor of Science in Physics, which will be administratively housed in the Department of Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. The phasedown of the existing physics programs in LAS is a cooperative administrative effort between the College of LAS and The Grainger College of Engineering. The consolidation plan, resulting in a single, renamed undergraduate physics degree, will reduce student, parent, and recruiter confusion, provide more cohesive student support, improve the student experience, and streamline operations in the Department of Physics.

The Department of Physics is currently housed in The Grainger College of Engineering; the consolidation plan does not change that structure. There will be no changes to faculty resources, as there are no changes to class sizes or student-to-faculty ratios. There will be no changes to unit resources such as support for student advising and job placement, as these functions are already handled for the existing undergraduate physics programs by the Department of Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Physics,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

(19) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to eliminate via phasedown the Bachelor of Science in Physics.

This proposal to eliminate via phasedown the Bachelor of Science in Physics (BS in Physics) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) is part of a larger restructuring of undergraduate physics education at the university. As described in companion proposals, there are currently multiple undergraduate physics programs: the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS in Physics), which includes the Physics Teaching concentration; the Bachelor of Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (BS in Physics); and the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. The BSLAS in Physics and BS in Physics in the College of LAS are



essentially the same degree as the Engineering Physics degree in The Grainger College of Engineering. The BS in Physics, Teaching concentration, has recently had low enrollment, and the option of pursuing the BS in Engineering Physics with a Secondary Education minor already exists and will continue to exist. With the related companion proposals, this proposal seeks consolidation of these existing physics programs into a single undergraduate degree to be named the Bachelor of Science in Physics, which will be administratively housed in the Department of Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. The phasedown of the existing physics programs in LAS is a cooperative administrative effort between the College of LAS and The Grainger College of Engineering. The consolidation plan, resulting in a single, renamed undergraduate physics degree, will reduce student, parent, and recruiter confusion, provide more cohesive student support, improve the student experience, and streamline operations in the Department of Physics.

The phasedown plan is to set admission targets to zero beginning with the Fall 2022 admissions cycle. Continuing undergraduate students will not have the option of declaring a major in Physics in LAS starting in Fall 2021. Students currently enrolled in the BS in Physics in LAS will be able to complete their degree program.

The Department of Physics is currently housed in The Grainger College of Engineering; the consolidation plan does not change that structure. There will be no changes to faculty resources, as there are no changes to class sizes or student-to-faculty ratios. There will be no changes to unit resources such as support for student advising and job placement, as these functions are already handled for the existing undergraduate physics programs by the Department of Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

(20) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to eliminate via phasedown the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics.

This proposal to eliminate via phasedown the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics (BSLAS in Physics) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) is part of a larger restructuring of undergraduate physics education at the university. As described in companion proposals, there are currently multiple undergraduate physics programs: the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS in Physics), which includes the Physics Teaching concentration; the Bachelor of Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (BS in Physics, LAS Specialized Curriculum); and the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. The BSLAS in Physics and BS in Physics in the College of LAS are essentially the same degree as the Engineering Physics degree in The Grainger College of Engineering. The BSLAS in Physics, Teaching concentration, has recently had low enrollment, and the option of pursuing the BS in Engineering Physics with a Secondary Education minor already exists and will continue to exist. With the related companion proposals, this proposal seeks consolidation of these existing physics programs into a single undergraduate degree to be named the Bachelor of Science in Physics, which will be administratively housed in the Department of Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. The phasedown of the existing physics programs in LAS is a cooperative administrative effort between the College of LAS and The Grainger College Engineering. The consolidation plan, resulting in a single, renamed undergraduate physics degree, will reduce student, parent, and recruiter confusion, provide more cohesive student support, improve the student experience, and streamline operations in the Department of Physics.

The phasedown plan is to set admission targets to zero beginning with the Fall 2022 admissions cycle. Continuing undergraduate students will not have the option of declaring the BSLAS in Physics major starting in Fall 2021. Students currently enrolled in the BSLAS in Physics in LAS will be able to complete their degree program.

The Department of Physics is currently housed in The Grainger College of Engineering; the consolidation plan does not change that structure. There will be no changes to faculty resources, as there are no changes to class sizes or student-to-faculty ratios. There will be no changes to unit resources such as support for student advising and job placement, as these functions are already handled for the existing undergraduate physics programs by the Department of Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering.

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 with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Approve Student Health Insurance Rate for  
University of Illinois Springfield, Academic Year 2021-2022

(21) The interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends approval of student health insurance rate for Academic Year 2021-2022. The student health insurance rate, combined with the student health service fee, provide financial support for the health-care programs that are tailored to meet the needs of the students at the university. Students may choose not to participate in the student health insurance program by providing evidence of comparable insurance coverage from other sources. Attached is a summary of the student health program coverage (on file with the secretary).

The Springfield university again will be underwritten by Academic Health Plans/Blue Cross Blue Shield. The cost will increase by \$55 per semester for all students (+6.2 percent). The current student health insurance rate for 2020-2021 and the proposed rate for 2021-2022 are displayed below. The Springfield university student health insurance rate continues to be competitive compared to those at peer institutions, especially given the scope and breadth of the benefits provided.

UNIVERSITY	<u>CURRENT RATE PER SEMESTER</u> <b>2020</b>	<u>PROPOSED RATE PER SEMESTER</u> <b>2021</b>
<i>Springfield</i>	All students \$892	All students \$947

The rate displayed is for the typical undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Students needing coverage for their spouse and/or dependents voluntarily pay a separate charge. Rates may vary for the summer session.

Student insurance rates at the University of Illinois Chicago and at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will not change for AY 2021-2022.

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 as well as the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concur in these recommendations.

The president of the University recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Resolution Supporting Request for Cook County Community Development Block Grant to Fund Law School Clinic, Chicago

(22) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends a board resolution supporting the University's

application and request for a Cook County Community Development Block Grant fund for Program Year 2021 in the amount of \$52,000 to provide salary support for a staff attorney in the Community Enterprise and Solidarity Economy Clinic (CESEC) at the UIC John Marshall Law School. The CESEC is a legal clinical program that trains law students in the practice of business and transactional law and allows the student lawyers to gain experience about the importance of providing *pro bono* legal services to the community. The CESEC brings transactional legal services to low- and moderate-income individuals and communities to start and expand business development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the University's request for a Cook County Community Development Block Grant fund for Program Year 2021 in the amount of \$52,000 is approved, and the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller of the University of Illinois is hereby authorized to sign the application and various forms contained therein, make all required submissions and do all things necessary to complete the application for the funds requested in this resolution, a copy of which application is on file with the secretary.

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 president of the University concurs.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr.

Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

By consensus, the Board agreed that one roll call vote would be taken and considered the vote on agenda item no. 23 through 30 inclusive as listed below. The recommendations were individually discussed but acted upon at one time.

Award Construction Contracts for Parking, Central Campus Parking Structure(s), Urbana

(23) In December 2019, the Board approved the Central Campus Parking Structure(s) project with a budget of \$21,304,000. The proposed scope of work for the project includes the abandonment of the existing post-tensioning system and installation of a supplemental steel beam support system, repairs to concrete delamination and spalls, repairs and restorations to the building façade through the replacement of coping stones and flashing, various brick repairs, installation of self-harm protection screening at the top level and all exterior above grade openings on all levels of both structures, application of new waterproofing systems, various stair repairs, restoration of the C7 elevator, installation of a new elevator at C10, and major upgrades and maintenance to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

Bids for construction work have been solicited, and for the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative



officers, recommends that the following contracts<sup>5</sup> be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code were followed; and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder based on its base bid plus the acceptance of the indicated alternates:<sup>6</sup>

Division 01 – General Work

CCC Holdings, Inc.,	Base Bid	\$6,365,985
Chicago, IL	Alternate 1	-
	Alternate 2	(10,000)
	Alternate 4	<u>57,385</u>
<i>Total</i>		\$6,413,370

Construction is scheduled to be completed in October 2022.

The Board actions 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.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the anticipated

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<sup>5</sup> Contracts for other divisions were awarded that are within the delegated approval levels: Division 2--Plumbing Work, United Mechanical Group, Champaign, IL, \$114,311; Division 4--Ventilation Work, A & R Mechanical Contractors, Urbana, IL, \$48,850; Division 5--Electrical Work, Jamerson & Bauwens Electrical Contractors, Inc., Urbana, IL, \$592,917.

<sup>6</sup> Description of Alternates: Alt. 1--Remove existing and install overhead (suspended) PVC storm water drainage pipes and fittings at all other remaining locations of C7; Alt. 2--Use a single component version of Traffic Coatings; Alt. 3--Video and flush clean 100 percent of the buried (below grade) storm water drainpipes at C7; Alt. 4--Provide beam strengthening at up to 10 additional beam locations in Parking Structure C7.

reimbursement from the proceeds of a future sale of Auxiliary Facilities System revenue bonds.

The president of the University concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

Awarded Vendor	Prime Contract \$	Subcontract Value	Subcontractor % of Work
Division 1 - General: CCC Holdings, Inc., Chicago, IL	\$6,413,370		
	MBE	\$1,354,196	21%
		\$1,354,196	21%
Division 2 - Plumbing: United Mechanical Group, Champaign, IL	\$114,311		
	MBE	\$23,100	20%
		\$23,100	20%
Division 4 - Ventilation Work: A & R Mechanical, Urbana, IL	\$48,850		
	WBE	\$9,800	20%
		\$9,800	20%
Division 5 - Electrical: Jamerson & Bauwens Electrical Contractors, Urbana, IL	\$592,917		
	MBE	\$119,000	20%
		\$119,000	20%
Total Awarded	\$7,169,448		
Total MBE (AFA)		\$142,100	2%
Total MBE (HA)		\$1,354,196	19%
Total WBE		\$9,800	0%
Total Diversity		\$1,506,096	21%

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Dr. King asked to be recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Approve Project Budget for Ubben Basketball Complex Expansion,  
Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana

(24) In September 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the Ubben Basketball Complex Expansion project and design with a total budget of \$35.0 million. The project will expand the basketball practice courts to include two additional half-court areas. The south addition will provide new coaches' offices and meeting rooms. The north addition and remodel will provide a sports medicine area, strength training, locker rooms, and a multipurpose room that will serve as the academic and nutrition center. Site improvements will include a new entrance from St. Mary's Road, with a circle drive and expanded parking.

A conceptualization study completed in June 2018, proposed increasing the size of the current facility from 39,440 square feet to a total of approximately 81,000 square feet and the recommended budget. During the schematic design and design development phases, various value-engineering steps were undertaken to keep the project within the approved budget and the project square footage was reduced from 81,000 to 74,000 square feet through more efficient circulation and space layout.

During the value engineering process, the project team recommended the addition of a photovoltaic array, not in the original project scope, to meet the University's energy conservation goals. In addition, it was recommended that the replacement of existing roofing, air handling units, and wood gymnasium flooring, scheduled to be completed soon, be added to the current project to achieve economies of scale benefits. The increased budget will also reduce energy consumption and deferred maintenance costs. It will result in a facility that is competitive with other recent structures of this type and provide the most creative and useful training spaces for student athletes.

Accordingly, at the request of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board approve an increase in the budget for this project by \$4,800,000 to \$39,800,000. Funds to pay for the additional budget is available from the department's repair and replacement fund and from savings from other construction projects.

The Board actions 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.

Funds for this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, proceeds from Gift Funds, and Auxiliary Facility System Repair and Replacement Reserve Funds, and the Auxiliary Facility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018A.

The president of the University concurs.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Delegate Authority to Comptroller to  
Approve Lease of Space at 2209 Willow Road, Urbana

(25) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, vice president, University of Illinois System, and the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller, in consultation with appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the comptroller be authorized to execute a lease, subject to satisfactory resolution of final contract terms, for approximately 5,360 square feet of specialized laboratory space at 2209 Willow Road, Urbana, Illinois.

The University of Illinois The Grainger College of Engineering has a need for leased space for a Plasmatron X ICP Facility for Center for Hypersonics and Entry Systems Studies (CHESS). The term of the new lease will be for five years commencing August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2026. There will be one five-year renewal option included in the lease. The landlord is Creative Thermal Solutions (“CTS”).

The Center for Hypersonics and Entry Systems Studies (CHESS) is a multidisciplinary team of researchers in The Grainger College of Engineering. CHESS is executing a strategic plan to establish the national reference academic test center for

hypersonic thermal protection systems (“TPS”). CHESS needs a leased laboratory space to house a unique inductively coupled plasma (ICP) wind tunnel (“Plasmatron X”). This will be the largest ICP wind tunnel in the U.S. for testing TPS materials under extreme conditions that simulate hypersonic environments, including high temperature (>5,000 K), high speeds (up to Mach 3), and dusty atmospheres. The facility will be used to conduct industrial and federally funded research by staff, graduate students, and faculty.

The proposed cost of the lease and improvements is more than \$100,000 per year and required issuance of a Request for Information (RFI) pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code. There was one respondent with the successful respondent being CTS.

The annual base rent is \$16.32 per square foot for the first year, and the rent will increase 1.6 percent per year in accordance with the Core CPI for 2020. The gross rent for the first five years is \$451,590.72, and the gross rent for the five-year renewal is \$488,849.16. The equipment to be installed would require significant upgrades to the space. The upgrades would include electrical/power, industrial cooling, argon gas supply and compressed air. The total cost of the upgrades is priced at \$1,094,139. Fifty percent of the cost of the upgrades will be due after lease signing, and the remaining 50 percent will be due upon completion of commissioning of the Plasmatron X with demonstrated functionality. The lease gross rental rate includes maintenance and repairs of structural components of the building, mechanical systems, insurance costs, and the property taxes. The University will be responsible for its own electrical, gas, water/sewer, janitorial, telephone, and internet costs.

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 president of the University concurs.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Determination of Surplus Real Estate and Delegation of Authority to Comptroller to Sell Surplus Real Estate, Rockford, Illinois

(26) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends that the real property located at 1511 Blackhawk Boulevard, Rockton, Illinois; 2170 Pearl Street, Belvidere, Illinois; and 405 St. Charles, Mount Morris, Illinois, be deemed “surplus real estate” by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Public Act 101-0213. It is further recommended, that the comptroller be authorized to consummate the sale or lease of subject real property, contingent on soliciting and receiving a bona fide purchase offer for value and the satisfactory resolution of final sale terms, including price, that are in the best interests of the University and consistent with the University’s objectives and purposes.

Public Act 101-0213 amended the State Property Control Act (30 ILCS 605/1 et seq.) to allow the Board of Trustees of any Illinois public institution of higher education, including the University of Illinois, to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer or

convey to a bona fide purchaser for value all or a part of real estate deemed by the Board to be surplus real estate. The Act permits the University to retain the proceeds from such transactions, but requires that such proceeds be maintained in a separate account in the treasury of the University for the purpose of deferred maintenance and emergency repair of University property.

The three sites which are the subject of this resolution housed medical clinics initially built in the 1970s to further the mission of the College of Medicine Rockford (UICOMR). Over time, UICOMR's need for clinical space at these sites has diminished. Short-term leases with related medical users outside the university have also expired and each of the three buildings is now vacant. The Rockford area has been experiencing a decline in demand for medical clinic space, which has resulted in the regional medical partners reducing their footprints and closing clinics. UICOMR has solicited other regional medical providers to attempt to re-lease the subject clinic buildings without success. Recent leasing inquiries by potential tenants have failed to produce consummated leases as the buildings would require significant and costly overhaul to suit tenant needs within the general commercial office market. Additionally, attempts to find suitable internal University units to occupy those buildings have also been unsuccessful. Thus, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois, requests the following three properties be deemed surplus property.

1. 1511 Blackhawk Boulevard, Rockton, Illinois: The subject property is a 7,095 square foot, single story, medical clinic on private well and septic. Built in 1978 as a primary care clinic, the original need was for UICOMR students to receive clinical experience within the clinic operations. However, lack of patient volume and the inability to meet



operational expenses necessitated the closing of this clinic and the building has been vacant since July 2015. Annual maintenance expenses for this vacant property are approximately \$21,000. The property is outside the UIC master planning area, has no current or future use, and is a maintenance liability.

2. 2170 Pearl Street, Belvidere, Illinois: This building is a vacant, 8,095 square foot, single story, medical clinic on city water and sewer that was built by the University of Illinois in 1977. University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford (UICOMR) once used this property as one of their primary care clinics, but on July 19, 2015, UICOMR reached an agreement to lease the clinic practice to OSF Healthcare System. The lease ran through June 2018 and was not renewed, and the building has remained vacant since then. The UICOMR office has tried to find tenants both from inside and outside of the University. Annual expenses are approximately \$20,000. The facility is outside the UIC master plan, is vacant, cost-prohibitive to maintain, and located off the core campus.
3. 405 St. Charles Avenue, Mount Morris, Illinois: The subject property is a 7,000 square foot, single story medical clinic on city water and sewer that was built in 1975. Originally used by UICOMR as a primary care clinic, approximately 90 percent of the building was later leased by KSB Hospital as a long-term tenant, who reduced its footprint to 70 percent in the beginning of 2019 and then vacated fully at the end of September 2020. This facility is outside the UIC Master Plan and has significant safety and structural liabilities.

Upon the Board of Trustees deeming the above subject properties to be surplus real estate, the System will undertake a sale process, including obtaining an appraisal of fair market value and an open and fully transparent solicitation process for purchasers. It is requested that the comptroller be delegated the authority to conduct the sale process, execute and deliver the required documents to consummate the transaction, and to deposit the sale proceeds in a separate account for the purpose of deferred maintenance and emergency repair of University property, all in accordance with Public Act 101-0213.

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 president of the University concurs with this recommendation.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these recommendations were approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Amend Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution  
Authorizing Issuance of Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds

(27) The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (the “Board”), from time to time, approves the sale and issuance of auxiliary facility system revenue bonds. On March 14, 2019, the Board adopted a resolution (the “Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution”) providing for the refunding and/or restructuring of certain outstanding bonds previously issued by the Board.

Due to the passage of time and to permit the Board to better respond to market conditions as they may change from time to time, it is now advisable to amend the Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution to, in addition to the refunding component of the Bonds, (i) authorize the issuance of auxiliary facility system revenue bonds for the financing of the renovation and rehabilitation of two parking

garages at Urbana-Champaign (previously approved by the Board on November 14, 2019), (ii) permit the Bonds to be sold on a competitive or negotiated basis as determined by the CFO/Comptroller (the “Comptroller”), and (iii) permit the Board to enter into a purchase agreement for the Bonds providing for a delayed delivery of the Bonds (the “Delayed Delivery Agreement”) if deemed financially advantageous by the Comptroller (the Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution as so amended and restated, the “Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution”). The Bonds may be issued and sold from time to time in one or more series as described in the Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution presented at this meeting.

The Bonds will be sold via (i) a public competitive bidding process to the bidder or syndicate submitting the offer to purchase one or more series of the Bonds determined by the Comptroller to be in the best financial interest of the Board or (ii) a negotiated sale to the underwriter or underwriters appointed as described below, all as determined by the Comptroller. Depending on market conditions, certain issues of Bonds authorized hereby may be sold competitively, while others may be sold on a negotiated basis.

Following a prior Request for Proposal (the “RFP”) selection process, twelve firms were approved to serve as senior managing underwriter for University debt offerings. Any one or a combination of these firms will be selected by the Comptroller to serve as senior manager on a negotiated sale of these issues. Other co-managing underwriters, previously approved by the same RFP process for such a role, will be assigned on an issue-by-issue basis.

Due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, tax-exempt refunding bonds must be issued no more than 90 days before the call date of the bonds they are refunding. The foregoing notwithstanding, it may be financially advantageous for the Board to price one or more series of refunding Bonds in a negotiated sale prior to the traditional pricing period, although still after the Board's approval of the Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution. In such event, the purchasers may require the Board to enter into one or more agreements detailing the terms of such forward delivery, which may include contingencies that would add additional conditions to the purchasers' obligations to accept delivery of said Bonds. The Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution allows the Board to enter into one or more Delayed Delivery Agreements if determined by the Comptroller to be in the best financial interest of the Board.

Additionally, the Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution includes certain amendments to the Original Bond Resolution that will provide additional flexibility to the Board to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of System facilities. Such amendments will only be effective upon the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the bonds outstanding under the Original Bond Resolution.

In order to proceed with the preparation, sale, and issuance of the Bonds, the Comptroller recommends that the Board take the following actions:

1. Authorize an increased amount of the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$168,000,000, consisting of approximately \$26,000,000 for new money issuance purposes and approximately \$142,000,000 for refunding issuance purposes.

2. For the Bonds of each series, as applicable, approve the forms of (i) the Official Notice of Sale and Bid Form (the “Notice of Sale”) in substantially the form of the Official Notice of Sale and Bid Form used in the most recent issue competitively sold by the Board and (ii) the Preliminary Official Statement in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement used in the most recent fixed rate issue sold by the Board and approval of the final Official Statement in substantially the form of the final Official Statement used in the most recent fixed rate issue sold by the Board, each updated to include current disclosure information respecting the University and its financial condition, the terms of the Bonds and, if applicable, the forward delivery provisions.
3. Approve the form of the Bond Purchase Agreement, in substantially the form presented to the Board at the March 14, 2019, board meeting, to be used in connection with a negotiated sale of a series of the Bonds. Whether sold competitively or on a negotiated basis, the Bonds of each series (i) shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price, exclusive of net original issue discount or premium, not less than 98 percent of the par amount thereof, (ii) shall have a true interest cost of the Bonds of any series not to exceed 6.25 percent and (iii) shall have coupon interest rates not to exceed 6.50 percent. Any agreement entered into with the purchasers of Bonds sold competitively shall have terms and conditions no less favorable to the Board than those contained in the form of Bond Purchase Agreement. The form of Bond Purchase Agreement described above will form the basis of any Delayed Delivery Agreement to be executed and delivered by the Comptroller.
4. Confirm the delegation to the Comptroller of the authority to determine the number and timing of sales of the Bonds, as well as the principal amount, final terms, and terms of the sale of the Bonds within the limits expressed in this Board action and to ratify, approve, and confirm any and all changes in the forms of the documents authorized herein necessary or appropriate in connection herewith.
5. Delegate to the Comptroller the authority to (i) determine the particular Outstanding Bonds to be refunded with proceeds of the Bonds, (ii) determine the method of sale of any series, competitive or negotiated, (iii) for a competitive sale, direct the publication of the Notice of Sale in such locations as shall be determined by the

Comptroller to provide a competitive sale of Bonds on terms most favorable to the Board, (iv) for a negotiated sale, approve the firm(s) from the pool qualified under the RFP to serve as senior managing underwriter and appoint co-managers and selling group members from the pool qualified under the RFP to assist in the marketing of the Bonds, and (v) approve the execution of one or more Delayed Delivery Agreements.

6. Approve the Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution in substantially the form presented to the Board to amend and restate the Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution previously approved by the Board at the March 14, 2019, board meeting.
7. Approve the Escrow Agreement (or Escrow Agreements, as applicable), in substantially the form presented to the Board at the March 14, 2019, board meeting for the deposit of proceeds of any series of the Bonds and such other funds of the Board as shall be deemed necessary by the Comptroller to provide for the refunding of a series of Outstanding Bonds.
8. Approve the form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement (or Continuing Disclosure Agreements, as applicable), in substantially the same form as the Continuing Disclosure Agreement entered into by the Board on July 9, 2020, with respect to the Bonds to be executed and delivered in connection with the sale of each series of the Bonds.
9. Ratify and confirm all actions taken or to be taken by the officers and members of the Board in connection with the sale and delivery of the Bonds to the initial purchaser.
10. For the Bonds of each series, as applicable, authorize the Comptroller and other authorized officers of the Board to do and perform such other acts and things and to make, execute, and deliver all such other instruments and documents on behalf of the Board as may be by them deemed necessary or appropriate in connection with the provisions of the Notice of Sale, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Delayed Delivery Agreement, the Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution, the Escrow Agreement and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, including a Tax Exemption

Certificate and Agreement in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel, University Counsel and the Board's Issuer's Counsel, and ratify, approve, and confirm all acts and things whether heretofore or hereafter done or performed by any of the officers of the Board which are in conformity with the intents and purposes of these resolutions.

11. Retain Chapman and Cutler LLP to serve as bond counsel.
12. Retain Public Financial Management, Inc. to serve as financial advisor.
13. Retain Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP to serve as issuer's counsel.
14. Retain The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association to serve as bond registrar, trustee and escrow agent.
15. Delegate to the Comptroller the authority to negotiate for credit enhancement, as needed and deemed economically beneficial following consultation with the financial advisor.
16. Take actions to pursue and obtain a credit rating or ratings on the Bonds.

Certain legal matters incidental to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, the forms of the Notice of Sale and the Preliminary and final Official Statements, and the authorization, execution and delivery of the Amended and Restated Twenty-Sixth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution, the Escrow Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Delayed Delivery Agreement and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement will be approved by Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Bond Counsel, and Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Issuer's Counsel.

The Comptroller shall report to the Board the results of the sale of each series of Bonds authorized hereby.

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.

Funding will be available from the proceeds of the Bonds.

The president of the University concurs.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Approve New Project to be Financed by the  
Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018

(28) The Board, at its meeting on March 15, 2018, authorized the issuance of the University of Illinois Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018A, and University of Illinois Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018B (together, the “Bonds”) to (i) refund certain outstanding obligations of the Board and (ii) finance the construction of a football performance center and a soccer and track complex, the renovation and addition of a residence hall dining facility and the reorientation and replacement of certain track and field facilities at Urbana-Champaign (collectively, the “Series 2018 Projects”). Subsequently, through a combination of cost savings, budget transfers and budget reductions, it was determined that the project spending for the Series



2018 Projects would be less than the original budget. The excess proceeds of the Bonds resulting from the reduced project cost must be used for an Auxiliary Facilities System purpose. The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, with the concurrence of the chancellor, recommends utilizing the excess proceeds toward the renovation and addition of the Ubben Basketball Complex Expansion, approved by the Board on September 10, 2010 (the “Additional Project”).

The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller (the “Comptroller”) recommends that the Board approve:

1. The revised list of projects as shown in Attachment A hereto (materials on file with the secretary).<sup>7</sup>
2. Adoption of a First Amendment to the Twenty-Third Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution for the purpose of using the excess Bond proceeds to fund the construction of the Additional Project, in substantially the form now before the Board.
3. Adoption of a Supplemental Tax Certificate (the “Supplemental Tax Certificate”) in substantially the form before the Board in connection with the Second Amendment to the Twentieth Supplemental System Revenue Bond Resolution on September 7, 2017, and delegation of authority to the Comptroller to approve the final form of the Supplemental Tax Certificate with such changes as recommended by the bond counsel.

The Board actions 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.

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<sup>7</sup> As previously approved by the Board, the Bond proceeds are available to be utilized interchangeably on the separate projects listed in Attachment A or on additional projects if such additional projects were approved by the Board.

Funding will be available from the proceeds of the Bonds.

The president of the University concurs.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

Purchase Recommendations

(29) The president submitted, with his concurrence, a list of purchases and renewals, recommended by the directors of purchases and the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller.

This was presented in one category—purchases and renewals from institutional funds. The term designates funds received by the University under contracts with the United States government, private corporations, and other organizations; grants from foundations, corporations, and other donors; and University revolving funds authorized by law.

The total amount of these purchases was:

**From Institutional Funds**

Purchases .....	\$35,032,160.00
Renewals .....	\$45,952,160.00

A complete list of the purchases and renewals with supporting information (including the quotations received) was sent to each member of the Board in advance of the meeting. A copy is being filed with the secretary of the Board for record.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the purchases recommended were authorized by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

#### Authorize Settlement

(30) The University counsel recommends that the Board approve settlement of *Estate of Goss v. Slavin, MD, et al.* in the amount of \$3,000,000. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants failed to properly treat Mr. Goss's neurological deficits resulting in permanent injuries and death.

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 vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs.

The president of the University recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr.

Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Phalen; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

### President's Report on Actions of the Senates

(31) The president presented the following report:

Establish the Concentration in Digital Marketing, Gies College of Business and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College to establish the concentration in Digital Marketing within the online Master of Business Administration (iMBA), online MS in Management (iMSM), and the online Master of Science in Accountancy (iMSA) programs. The Digital Marketing concentration will develop students' understanding of the digital marketing landscape, equipping them with the tools to digitally create, distribute, promote, and price products and services. Graduates will understand strategic marketing concepts and how to make informed decisions to set the direction for a company, business unit, department, or product line in a digital ecosystem. Individuals with high demand for these skills include marketing professionals seeking professional development opportunities to upgrade their knowledge, skills, and abilities in areas of digital marketing and analytics; the general public who, by acquiring valuable marketing skills, will be empowered to improve their current employment prospects; and students in disciplines outside of business who seek to develop credentials in business.

Establish the Concentration in Global Challenges in Business, Gies College of Business and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College to establish the concentration in Global Challenges in Business within the online Master of Business Administration (iMBA), online MS in Management (iMSM), and the online Master of Science in Accountancy (iMSA) programs. The Global Challenges in Business concentration prepares students for the global challenges faced by 21<sup>st</sup> century businesses. The curriculum will help students understand how businesses function in the global marketplace, consider ethical decisions to run responsible business in the global marketplace, understand the role of business in addressing global challenges such as poverty and the environment, and understand how businesses can pursue opportunities and confront challenges in the complex global marketplace. Individuals with high demand for these skills include business professionals who seek professional development opportunities to upgrade their knowledge, skills, and abilities in global business; individuals who, by acquiring valuable business knowledge, will be empowered to improve their current employment prospects; students in disciplines outside of business who seek to develop credential in business; and those pursuing an understanding of how businesses operate in a global environment.

Establish the Concentration in Entrepreneurship and Strategic Innovation, Gies College of Business and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College to establish the concentration in Entrepreneurship and Strategic Innovation within the online Master of Business

Administration (iMBA), online MS in Management (iMSM), and the online Master of Science in Accountancy (iMSA) programs. The Entrepreneurship and Strategic Innovation concentration's curriculum will develop graduate students' entrepreneurial mindset, their understanding of how to manage and innovate in uncertainty and how to think creatively, and their ability to assess the feasibility of a new venture and the diversity of challenges involved. This concentration will be of value to both aspiring and practicing entrepreneurs as well as employees in established firms who are interested in becoming innovative leaders in an interconnected world.

Establish the Concentration in Autonomy and Robotics,  
The Grainger College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from The Grainger College of Engineering and the Graduate College to establish the concentration in Autonomy and Robotics within the Master of Engineering in Engineering program. The Autonomy and Robotics concentration aims to provide students with solid foundational and operational knowledge in the integration of principles of autonomy and robotics across a wide variety of enterprises, including the aerospace, automotive, medical, construction, and entertainment industries. Engineering analysis and design of current and future autonomous systems requires a broad range of skills and knowledge that do not entirely fit into any one traditional engineering or computer science department. Students in this interdisciplinary program will learn about the complexities of software systems needed to run autonomous systems; the mathematics, control, and information theory behind algorithm design; the physics needed to model robots and mobile vehicles; and the technologies for making and modifying physical prototypes. Students will have

the opportunity to specialize further, concentrating their knowledge in one or more of these areas to which all will be introduced and exposed. This combination of breadth and depth will equip graduates to contribute immediately to a specific area once employed and will also put them in a unique position to pivot and learn other areas as required.

Eliminate the Physics Teaching Concentration in the  
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to eliminate via phasedown the concentration in Physics Teaching in the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Physics. As outlined in companion action items, this is part of a larger restructuring of undergraduate physics education at the university into a single degree program, a BS in Physics in The Grainger College of Engineering. This concentration has recently had low enrollment (currently two students). These students will be able to complete their degree program. Prospective students will be directed to the BS in what is currently Engineering Physics (action item proposal to rename as the BS in Physics) in The Grainger College of Engineering, where the option to pursue a Secondary Education minor already exists and will continue to exist.

Establish the Concentration in Human Resource Management in the  
Master of Business Administration, College of Business Administration, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Business Administration, has approved the establishment of the concentration in Human Resource Management in the Master of Business Administration.

The newly established Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management (Fall 2019) is the only undergraduate business degree that does not have a corresponding concentration within the Master of Business Administration. The concentration will be 12 credit hours, with two required courses and one selective (with four course options). The required courses include an existing course, MGMT 553: Human Resource Management, and a new course, MGMT 555: Talent Management, which addresses performance management, training and development, staffing, and HR analytics.

Establish the Minor in Human Resource Management,  
College of Business Administration, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Business Administration, has approved the establishment of the minor in Human Resource Management.

The minor will be open to undergraduate students in the College of Business Administration (CBA) and other UIC colleges; however, CBA students majoring in Management or Human Resource Management are not permitted to enroll in the minor. The minor consists of 12 credit hours, with three required courses covering: (1) organizational structure, culture, and leadership; (2) activities involved with attracting, retaining, compensating, and motivating employees; and (3) management of human resources in a global economy. Students also take an elective in either recruitment and selection, compensation and benefits, or training and development.

Establish the Minor in Real Estate, College of Business Administration, Chicago



The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Business Administration, has approved the establishment of the minor in Real Estate.

The minor will provide students with thorough training in real estate and will increase their competitiveness in the job market. The minor consists of 12 credit hours, including one required course and three selectives. The core course for the minor, RES 250: Principles of Real Estate, addresses the other main areas of the business curriculum – accounting, finance, management, marketing, and information and decision sciences – as these relate to real estate. The minor will be open to undergraduate students in the College of Business Administration (CBA) and other UIC colleges; however, non-CBA students will need to complete two prerequisite courses in microeconomics and finance.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/Master of Public Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/Master of Public Policy.

This joint degree program is one of six being added to the existing two joint degree programs in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The joint degree programs create pipelines for UIC undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees and successful careers. Students apply to the joint degree program in their senior year. To be eligible, they are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. Students complete the requirements of both degrees, with 9 shared credit hours of 400-level coursework

applied to each degree (i.e., 111 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; 9 credit hours of shared coursework; 45 credit hours of graduate coursework). The undergraduate degree will be certified upon completion of the bachelor's degree requirements; the Graduate College would then certify the graduate degree upon completion of graduate program requirements.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/  
Master of Urban Planning and Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs  
and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/Master of Urban Planning and Policy.

This joint degree program is one of six being added to the existing two joint degree programs in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The joint degree programs create pipelines for UIC undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees and successful careers. Students apply to the joint degree program in their senior year. To be eligible, they are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. Students complete the requirements of both degrees, with nine shared credit hours of 400-level coursework applied to each degree (i.e., 111 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; 9 credit hours of shared coursework; 51 credit hours of graduate coursework). The undergraduate degree will be certified upon completion of the bachelor's degree requirements; the Graduate College would then certify the graduate degree upon completion of graduate program requirements.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/  
Master of Science in Civic Analytics, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs  
and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/Master of Science in Civic Analytics.

This joint degree program is one of six being added to the existing two joint degree programs in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The joint degree programs create pipelines for UIC undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees and successful careers. Students apply to the joint degree program in their senior year. To be eligible, they are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. Students complete the requirements of both degrees, with 9 shared credit hours of 400-level coursework applied to each degree (i.e., 111 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; nine credit hours of shared coursework; 46 credit hours of graduate coursework). The undergraduate degree will be certified upon completion of the bachelor's degree requirements; the Graduate College would then certify the graduate degree upon completion of graduate program requirements.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/Master of Public Administration,  
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/Master of Public Administration.

This joint degree program is one of six being added to the existing two joint degree programs in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The joint degree programs create pipelines for UIC undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees and successful careers. Students apply to the joint degree program in their senior year. To be eligible, they are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. Students complete the requirements of both degrees, with 9 shared credit hours of 400-level coursework applied to each degree (i.e., 111 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; nine credit hours of shared coursework; 45 credit hours of graduate coursework). The undergraduate degree will be certified upon completion of the bachelor's degree requirements; the Graduate College would then certify the graduate degree upon completion of graduate program requirements.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/Master of Public Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/Master of Public Policy.

This joint degree program is one of six being added to the existing two joint degree programs in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The joint degree programs create pipelines for UIC undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees and successful careers. Students apply to the joint degree program in their senior year. To be eligible, they are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. Students complete

the requirements of both degrees, with 9 shared credit hours of 400-level coursework applied to each degree (i.e., 111 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; nine credit hours of shared coursework; 45 credit hours of graduate coursework). The undergraduate degree will be certified upon completion of the bachelor's degree requirements; the Graduate College would then certify the graduate degree upon completion of graduate program requirements.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/  
Master of Science in Civic Analytics, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs  
and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/Master of Science in Civic Analytics.

This joint degree program is one of six being added to the existing two joint degree programs in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The joint degree programs create pipelines for UIC undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees and successful careers. Students apply to the joint degree program in their senior year. To be eligible, they are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. Students complete the requirements of both degrees, with 9 shared credit hours of 400-level coursework applied to each degree (i.e., 111 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; 9 credit hours of shared coursework; 46 credit hours of graduate coursework). The undergraduate degree will be certified upon completion of the bachelor's degree requirements; the

Graduate College would then certify the graduate degree upon completion of graduate program requirements.

Establish the Concentration in Consumer and Mobile Health Informatics and  
Concentration in Leadership in Health Informatics in the  
Master of Science in Health Informatics, College of Applied Health Sciences and  
the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the concentration in Consumer and Mobile Health Informatics and the concentration in Leadership in Health Informatics in the Master of Science in Health Informatics.

The Master of Science in Health Informatics requires a minimum of 38 credit hours of coursework, with 12 to 15 credit hours of electives (depending on the track within the degree), which may be used to complete an optional concentration. The Department of Biomedical and Health Information Sciences proposes to add two concentrations (a Health Data Science concentration already exists). This proposal is in response to a shift in 2018 in the accreditation standards in the field from a content-based model to a competency-based model. The concentrations help to provide focus and align with the goals of the new standards. Each concentration has two required courses and two selectives. The Consumer and Mobile Health Informatics courses will develop competencies relating to consumer health literacy, patient engagement, health technology evaluation, and the use of health and digital technologies, as well as preparation for working within a team of professionals. The Leadership in Health Informatics courses will develop competencies relating to leadership, socio-behavioral theories and human

factors, using behaviors and communication to motivate and guide stakeholders, application of data within decision making, and assessment.

Establish the Concentration in Critical Race and Gender Studies in the Juris Doctor,  
UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the UIC John Marshall Law School, has approved the establishment of the concentration in Critical Race and Gender Studies in the Juris Doctor.

This proposal is one of two new concentrations being proposed, adding to the existing five concentrations in the Juris Doctor. The concentration allows students to focus their study on the intersection of race, class, and gender in the law and related disciplines. The degree requires 90 credit hours, including 40 credit hours of elective coursework. Students will use some of their elective choices to complete a total of 16 hours in the concentration (10 hours of required coursework, plus a minimum of six credit hours selected from a list of concentration electives). There is also an independent research requirement. Students may seek approval to use up to four credit hours from related graduate programs at UIC to apply toward the concentration's elective requirement.

Establish the Concentration in Health Equity, Law and Policy in the Juris Doctor,  
UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the UIC John Marshall Law School, has approved the establishment of the concentration in Health Equity, Law and Policy in the Juris Doctor.

This proposal is one of two new concentrations being proposed, adding to the existing five concentrations in the Juris Doctor. The concentration allows students to focus their study on the intersection of health equity, law, and policy. The degree requires 90 credit hours, including 40 credit hours of elective coursework. Students will use some of their elective choices to complete at least 11 credit hours of required concentration coursework, including a three-credit-hour interdisciplinary selective. In addition, students will select other courses from a list of concentration electives to reach at least 16 total credit hours for the concentration. Students may seek approval to use a different course to satisfy the selective, including courses from outside the law school. The concentration was developed in consultation with the Division of Health Policy and Administration in the School of Public Health, which has approved the inclusion of one of its courses as a selective course in the concentration.

Rename the Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nursing Certificate,  
College of Nursing and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and the Graduate College, has approved the renaming of the Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nursing Certificate.

The certificate will be renamed as the Hospice and Palliative Care Certificate, which better reflects the certificate's interprofessional nature and honors a request by the Illinois Board of Nursing to update the program name. Additionally, the admissions requirement that applicants have a "license to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction" will be dropped, allowing not-yet-licensed students in the College of Nursing, UIC graduate students in other disciplines, and working



professionals to pursue the certificate. Finally, there will be minor revisions to the learning outcomes, assessment methods, and topics within two courses, reflecting the interprofessional and interdisciplinary aspects of the revised program.

Eliminate the Minor in Geography, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has approved the elimination of the minor in Geography.

The minor has been effectively defunct for a number of years and was last awarded in Fall 2016. Moreover, reflecting a current lack of faculty in this area within the Department of Anthropology, most of the courses that have been offered under the Geography (GEOG) subject code in the past are no longer available to students.

Establish the Minor in Business Analytics,  
College of Business and Management, Springfield

The Springfield Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Business and Management, has approved the establishment of the minor in Business Analytics.

The proposed minor in Business Analytics will provide students with experience in the use of various statistical methods and technologies in order to make strategic and timely decisions based on various types of data. Housed in the Department of Management Information Systems, the Business Analytics minor is expected to be of interest to students across all majors who are seeking to complement their degree with business analytics skills, as this specialized area of analytics is increasingly vital to public, for-profit, and not-for-profit organizations. The 15-hour minor will be available

in face-to-face, blended, and online formats. Both required and elective courses for the minor will be taught by existing faculty. Because UIS has both the facilities and faculty to support this minor, no additional funding is required or requested.

Establish the Concentration in Nursing Home Administration in the  
Master of Arts in Human Services, College of Education and Human Services,  
Springfield

The Springfield Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Education and Human Services, has approved the establishment of the concentration in Nursing Home Administration (NHA) within the Master of Arts in Human Services.

The proposed concentration in NHA will meet the graduate-level training needs of a growing job market for Nursing Home Administrators and Nursing Home Managers. The 25-hour concentration aligns with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation licensure standards and is mapped to current National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards standards. The addition of the concentration is expected to contribute to the competitiveness of the Human Services degree program, while being consistent with current trends in the field of gerontology. The concentration will be delivered in an online format, providing time and locational flexibility for students.

Coursework required for the concentration will be taught by existing faculty and the replacement of an existing tenure-track faculty position that is currently vacant. Other than filling the vacant faculty position, no additional personnel or funding is required or requested to launch the concentration.

This report was received for record.

## Change Orders

(32) On September 23, 2010, the Board of Trustees delegated authority to the comptroller to approve change orders to University contracts and purchase agreements. Changes related to construction or professional services or original Board approved purchase agreements for supplies or equipment that exceed 5 percent of the original Board approved contract will be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting. Change orders related to medical center operations that exceed 25 percent of the original Board approved contract or other purchase agreement and change orders will also be presented.

The intent of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees a review of those changes germane to the respective projects which have occurred. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

## Diversity Report to the Board of Trustees

(33) This report that responds to the Board of Trustees' request for periodic information on diversity expenditures. The report lists expenditures by diversity vendor for the period of July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

(34) The executive director for ethics and compliance presented this report for calendar year 2020. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

#### Freedom of Information Act 2020 Year-End Review

(35) The Office for University Relations processes Freedom of Information Act requests regarding all three universities as well as University Administration. This report provides a summary of Freedom of Information Act activities in calendar year 2020 from the Office for University Relations. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

#### Performance Metrics

(36) The University Office for Planning and Budgeting submitted the performance metric reports for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois Chicago, and the University of Illinois Springfield. Copies have been filed with the secretary of the Board.

These reports were received for record.

#### Secretary's Report

(37) The secretary presented for record changes to academic appointments for contract year 2020-21, new hires, resignations, notices of nonreappointment, and retirees rehired. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Killeen thanked Mr. Cepeda for agreeing to serve another term as a trustee, and he thanked Ms. Craig Schilling and Ms. Phalen for joining the Board. He noted that the current trustees are all alums, and he remarked on the opportunities unlocked by a degree from the University. He expressed appreciation for the Board's leadership and support. President Killeen then reported on the new University of Illinois System Mexican and Mexican-American Students (I-MMÁS) initiative that he said will provide world class educational opportunities for more Mexican students and will foster innovation that will benefit both Mexico and Illinois. He referred to agreements and partnerships with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and said the University System will open its first office in Mexico City in late 2021. He expressed appreciation for all involved in this initiative.

President Killeen again thanked the faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and friends for their sacrifice, hard work, and creativity throughout the COVID-19 crisis. He concluded his remarks by showing a new commercial advertising the strengths and contributions of the University System.

At 11:44 a.m., Ms. Holmes left the meeting.

## COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Edwards reiterated his welcome to the new trustees and remarked on the solemn responsibility to the University and to the people of Illinois. He noted that the impact of the COVID-19 relief legislation will be discussed at future meetings and said that the funding should mitigate some of the financial losses from the pandemic. Mr. Edwards highlighted the work of the Shield team, stating that the innovation that took place has made the University a leader in its response to this crisis. He thanked those on the team and acknowledged their hard work, stating that the University was able to test extensively, using its own technology, to keep everyone safe and enable students and faculty to continue to engage in important work. He said the Shield program is now being used at other universities, government organizations in Illinois, and at private institutions, and he stated that Emergency Use Authorization was granted by the Food and Drug Administration in early March. Mr. Edwards acknowledged Dr. Jones; Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana; Dr. Susan Martinis, vice president for innovation and research at Urbana; and the leaders of the Shield team, Dr. Paul J. Hergenrother, professor in the Department of Chemistry, Urbana; Dr. Martin D. Burke, professor, Department of Chemistry, Urbana; Dr. Rebecca L. Smith, associate professor of epidemiology; Dr. Nigel D. Goldenfeld, Swanlund Professor of Physics, Urbana; Dr. Sergei Maslov, professor in the Department of Bioengineering; and Dr. William C. Sullivan, director of Rokwire, Illinois' Smart Healthy Community Initiative. He also recognized Dr. Ron Watkins, assistant dean, Gies College of Business, Urbana, and Mr. William C. Jackson, interim executive director of

the Discovery Partners Institute, as well as Dr. Walsh, who worked to secure FDA Emergency Use Authorization. Mr. Edwards commended President Killeen on his leadership and commented on the importance of alignment. He thanked the chancellors, faculty, and students for their work and sacrifice over the past year.

Mr. Estrada referred to President Killeen's comments regarding the I-MMÁS initiative and said the hope is to attract the best and brightest, who may have gone to a university elsewhere in the United States. Mr. Estrada also commented on the role that UI Health has played throughout the pandemic and emphasized their advocacy efforts to ensure vulnerable populations have access to vaccines. He also remarked on their testing and vaccine distribution efforts.

Mr. Edwards concluded his comments by highlighting the success of the Urbana men's basketball team, which finished the regular season with 16 Big Ten conference wins, the most in school history. He wished the team luck in the NCAA tournament.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Edwards announced that the Board is scheduled to meet on May 20, 2021, in Springfield; in Chicago on July 21 and 22, 2021, for a retreat<sup>8</sup> and meeting; and on September 23, 2021, in Urbana for a meeting. He said that these meetings may be held virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic and that a decision would be made closer to the meeting date.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 11:56 a.m., Mr. Edwards requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Dr. King, the meeting adjourned by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Bravo, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Dale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King; No, none; Absent, Ms. Holmes, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein.)

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

DONALD J. EDWARDS  
*Chair*

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<sup>8</sup> The retreat to be held on July 21, 2021, was cancelled.