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# APPPOINT INTERIM DEAN, SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Appoint Interim Dean, School of Information Sciences

**Funding:** Tuition/state appropriated funds

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends the appointment of Emily Joyce Magdelyn Knox, presently professor, School of Information Sciences, as interim dean, School of Information Sciences.

Effective May 23, 2025, Dr. Knox will be appointed interim dean, School of Information Sciences, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, with an annual administrative increment of $65,000, plus two months of summer salary. She will continue to hold the rank of professor, School of Information Sciences, tenured, on an academic year service basis, 100 percent time, with an annual base salary of $131,965, for total annual compensation of $226,291 during service as interim dean.

Dr. Knox served as interim dean designate in the School of Information Sciences from April 1, 2025, through May 22, 2025, under the same conditions and salary arrangement. Dr. Knox succeeds Eunice E. Santos, who served as dean, School of Information Sciences, and who has returned to the faculty.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This nomination is made in consultation with department leaders, members of the executive committee, faculty, and staff in the college.

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

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

EMILY JOYCE MAGDELYN KNOX

Education

Smith College, Northampton, MA, BA, 1998

University of Chicago, MA, 2000

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, MS, 2003

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, PhD, 2012

Professional and Other Experience

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2012-18, assistant professor; 2018-24, associate professor; 2020-21, interim associate dean for academic affairs; 2024-date, professor, School of Information Sciences