

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

December 8, 2006

This special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was conducted telephonically on Friday, December 8, 2006, beginning at 10:03 a.m.

Chair Lawrence C. Eppley called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Devon C. Bruce, Dr. Frances G. Carroll,<sup>1</sup> Mr. David V. Dorris,<sup>2</sup> Mr. Lawrence C. Eppley, Dr. Kenneth D. Schmidt, Mr. Niranjana S. Shah, Mrs. Marjorie E. Sodemann,<sup>2</sup> Mr. Robert Y. Sperling, Mr. Robert F. Vickrey<sup>3</sup>. Governor Rod Blagojevich was absent. Ms. Sarah M. Doyle, voting student trustee from the Springfield campus, was present.

The following nonvoting student trustees were present: Mr. Christopher Kantas, Urbana-Champaign campus; Mr. Edgar T. Staren, Chicago campus.

INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OFFICERS AND SENATE OBSERVERS

Mr. Eppley asked President White to introduce the University officers and senate observers. President White introduced the following: Dr. Sylvia Manning, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago; Dr. Richard D. Ringeisen, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield; Dr. Richard H. Herman, chancellor, University of Illinois at

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<sup>1</sup>Dr. Carroll joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

<sup>2</sup>Mr. Dorris and Mrs. Sodemann joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

<sup>3</sup>Mr. Vickrey joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Urbana-Champaign; Dr. David L. Chicoine, vice president for technology and economic development and interim vice president for academic affairs; and the officers of the Board, Mr. Stephen K. Rugg, comptroller (and vice president for administration); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, university counsel; Mr. Lester H. McKeever, Jr., treasurer; and Dr. Michele M. Thompson, secretary. The president also introduced: Mr. Richard M. Schoell, executive director for governmental relations; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for university relations; Mr. Ronald E. Guenther, director, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana; Mr. Michael B. Bass, executive assistant vice president for business and finance; Mr. J. Michael Lillich, Office for University Relations; Ms. Donna McNeely, university ethics officer; Mr. Lyle D. Wachtel, associate vice president for facilities planning and programs; Ms. Julia A. Zemaitis, executive director of university audits. In addition, the following persons were also in attendance: Ms. Marna K. Fuesting and Ms. C. Ellen Foran, both assistant secretaries. In addition, the following members of the media were in attendance: Ms. Joyce Newby, WDWS Radio, Champaign, and Mr. Tom Rogers, WILL Radio, Urbana campus.

#### OPENING REMARKS, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Chair Eppley welcomed all to this special meeting called for the purpose of providing the Board members a report on University business occurring since the last regular Board meeting on November 9, 2006, since it will be several weeks before the Board meets again for a regular meeting.

Mr. Eppley indicated that he wanted to call attention to the study by the Education Trust about which President White had written the Board just before the

Thanksgiving holiday. He noted that several newspapers had also reported on this study that presents a critique of enrollment patterns at large public universities with negative comments about the number of minority students enrolled at these institutions. It also notes that the enrollment at large public universities is now similar to private universities in that a greater percentage of students attending major public universities are from affluent families. A conclusion drawn was that most of the flagship public universities, and the Urbana campus was included, are becoming elitist institutions. To give the Board a deeper understanding of issues this study reports and its conclusions, Mr. Eppley asked that the administration provide an analysis of this study for the Board.

Mr. Eppley then asked President White to update the Board on several projects in process.

#### REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

President White first noted the high achieving physicians of the College of Medicine and stated that some of the faculty members had been named to a recent list of “Best Doctors in America.”

President White then said that he had three brief reports for the Board. The first was progress on developing the Global Campus. He reminded the Board that development of the Global Campus was one of five priorities of the University’s strategic plan and that to date there has been a great deal of constructive activity in developing it. He said that currently Dr. Chester Gardner, Special Assistant to the President, is leading a taskforce of 70 people to develop the Global Campus. He said that the first task of this group was to produce the plan for the Global Campus that was sent to the Board in

May 2006. President White stated that since then there has been a thorough review of the design of the Global Campus, especially by the governance groups at the three campuses. The president stated that at this time there is support for the mission, vision, and purpose of the Global Campus with some concerns about the organizational form that is best. President White stated that plans were coming together and that he intended for Dr. Gardner to make presentation on the Global Campus at the January 18 Board meeting. Trustees Dorris and Sodemann asked the president to call them to discuss comments that had reached them on this subject. Ms. Doyle reported that a meeting held on December 6 with representatives of various University groups to discuss the Global Campus had been very productive and that opposition seen previously was waning.

Next, the president reported on an “energy taskforce” he had appointed that will be chaired by Dr. Linda P. B. Katehi, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Urbana; and Dr. R. Michael Tanner, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chicago, to examine the resources needed by the University and to investigate measures for conservation of energy. He indicated that he expects a report in spring 2007 from the taskforce with recommendations. The president noted the outstanding expertise represented on the taskforce from faculty and alumni of the University and thanked Mr. Rugg and Mr. Wachtel for the assistance they had provided the taskforce. President White told the Board that in Illinois the consumption by higher education institutions represents half the State’s total consumption and of that amount the University of Illinois consumes half. He said he seeks to make major improvements in this pattern.

President White's third report concerned the University's strategic plan. He said that the next step for this is to track progress and provide accountability reports. He indicated that Mr. Rugg and Dr. Douglas H. Vinzant, associate vice president for planning and budgeting, were preparing a report card for noting implementation progress. President White stated that he hoped to bring the first report card to the Board at its July 2007 meeting.

Board members voiced support for the energy taskforce and asked for interim reports on the progress of this group.

#### REPORT FROM CHANCELLOR HERMAN

Chancellor Herman reported that Professor Richard Powers had received the National Book Award for his latest book, *Echo Maker*. The chancellor stated that Professor Powers' undergraduate major was physics and that this book crosses between science and the humanities. He also recalled that Professor Powers had earlier been the recipient of a MacArthur Award.

In addition, the chancellor reported that the Dalkey Archive would move to the Urbana campus from its current home at Illinois State University. He said that this is a press that publishes works in translated literary works. The chancellor cited this as one accomplishment of a priority set in the campus' strategic plan--to increase strength in the humanities.

Also, the chancellor reported on improvements in campus safety at Urbana that included more involvement with the two cities of Champaign and Urbana and the Mass Transit District (MTD). He noted that there were new changes for parking and

traffic movement on some streets around the campus and stated that he planned to make a full report to the Board at its meeting March 13, 2007, in Urbana. Mr. Eppley said that vigilance will be a constant for this issue. Mr. Shah asked if privatizing bus service on campus would be a recommendation in the report and offered to assist in negotiations with the MTD on this. Chancellor Herman indicated he would seek assistance from Mr. Shah. President White added that he and Chancellor Herman had met with representatives of the MTD and made it clear that safety was the first concern of the University.

Next, Chancellor Herman reported several gifts to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Urbana: a gift of \$10.0 million to the Department of Chemistry from a family; \$10.0 million to the office of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from a former professor of English; and another gift of \$2.0 million to establish a chair in the history of science.

Chancellor Herman and Mr. Guenther then briefed the Board on progress in renovating Memorial Stadium. Mr. Guenther thanked the Board for approving the project and said it had already aided in recruiting student athletes. He said that many of the special seating options that are being offered for purchase to fans are being sold rapidly and that there is still two years left before the new seating is available. He stated that the goal is to raise \$13.0 million in private gifts for the stadium and half of that has been obtained. Mr. Guenther then described the changes planned for the stadium in the renovation and also stated that bids were due on December 21 for contracts for the next phase of the project. Chancellor Herman emphasized that there was a strict timetable to be followed in order to complete the project for use in fall 2008 and said he hoped it

would be possible to have a meeting of the Executive Committee on December 22 to approve contracts for this next phase. President White indicated that he would request the chair of the Board to call a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider these contracts on December 22.

#### REPORT FROM CHANCELLOR MANNING

Chancellor Manning stated that there was renewed interest in trying to advance the Illinois Bill of Health, that is proposed as a funding program to assist the health sciences colleges in the public universities in Illinois, and thanked Trustee Schmidt for his help with this.

The chancellor also reported on a very favorable accreditation review of the College of Dentistry that included 19 commendations and no recommendations for change. She said that this was a remarkable accomplishment considering that the college is suffering financial stress and that the facilities are in dire need of maintenance and remodeling. She said that this accomplishment speaks to the extraordinary talent of the faculty, students, and staff.

Next, Chancellor Manning stated that the College of Medicine at Rockford was one of five finalists for the Excelsior Award from the *Rockford Register Star* and though it did not win the award it is important that the college was named as one of the top five organizations in Rockford.

With regard to the building addition for the College of Medicine at Rockford, Chancellor Manning reported that a good meeting had been held earlier in the

week. Trustee Vickrey suggested now was a good time of year for soliciting gifts, as a suggestion to the development staff.

Chancellor Manning also noted that there is to be a reception to honor the Searle family by the Chicago Biomedical Consortium, of which the Chicago campus is a member.

#### REPORT FROM CHANCELLOR RINGEISEN

Chancellor Ringeisen reported that the freshman class at Springfield was up by 250 students which is very gratifying since the goal had been to increase enrollment by 100 for this class. He also stated that the number of students in Springfield's online programs had increased by 25 percent. Further, he said that diversity was impressive this year and stated that 17 percent of the students were African American, nine percent were Asian, and two percent were Hispanic.

The chancellor stated that the recreation center was progressing on target and that it was impressive in size. Also, he said that construction of the townhouse residence halls was on schedule for occupancy in fall 2008.

Next, he reported that the Springfield campus was to be the site of the swearing in ceremony for newly elected members of the Illinois House of Representatives on January 10, 2007.

In addition, the chancellor announced that the Springfield campus would host a two-day workshop for the education caucus at which 60 legislators are expected.

## REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT CHICOINE

Vice President Chicoine reported that the Urbana campus is collaborating with the University of California, Berkeley, and Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in a proposal to British Petroleum for a very significant grant of \$50.0 million a year for ten years to fund a biosciences institute to develop alternative energy sources to replace carbon-based fuels. He said that a decision is expected early in 2007. Dr. Chicoine stated that the Berkeley campus would be the host with the Urbana campus and Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory as partners. He indicated that Vice Chancellor Zukowski was the main contact person on this endeavor from Urbana. Chancellor Herman commented on this and said that within the United States, other teams competing are MIT and Purdue, and the University of California at San Diego and Iowa State. He said that given that research in agriculture and engineering at Urbana are formidable he considered the chances of the Berkeley/Urbana/Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory team winning the award very strong. He added that Professor Steve Long in the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences was involved in developing the proposal to British Petroleum. Dr. Chicoine concurred that the Berkeley/Urbana/Lawrence Berkeley team was very competitive.

Next, Dr. Chicoine reported on a taskforce to review the organization and structure of the University of Illinois Research Park , LLC. He recalled that the research park was established in 2001 for incubation and commercialization of research. He stated that the taskforce has two members, Mr. Edward McMillan and Mr. Patrick Daly, chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Board of Managers of the Research Park, LLC. Dr. Chicoine said that the task was to take stock of the operation, given that it had been

five years since launching this and that the goal was to ensure the highest level of operation. Dr. Chicoine said that the report would be sent to the chair and vice chair of the Technology and Economic Development Committee of the Board and to President White. Mr. Shah requested the report and asked about the Board of Managers of the Research Park, LLC. Dr. Chicoine stated that there were five voting members, two business leaders nominated by the chancellors at Chicago and Urbana, the two vice chancellors for research at Chicago and Urbana, with Thomas R. Bearrows serving as secretary, and Stephen K. Rugg as treasurer.

#### CLOSING REMARKS

President White commented on the recently issued report of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago that analyzes the financial and economic health of the State. He said that this is important to the University and commended it to the Board as a thoughtful and careful study.

Mr. McKeever stated that this report will be the subject of much dialogue in the coming weeks and months.

Mr. Eppley stated that this meeting might be the last such telephonic meeting held to update the Board members on the University's business between regular meetings, as amendments to the Open Meetings Act, effective January 1, have redefined the manner in which public boards may gather to do business. He thanked all involved for making this a very useful meeting and wished all a happy holiday season.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

MICHELE M. THOMPSON  
*Secretary*

LAWRENCE C. EPPLEY  
*Chair*