

DISCLOSE CERTAIN MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT  
TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Under the Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly, public bodies subject to the Act that conduct business under exceptions specified in the Act must, at least every six months, determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to each item considered under such exception.

Items from November 1999 through January 2017 that have been heretofore unreleased are recommended for release at this time.

The University Counsel and the Secretary of the Board, having consulted with appropriate University officers, recommends that the following matters considered in executive session for the time period indicated above be made available to the public at this time.

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.

## **Executive Session Minutes Released to Public**

### **January 18, 2001, Board of Trustees Meeting**

Chancellor Aiken then recommended a contract extension and a salary increase for Mr. Ron Turner, head football coach. The chancellor praised Coach Turner's encouragement of student athletes and his monitoring of their behavior. The chancellor suggested adding one year to Mr. Turner's contract and increasing the salary to \$750,000, the media among Big Ten football coaches. He said that he thought this would ensure that Mr. Turner would stay at the Urbana campus for the near future.

Discussion followed and the trustees recommended that the salary increase go forward and that further discussion be had regarding the contract extension. They asked the chancellor to bring an item on this matter for their approval to the next board meeting, March 7-8, 2001.

### **March 8, 2001, Board of Trustees Meeting**

Next, Dr. Manning alerted the board to the fact that she planned to recommend a contract extension for the director of athletics at Chicago, Mr. James Schmidt. She stated that he had received an offer of employment from a professional sports team, and that she thought it important for the campus to try to keep him. She said she would recommend a salary increase with the contract extension and would plan to have it ready for the president to recommend to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Engelbrecht asked Dr.

Manning to send some background information about Mr. Schmidt's performance at the campus to the board.

**May 23, 2001, Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Employee Matter**

This portion of the executive session was attended by the trustees, Mr. McKeever, Dr. Bazzani, and Dr. Thompson. Mr. Shea announced to the board that this would be a discussion of facts related to the salary for President Stukel for the 2001-2002 year. He then asked Dr. Bazzani to present comparative data on presidential salaries at other Big Ten institutions (this material is on file with the secretary). Dr. Bazzani reviewed a few background facts related to the position of president at the University. First he told the board that as a part of his responsibilities as president, President Stukel is required to live in the president's house in Urbana. Dr. Bazzani also reported that the president has access to a driver and a car from the motor pool at the Chicago campus for business travel. He then apprised the board that it has been the practice of earlier boards to award presidents of the University additional days of vacation to compensate for the many evenings and weekends the president is required to give to events and business related to the University. He reminded the board that they had hitherto granted an additional six days of vacation to President Stukel. He added that they might want to increase the additional days of vacation due to the fact that President Stukel has been in his position

nearly six years. Discussion followed about this matter. The board agreed that any action on this would need to be taken in open session.

Dr. Bazzani reviewed the comparative salary data from other Big Ten institutions he had distributed, and noted that one of the private institutions in this group does not publish its president's salary. He said that he believed it safe to presume that it is higher than all of the others. He noted that past practice has been for the board to strive to have the presidential salary in third place in the Big Ten group, just as the board aims for third place in the Big Ten for faculty salaries. Dr. Bazzani recalled the study the board made a few years earlier of presidential salaries and the fact that they reaffirmed that placing the president's salary at third place in the Big Ten seemed the best guide to setting this salary, and that mid-year adjustments had been made to move the president's salary closer to this. Dr. Bazzani then reported to the board that the governor's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2002 includes a six percent increase for faculty salaries. He emphasized that merit was the one criterion used for all salary increases. Given this, the board agreed by consensus that the president's salary should be increased by six percent for FY 2002 to be voted on during an open meeting at a later time. Dr. Bazzani pointed out that this percentage increase would help move the salary for the president at the University of Illinois toward third place in the Big Ten. Mr. Shea then suggested that further discussion on augmenting vacation days for the president be deferred until the next meeting of the board on July 11-12, 2001, and his colleagues concurred.

**September 13, 2001, Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **An Employee Matter**

Chancellor Manning reported that Charles L. Rice, M.D., was appointed vice chancellor for health affairs in November 1999 for a period of two years. She noted that this appointment was extended for a third year, the current year, and that she now wanted to make this appointment permanent for Dr. Rice in order to avoid a loss of continuity and to avoid disruption in the leadership team of the hospital. She reminded the board that an appointment such as this is always made on a year-to-year basis. Mr. Plummer announced that he and Mr. Vickrey, serving as chair and vice-chair of the Committee on the University Hospital and Clinics, supported this. Dr. Manning added that the deans and the campus senate supported this. A brief discussion of procedures related to this recommendation followed. Mr. Shea requested assurance that this would not violate any aspect of shared governance. President Stukel gave this assurance, and explained that the campus senate unanimously approved this recommendation after the chancellor had informed them, as required, and made the case for the exception to usual procedures.

### **May 11, 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting**

#### **Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act**

Dr. Koritz asked Ms. Williams and Mr. Bearrows to discuss the potential release of minutes that have been previously sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. Ms.

Williams and Mr. Bearrows summarized the items that were recommended for release.

The trustees discussed the recommendation and all were in agreement.