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Board Meeting

September 18, 2025

# APPOINT INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADVANCEMENT, URBANA, AND INTERIM SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

**Action:** Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Interim Senior Vice President, University of Illinois Foundation

**Funding:** State appropriated funds and University of Illinois Foundation funds

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, and the president, University of Illinois Foundation, recommend the appointment of Dale Wright, currently associate vice chancellor for advancement, Urbana, as interim vice chancellor for advancement, Urbana, and interim senior vice president, University of Illinois Foundation, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, with an annual stipend of $54,000.00, beginning July 18, 2025. The position reports jointly to the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, and the president, University of Illinois Foundation.

In addition, Mr. Wright will continue to hold the position of associate vice chancellor for advancement, Urbana, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of $248,300.64, for a total annual salary of $302,300.64.

Mr. Wright served as interim vice chancellor for advancement designate, Urbana, and interim senior vice president designate, University of Illinois Foundation, May 6, 2025 through July 17, 2025, under the same conditions and salary arrangement. Mr. Wright succeeds Mr. Barry D. Benson, who resigned from the University of Illinois System in June 2025.

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 of Illinois System concurs.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

DALE WRIGHT

Education

University of Missouri, Columbia, BA, 1999; MPA, 2006

Professional and Other Experience

University of Missouri, Columbia, 1999-2001, coordinator of student programs;

2001-02, assistant director of student programs; 2002-03, assistant director of

alumni programs, Mizzou Alumni Association; 2003-05, development officer for

university projects, Central Development; 2005-07, development officer; 2007-11,

director of development; 2011-13, senior director of development; 2013-14,

executive director for advancement, Robert J. Trulaske Sr. College of Business

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2015-21, associate dean for advancement,

The Grainger College of Engineering; 2021-date, associate vice chancellor for

advancement