

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

February 5, 1991



A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, beginning at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 5, 1991, pursuant to call by the president of the board. The secretary of the board gave notice of the meeting as prescribed by the By-Laws and by Illinois Statute.

President Charles P. Wolff called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the board were present: Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon, Mr. Kenneth R. Boyle,¹ Mrs. Judith Ann Calder, Mr. Donald W. Grabowski, Mrs. Susan L. Gravenhorst, Mr. Thomas R. Lamont,¹ Ms. Judith R. Reese, Mrs. Nina T. Shepherd, Mr. Charles P. Wolff. Governor Jim Edgar was absent. Mr. Scott Forbes,¹ nonvoting student trustee from the Urbana-Champaign campus, was present. Ms. Dawn O'Shay Kelly, nonvoting student trustee from the Chicago campus, was absent.

Also present were President Stanley O. Ikenberry; Dr. Robert W. Resek,¹ vice president for academic affairs; and the officers of the board, Dr. Craig S. Bazzani, comptroller (and vice president for business and

¹ Mr. Boyle, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Lamont, and Dr. Resek joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

finance); Mr. Byron H. Higgins, university counsel; and Dr. Michele M. Thompson, secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Wolff, referring to Section Two of the Open Meetings Act, stated: "A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of employees or officers, to discuss pending, probable, or imminent litigation, the acquisition of real property, to discuss campus security, and to receive legal advice from counsel."

The motion was made by Dr. Bacon and approved unanimously.

Report from Committee to Advise the President on the Search for Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Sidney B. Simpson, Jr., professor of biological sciences, Chicago campus, chair of the search committee, reported to the members of the board the processes followed by the search committee. He emphasized that the committee stressed openness and thoroughness in the search for and identification of prospects for this position. In addition to widespread advertising of the position and solicitation of nominations from hundreds of individuals and organizations the committee also included the services and expertise of an executive search firm. This search firm, Heidrick and Struggles, aided the committee in their efforts to seek out and interest qualified individuals in being considered for this position. Dr. Simpson emphasized the special efforts to identify and interest qualified minorities and women in this position.

Dr. Simpson reviewed the committee's work by specifying the general criteria established by the search committee at the outset of their work that were most important for candidates for the position of chancellor. A listing of these is as follows:

A commitment to excellence in the teaching, public service, and research functions of the University.

An established record of high-level academic and administrative achievement.

An understanding of the missions and responsibilities of a comprehensive, state-supported urban university campus.

An appreciation of the requirements of professional and graduate education, including those programs associated with a major academic health sciences center.

An awareness of the opportunity available to the University in a large metropolis and a commitment to the advancement of the campus in such an environment.

A demonstrated commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative

action and evidence of accomplishment in leading productive pluralistic academic communities.

A capacity to understand and articulate the values and needs of the faculty and students.

In summary, the chancellor will exhibit those personal traits essential to leadership in a major academic institution.

(The complete list of more specific criteria is filed with the secretary of the board.)

Dr. Simpson stressed that the committee considered administrative experience in an academic setting, comparable to the University of Illinois at Chicago, to be very important.

The trustees then interviewed the following three candidates, recommended by the search committee, for the position of chancellor of the Chicago campus:

DR. GERSHON VINCOW, vice chancellor for academic affairs,
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

DR. WILLIAM R. GREINER, Provost, State University of New
York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York

DR. JAMES J. STUKEL, interim chancellor, University of Illinois
at Chicago

The interviews and subsequent discussion continued until 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.

MICHELE M. THOMPSON
Secretary

CHARLES P. WOLFF
President