

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

October 5, 2006



This special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at Hull House Dining Hall, 800 South Halsted, Chicago campus, Chicago, Illinois, and via conference call on Thursday, October 5, 2006, beginning at 9:55 a.m., pursuant to a call by the chair of the Board. The secretary of the Board gave notice of the meeting as prescribed by the by-laws and by Illinois statutes.

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,¹ Mr. David V. Dorris, Mr. Lawrence C. Eppley, Mr. Niranjan S. Shah,² Mrs. Marjorie E. Sodemann,³ Mr. Robert Y. Sperling,⁴ Mr. Robert F. Vickrey.⁵ The following members of the Board were absent: Governor Rod Blagojevich, Dr. Kenneth D. Schmidt. 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. Umair Mamsa,⁶ Chicago campus.

¹ Dr. Carroll arrived at 10:05 a.m.; departed at 1:00 p.m.; and returned at 4:00 p.m.

² Mr. Shah arrived at 10:30 a.m.; departed at 11:30 a.m.; and returned at 3:00 p.m.

³ Mrs. Sodemann participated via conference call.

⁴ Mr. Sperling departed at 12:00 noon and returned at 2:00 p.m.

⁵ Mr. Vickrey arrived at 11:55 a.m. and departed at 4:00 p.m.

⁶ Mr. Mamsa departed at 12:00 noon and returned at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Eppley asked President White to introduce the University officers. President White introduced the following as being present at Hull House: Dr. Sylvia Manning, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago; and Dr. Michele M. Thompson, secretary. Those officers attending the meeting via telephone included: Dr. Richard D. Ringeisen, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield; Dr. Richard H. Herman, chancellor, University of Illinois at 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. The president also introduced Mr. Richard M. Schoell, executive director for governmental relations, and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for university relations. Both were attending via conference call.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Eppley welcomed the trustees to this special meeting and stated that the first part of the meeting would be devoted to reports from the president and chancellors to update the Board on business of the University occurring since the last Board meeting. Mr. Eppley then congratulated Dr. Chicoine on his appointment as president of South Dakota State University and wished him well.

REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLORS

President White began by extending congratulations to the Department of Agricultural Engineering on being named the number one such department nationally. He also briefed the Board on plans for the capital campaign that is to be launched in spring 2007. Next, he reported on the preparations for introducing the Global Campus and stated that this fall has been a time of energetic and important discussions of quality assurance for the Global Campus by the faculty, as well as leadership and governance. He stated that he would report more fully to the Board at the November 9, 2006, meeting though he would not ask for action at that time. He noted that the Illinois Student Senate at Urbana had recently approved a resolution to support the Global Campus.

He also told the Board that a new facility, Christopher Hall, was recently dedicated at Urbana and that the Christopher family, the donors, had further committed to establish a maintenance fund for this building.

Chancellor Manning reported that the Chicago campus had recently received two impressive federal grants; one from the National Science Foundation to encourage the recruitment and retention of women in the sciences, and another from the National Institutes of Health to help transfer discoveries from research endeavors to bedside care of patients. She indicated that the Chicago campus is to be a center for this activity and that all six health science colleges at Chicago would be involved with this grant. Dr. Manning also stated that efforts to raise gift funds for the purpose of building an addition to the extant facility of the College of Medicine at Rockford were progressing and that State funds would also be sought. In addition, she told the Board of a planned conference to pres-

ent information on a possible pandemic flu and the ramifications of this for large organizations. In closing, Dr. Manning reported that the Flames soccer team was ranked number one in the Great Lakes Region and that Curt Granderson, center fielder for the Detroit Tigers and an alumnus of the Chicago campus, had donated \$25,000 to create a video lounge at the Flames Athletic Center.

Chancellor Ringeisen reported the fall enrollment at Springfield reached a record high of 4,760; 40 percent of whom are from the Chicago area and 22 percent of whom are African American students. He also noted that enrollment in online courses was growing and that there were now 2,000 students enrolled in online courses. He told the Board that 40 percent of the students at Springfield are graduate students and there are currently 170 graduate students serving as interns in State agencies, which is part of the campus' focus on public affairs education and service. Next, he stated that cooperation with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield was increasing, as evidenced by the joint sponsorship of an upcoming lecture. In addition, Chancellor Ringeisen noted that the Springfield campus had hosted the fall Board meeting of the Alumni Association. In closing, he reported that the women's volleyball team had received an academic excellence award.

Chancellor Herman reported that the Urbana campus' homecoming weekend would begin the following day and proceed through the football game on Saturday, October 7. He stated that enrollment at the campus reflected an increase in minority students and that the enrollment of African American students now stood at 14 percent and Latinos at 16 percent. He indicated that the Urbana campus has the highest graduation rate in the State of students who come to the campus from Chicago public schools. He also reported on four major awards to faculty in the Department of Chemistry, a grant from the National Science Foundation for literacy in computer science for secondary school teachers, and another grant for \$200.0 million from the National Science Foundation for research related to the next generation of computers. The chancellor reported that a leadership forum conducted recently at the campus for volunteers who will be involved with the capital campaign went well. Further, Dr. Herman stated that plans for redeveloping the Orchard Downs housing complex on campus were progressing and that he hoped to bring a recommendation to the Board in the near future that would include housing for retirees in this area as well as for students. In closing, he reported on efforts to enhance campus safety. Among these are a video that is now shown to all students at orientation that stresses safety on campus, the fact that traffic regulations are enforced, warnings about alcohol abuse, and urges use of the campus' "safe rides" program for transportation at night. He also spoke of cooperation from the Mass Transit District and the agreement from that organization to add a representative of the campus to its oversight committee. Chancellor Herman concluded by stating that a report is expected soon from a campus committee he appointed to review campus safety and to suggest changes to ensure greater safety on the campus.

Trustee Carroll complimented Chancellor Herman for his efforts to increase the representation of African American students at the Urbana

campus and added that the current percentage is small. She suggested that the enrollment should more closely approximate the number of African Americans in the State population.

The Board then engaged in a discussion of Chancellor Herman's report on efforts to ensure greater safety on the Urbana campus that included praise for the provision of more police patrols at intersections on campus; more representation on the Mass Transit District board, even though the representatives do not have a vote; privatizing the transportation service for students on campus; and prohibiting use of cell phones by drivers and pedestrians on campus.

On a new subject, the Board members requested data from each campus regarding the number of faculty members who left for positions elsewhere within the last two years. They also requested a presentation on this subject at the November Board meeting.

Mr. Eppley thanked President White and the chancellors for these reports that helped provide a broader picture of significant issues at the University.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Eppley stated: "A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider University employee matters."

The motion was made by Dr. Carroll and approved by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Bruce, Dr. Carroll, Mr. Dorris, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Eppley, Mr. Shah, Mrs. Sodemann, Mr. Sperling, Mr. Vickrey; no, none; absent, Governor Blagojevich, Dr. Schmidt.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Mr. Kantas, Mr. Mamsa; no, none.)

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

MICHELE M. THOMPSON
Secretary

LAWRENCE C. EPPLEY
Chair