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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 13, 2013

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in the Conference Rooms C and D, Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Karen Hasara, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Karen Hasara, and Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes¹. The following student trustees were present: Mr. Michael A. Cunningham, voting student trustee, Urbana campus; Mr. Jamaal E. Hollins, student trustee, Springfield campus; and Ms. Danielle M. Leibowitz, Chicago campus. President Robert A. Easter was present².

The following University officers were also in attendance: Dr. Paula Allen-Meares, chancellor, Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

¹ Ms. Holmes participated via telephone.

² President Easter arrived at 3:05 p.m.

Ms. Hasara asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held September 11, 2013, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Estrada, seconded by Mr. Hollins, the minutes were approved with no "nay" votes.

Ms. Hasara acknowledged Mr. Richard Roehrkasse, member of the Southwestern Illinois College board of trustees, and welcomed him to the meeting.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 2013, BOARD MEETING

Ms. Hasara introduced the Board items within the purview of the committee on the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting the following day and asked that certain individuals make comments. The recommended Board items discussed at the meeting are on file with the clerk.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

Dr. Kies explained that the appointments of faculty, administrative and professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff recommended in this item have been thoroughly reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, or unit, and that this item appears regularly on the Board's agenda. Ms. Hasara asked if there was anything unusual about the recommended appointments, and Dr. Kies stated that there was not.

Appoint Task Force on Open Access

Dr. Pierre commented on the recommendation to appoint a task force on open access, which is in response to Senate Bill 1900. He said the Open Access to Research Articles Act was signed into law on August 21, 2013, and he briefly reviewed the legislation. Dr. Pierre stated that membership to a task force that will examine approaches to meeting open access goals and any issues associated with it must be in place by January 1, 2014. He discussed the work to be conducted by the task force over the next year, culminating in a report of findings and recommendations from the task force for an open access policy and plan for implementation. Dr. Pierre said the University Senates Conference will work with the task force to create a draft policy, and he commented briefly on the composition of the task force.

Ms. Hasara inquired about the ramifications of the act, and Dr. Pierre provided examples of other universities with good open-access policies.

Award Honorary Degree, Urbana

Dr. Ilesanmi Adesida, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, provided information regarding the recommendation to award an honorary degree to Dr. George E. Andrews, the Evan Pugh professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Adesida provided information regarding Dr. Andrews's background and work.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Learning and Education Studies,
College of Education, Urbana

Dr. Adesida then discussed the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in learning and education studies in the College of Education at Urbana. He stated that the proposed degree would be offered beginning in 2014 and that students are excited about this degree.

Establish the Center for Business and Public Policy, College of Business, Urbana

Next, Dr. Adesida commented on the agenda item recommending the establishment of the Center for Business and Public Policy at Urbana. He reported that this center was temporarily established in 2007.

Rename the Center for a Sustainable Environment,
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana

Dr. Adesida then commented on the proposed renaming of the Center for a Sustainable Environment as the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment, and said this is a key area of focus on the campus.

Eliminate the Doctor of Education in Human Resource Education,
College of Education and Graduate College, Urbana

Next, Dr. Adesida discussed the recommendation to eliminate the Doctor of Education degree in human resource education in the College of Education at Urbana and the Doctor of Education degree in special education in the College of Education and

Graduate College at Urbana, stating that most student in these fields pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree, rather than a Doctor of Education degree. Additional discussion followed regarding trends at other Universities.

Award Honorary Degrees, Chicago

Dr. Lon Kaufman, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Chicago, discussed the recommendation to award honorary degrees to Ms. Ertharin Cousin, executive director of the United Nation's World Food Program; Professor Shing-Tung Yau, William Caspar Graustein professor of mathematics, Harvard University; and Mr. Richard M. Daley, former mayor of the City of Chicago. Dr. Kaufman provided background information for each candidate.

There were no objections to moving these items forward to the full Board.

PRESENTATIONS

Context for Fiscal Year 2015 Tuition and Financial Aid

At 3:21 p.m., Dr. Pierre began a presentation to provide context for Fiscal Year 2015 tuition and financial aid (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Pierre reviewed aspects of the University's tuition policy and the guaranteed tuition program. He reported on State appropriations to the University from Fiscal Year 2005 through 2014 and emphasized the decrease in State support. Dr. Pierre then presented State appropriation revenue and compared the State appropriation to tuition and fees from Fiscal Year 2005 through 2014. He showed net tuition revenue by student residency and level, and reviewed the

guaranteed tuition and fees and room and board that were set for Fiscal Year 2014. Discussion regarding student fees followed, and examples of refundable fees were provided.

Dr. Pierre then reported on financial aid and affordability and explained that the gap between financial aid provided by Pell and Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants and tuition can equal nearly as high as \$10,000 per year for students enrolled in programs with tuition differentials. He presented charts reflecting undergraduate Pell, MAP, and supplemental aid provided by the University, as well as supplemental aid offered by each campus, all of which have increased considerably over the last decade. Dr. Pierre presented an analysis of the net cost to students of tuition and fees and discussed how the University's tuition and fees compare to peer institutions. He reported on potential changes in tuition at peer institutions for Fiscal Year 2015, and said that some schools have frozen their tuition rates. Dr. Pierre presented data regarding enrollment and the impact of a potential tuition increase on revenue, and he concluded his presentation by providing a summary of factors impacting tuition. Ms. Leibowitz asked how some universities are able to freeze tuition, and Dr. Pierre discussed the factors that can impact tuition rates, including the level of State support. Ms. Hasara commented on the state of the Illinois economy. Ms. Holmes and Dr. Pierre discussed the increasing costs of college tuition and whether it would be possible to reverse this trend. Dr. Pierre referred to efforts throughout the University to reduce costs and stated that the applicant pool is strong. President Easter also commented and spoke in favor of Dr. Pierre's leadership. Dr. Koch referred to the distinctive characteristics of each campus and noted

that the Springfield campus competes with Illinois regional public colleges for students. She stated that tuition at the Springfield campus is slightly below the mean among peer institutions and that a tuition increase is needed to meet needs and increase quality. Discussion regarding the lack of State support for renovations and repairs followed, and President Easter said that tuition and fees are now being used to cover these expenses. With no additional questions or comments, Ms. Hasara thanked Dr. Pierre for the presentation.

Fall 2013 Enrollments

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Pierre to provide a presentation on Fall 2013 enrollment at the University (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Pierre provided charts depicting total University enrollment and presented several types of data related to enrollment at each campus. Ms. Hasara and Dr. Pierre discussed reasons that admitted students may choose not to attend the University. Dr. Pierre stated that this may be due to cost, aggressive recruiting from other universities, and students applying to multiple institutions. Dr. Kaufman said that as the quality of the applicant pool increases, the yield decreases. Dr. Pierre agreed and commented that the quality of students has increased.

Transforming Lives through Diversity and Engagement: An Update

Dr. Lynn Pardie, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, and Dr. Tim Barnett, vice chancellor for student affairs, Springfield, provided a presentation on the transformation of lives through diversity and engagement (materials on file with the

clerk). Dr. Pardie stated that Dr. Clarice Ford, director of the diversity center at Springfield, would also assist with this presentation. Dr. Pardie stated that the student population at Springfield is increasingly diverse and presented a series of charts demonstrating this. Dr. Ford discussed the role of curricular and co-curricular activities that foster an appreciation for diversity and student leadership. She presented charts with data regarding retention rates and graduation rates and provided examples of transitional support that is available at Springfield. Dr. Pardie commented on active and engaged learning opportunities and noted that this is a hallmark of the education offered at Springfield. She also discussed academic support, and Dr. Ford described opportunities for students to make positive connections through curricular and co-curricular activities. She highlighted living-learning communities, volunteerism and service-learning, and Greek life, and she described the benefits these provide to students. Dr. Pardie reported on graduate degree completion and financial assistance and also discussed retention initiatives, stating that the goal is graduation.

Mr. Hollins expressed appreciation for the many programs at Springfield that promote diversity and said he has had a great experience there. He stated that the Fall 2013 freshman class at Springfield is the most diverse freshman class to date, and Ms. Hasara congratulated those at the campus for the increased positive media attention and for the success of all their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hasara announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 5, 2014, at 3 p.m., in Urbana, and also told the committee that the May committee and Board meetings will be held in Springfield.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Leibowitz with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Kies
Clerk



Karen Hasara
Chair



Eileen B. Cable
Assistant Clerk

