

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

JULY 22, 2015

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Michèle M. Thompson Rooms B and C, Student Center West, Chicago campus, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Karen Hasara, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Karen Hasara, and Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes. The following student trustees were present: Mr. Dominique Wilson, voting student trustee, Springfield campus; Mr. Jaylin D. McClinton, Urbana campus; Mr. Jauwan Hall, Chicago campus. Mr. Edward L. McMillan, chair of the Board of Trustees, was also present¹. Ms. Jill B. Smart and Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer, were in attendance as guests. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

The following University officers were also present: Dr. Phyllis M. Wise, chancellor, Urbana campus, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, Chicago campus, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, Springfield campus, and vice president, University of Illinois;

¹ Mr. McMillan arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Dr. Christophe Pierre, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Walter K. Knorr, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Lawrence B. Schook, vice president for research; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Dr. Susan M. Kies, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Ms. Hasara thanked those present for attending and asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held May 6, 2015, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the minutes were approved with no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON JULY 23, 2015

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 vetted and reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, or unit, and she

encouraged committee members to contact her with any questions. Ms. Hasara commented that the list of new faculty hires is impressive.

Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2015-16

Dr. Pierre commented on the item recommending promotions in academic rank and tenure for the 2015-16 appointment year and said this is one of the most important decisions made at the University. He reviewed the recommendation and commented on the high caliber of faculty members at each campus.

Approve Application Fee Increases, Chicago and Urbana

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Pierre to comment on the recommendation to increase undergraduate application fees at Chicago and international application fees at Urbana. Dr. Pierre reviewed the recommended increases and said this would offset the rising costs of recruiting efforts and application processing. He said there is no anticipated impact on the number of applicants or enrollment, and he told the committee that application fees are waived for circumstances of financial hardship.

Appoint Dean, College of Business, Urbana

Next, Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Ilesanmi Adesida, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Jeffrey R. Brown, presently professor and William G. Karnes Professor of Mergers and Acquisitions, Department of Finance, College of Business; professor, Department of Economics,

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and director, Center for Business and Public Policy, College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as dean of the College of Business, Urbana. Dr. Adesida provided background information on Dr. Brown and said he is being recommended as the result of a national search.

Appoint Dean, Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Adesida then commented on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Wojciech Chodzko-Zajko, presently professor and head of the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, and Shahid and Ann Carlson Khan Professor, College of Applied Health Sciences; and professor of internal medicine, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as dean of the Graduate College, Urbana. Dr. Adesida discussed Dr. Chodzko-Zajko's background, experience, and qualifications and said this recommendation is the result of a thorough search.

Appoint Dean, College of Law, Urbana

Next, Dr. Adesida commented on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Vikram David Amar, presently professor and associate dean for academic affairs, Davis School of Law, University of California-Davis, as dean, College of Law, Urbana. Dr. Adesida discussed Dr. Amar's qualifications and said this recommendation comes as a result of a national search. He also noted that Dr. Amar's recommendations were extremely positive.

Extend Term, Dean, College of Media, Urbana

Dr. Adesida discussed the recommendation to extend the term of Dr. Janet S. Slater's appointment as dean of the College of Media at Urbana. He said that she has made significant progress over the past years and that this recommendation is being made after consultation with faculty and staff.

Establish a Master of Science in Information Management, Graduate School of Library and Information Science and the Graduate College, Urbana

Next, Dr. Adesida discussed the recommendation to establish a Master of Science in Information Management in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science and the Graduate College at Urbana. He stated that this new proposed degree meets a growing need for graduates in this area, and he discussed the differences between this proposed degree and the existing Master of Science in Library and Information Science.

Establish a Master of Science in Strategic Brand Communication, College of Business, College of Media, and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Adesida then provided information on the recommendation to establish a Master of Science in Strategic Brand Communication in the colleges of Business and Media at Urbana. He said that this proposed degree is designed for working professionals with some work experience to further their success in the field.

Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning,
College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Dr. Adesida commented on the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning as Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning. He indicated this would better reflect the revised curriculum and future of the field. Brief discussion followed regarding degree name changes.

Mr. Estrada inquired about the terminology used in recommendations regarding appointments and suggested that future, rather than present, tense be used.

Rename the Department of Human and Community Development,
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and
the Graduate College, Urbana, and Rename the Master of Science and
Doctor of Philosophy in Human and Community Development, College of Agricultural,
Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Adesida discussed the recommendation to rename the Department of Human and Community Development as the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. He stated that the proposed name better reflects the curriculum, faculty expertise, and student interest. He stated that the recommendation to rename the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Human and Community Development as the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies aligns the graduate major name with the name of the department.

Transfer the Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Adesida commented on the recommendation to transfer the Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience from the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology to the Neuroscience Program within the college. Dr. Adesida stated that this better reflects the structure that is currently in place, and he emphasized the interdisciplinary nature of the degree.

Establish the Deloitte Center for Business Analytics in Accountancy,
College of Business, Urbana

Next, Dr. Adesida provided information on the recommendation to establish the Deloitte Center for Business Analytics in Accountancy in the College of Business at Urbana. He stated that a gift from Deloitte will be used to fund the center, and he discussed the growing prominence of data analytics in the field of accounting.

Transfer the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Adesida discussed the recommendation to transfer the Illinois Program for Research in Humanities from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. He stated that this would better reflect the reality of campus-wide activities and would increase resources available to the program.

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts,
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Eric A. Gislason, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago. Dr. Gislason described aspects of this proposed degree and said it is focused on the humanities.

Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Acting,
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago

Dr. Gislason then discussed the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Acting as the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Performance. He stated that this allows for an expanded scope and focus of coursework.

Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design,
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago

Next, Dr. Gislason commented on the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design as the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design, Production, and Technology. He stated that the new proposed name is more relevant and attractive to students and employers.

Appoint Acting Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Lynn Pardie, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to comment on the recommendation to appoint Dr. David P. Racine as acting dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration. Dr. Pardie discussed Dr. Racine's background and said he was hired by the Springfield campus in 2007 and is currently serving as the executive director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership and director of the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies.

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Dr. Pardie then provided information on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy in the College of Public Affairs and Administration at Springfield. She described aspects of the proposed degree and said it will equip students with the analytical tools needed for effective, informed participation in policy making.

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Next, Dr. Pardie discussed the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration in the College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield. She stated that this interdisciplinary degree will provide a foundation for employment in public service and nonprofit administrative positions or in preparation for graduate-level education in public administration, political science, or similar programs.

Rename the Criminal Justice Department,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield, and
Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Dr. Pardie commented on the recommendation to rename the Criminal Justice Department as the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. She stated that this reflects the national orientation, and she described the coursework and curriculum. Dr. Pardie stated that the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice as the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice is consistent with national standards in the discipline and more accurately represents the curriculum and areas of expertise of the faculty. Brief discussion followed regarding the field of criminology and criminal justice.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Estrada inquired about changes to department names and whether this is consistent across the three campuses and throughout the country. Dr. Pierre explained that there is not coordination across the University and that these changes are primarily dictated by trends in various fields of study. Additional discussion followed regarding changes to department names and degree names and the impact of these changes.

Ms. Hasara commented on the areas of focus of the new recommended degrees and said that the two Master of Science degrees, in particular, seem very practical. Dr. Adesida said that there is demand for these types of degrees and referenced similar degrees already established at Urbana. Dr. Pierre added that the two Master of Science degrees will be self-supported, and he also commented on the increase in professional master's-level degree programs among peers.

Ms. Hasara welcomed the new student trustees. She then announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 9, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., at the Urbana campus.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Estrada with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



SUSAN M. KIES
Clerk



KAREN HASARA
Chair



EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk

