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

JULY 20, 2016

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Illini Rooms B and C, Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street, Urbana, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, beginning at 10:10 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. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Karen Hasara, Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes. The following student trustees were present: Mr. Collin T. Schumock, voting student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Jauwan Hall, Chicago; Mr. Nathan C. Hoffman, Springfield. Board members Mr. Edward L. McMillan, Mr. James D. Montgomery, Ms. Jill B. Smart attended the meeting as guests. Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer of the Board, was in attendance. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

The following University officers were also present: Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, interim chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and interim vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois;

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

Ms. Hasara asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held May 18, 2016, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Holmes, 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 21, 2016

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

Ms. Hasara asked Ms. Williams to comment on the item recommending appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Ms. Williams 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 asked if there were any unusual appointments contained in this item, and Ms. Williams indicated there were not.

### Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2016-17

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Pierre to give a presentation on faculty promotion and tenure (materials on file with the clerk) and to discuss the recommendation to approve promotions in academic rank and changes in tenure status. Dr. Pierre stated that faculty represent the future of the University, and he began his presentation by defining tenure and giving an overview of faculty titles. He then described the promotion and tenure process and the roles of the department head, dean, and campus promotion and tenure committee in making these recommendations. Dr. Pierre reported that 213 faculty are being recommended for promotion this year, noting that this is a 20 percent increase over the previous year, resulting from an increase in recruitment years ago. Dr. Pierre and Ms. Hasara discussed a national increase in the average length of time for promotion from associate professor to professor. Ms. Hasara also inquired about the number of faculty who are denied tenure, and Dr. Pierre explained that this is few, due to the probationary period and feedback that is provided at regular intervals. Dr. Wilson commented on the role of department heads in counseling faculty in the promotion and tenure process.

### Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Chicago

Next, Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Amiridis to provide information on the recommendation to appoint Mr. Jason Rex Tolliver, presently associate vice chancellor and director of campus auxiliary services, as interim vice chancellor for student affairs, Chicago. Dr. Amiridis recognized Dr. Barbara Henley, stating that she is longest serving vice chancellor for student affairs at Chicago in its history. This was followed by a round of applause. Dr. Amiridis highlighted achievements in Dr. Henley's career and said she is a passionate advocate for the University of Illinois at Chicago, and he wished her well in her retirement. Dr. Amiridis then commented on Mr. Tolliver's background and experience.

Committee members briefly discussed agenda items that appeared before the committee and were approved at the last Board meeting.

### Appoint Dean, Honors College, Chicago

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Susan Poser, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Ralph Keen, presently interim dean, Honors College, and Arthur J. Schmitt Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies, and professor of history, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago, as dean of the Honors College at Chicago. Dr. Poser stated that this recommendation comes as a result of an internal search, and she described his background and experience.



### Appoint Dean, Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

Next, Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Wilson to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Cheryl Hanley-Maxwell, presently Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor and associate dean, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, as dean, College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana. Dr. Wilson reported on Dr. Hanley-Maxwell's background and experience, noting that she is an alum of the Urbana campus. Dr. Wilson stated that this recommendation comes as a result of an extensive national search, and she told the committee that Dr. Hanley-Maxwell is a highly regarded scholar and experienced administrator.

### Appoint Interim Dean, College of Media, Urbana

Dr. Wilson then reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Wojciech Chodzko-Zajko, presently professor, Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, and Shahid and Ann Carlson Khan Professor, College of Applied Health Sciences; professor of internal medicine, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign; and dean, Graduate College, Urbana, as interim dean, College of Media, Urbana. Dr. Wilson described Dr. Chodzko-Zajko's background and experience and indicated that faculty within the department wanted an individual from outside the college to serve in this interim role. She said that he was selected upon consultation with department heads and faculty in the college, and she referred to Dr. Chodzko-Zajko's experience as an administrator.

Establish a Major in Bioengineering for the Degree of Master of Engineering,  
College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana

Next, Dr. Wilson discussed the recommendation to establish a major in bioengineering for the degree of Master of Engineering, College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana. She stated that this proposal was reviewed extensively and approved by the Urbana Senate, noting that this is a self-supporting and terminal degree.

Establish a Master of Science in Management, College of Business  
and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Wilson then discussed the recommendation to establish a Master of Science in Management in the College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana, and said that this meets the needs of graduates outside the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and will provide professional training for a particular market.

Reorganize Department of Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Dr. Wilson reported on the recommendation to reorganize the Department of Philosophy from its present structure of a department organized with a chair to a department organized with a head. She said this has been vetted by the college and provost and has the support of faculty in the department, noting that most departments at Urbana are led by a department head rather than a chair.

Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences  
in Germanic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Wilson then discussed a recommendation to approve a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Germanic Languages and Literatures as the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Germanic Studies to more accurately reflect the curriculum and to convey the depth and breadth of the education students in the program receive. She indicated this change would also be an advantage in recruitment and for graduates seeking employment.

Transfer the Agricultural Communications Program and the Bachelor of Science with a  
Major in Agricultural Communications, College of Agricultural, Consumer and  
Environmental Sciences and the College of Media, Urbana

Next, Dr. Wilson provided information regarding the recommendation to approve a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) and the College of Media to transfer the Agricultural Communications Program and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Agricultural Communications from the College of Media to the College of ACES at Urbana. She gave some background on the Agricultural Communications program and said all are in agreement that this program be transferred to the College of ACES.

Appoint University Librarian and Dean, Library Instructional Services, Springfield

Ms. Hasara asked Mr. James Ermatinger, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Springfield, to report on the recommendation to appoint Ms. Pattie

Piotrowski, presently assistant dean for public services, Paul V. Galvin Library, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, as University librarian and dean of library instructional services at Springfield. Dr. Ermatinger described Ms. Piotrowski's background and experience and provided some details regarding her proposed appointment.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hasara thanked Mr. McMillan, Mr. McKeever, Mr. Montgomery, and Ms. Smart for attending the meeting. She echoed the remarks made regarding Dr. Henley, wished her well on her retirement, and welcomed her successor. Ms. Hasara also acknowledged Dr. Pierre, stating that this is his last meeting of this committee, and wished him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Estrada also thanked Dr. Pierre and Dr. Henley, and he expressed appreciation for Dr. Wilson's work throughout the past year serving as interim chancellor. Mr. Estrada then asked Dr. Pierre to comment on faculty recruitment and retention and the impact of issues faced by the University in the past year. Dr. Pierre stated that recruitment is ongoing and that high caliber faculty are coming to the University, noting that there has been a scaling down of positions due to budget uncertainties. He referred to the many factors that contribute to retention and faculty morale and said that efforts to retain faculty have increased over previous years. Dr.



Wilson added that the number of cases involving faculty retention have increased and that the coming year will be critical for faculty retention.


Ms. Hasara acknowledged the student trustees serving on this committee and welcomed Mr. Schumock and Mr. Hoffman, noting that they will be serving along with Mr. Hall, who is beginning his second year as a student trustee.

Ms. Hasara announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 7, 2016, 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. Hall with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DEDRA M. WILLIAMS  
*Clerk*



KAREN HASARA  
*Chair*

  
EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Assistant Clerk*