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

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Michèle Thompson Rooms B and C, UIC Student Center West, 828 South Wolcott Ave., Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, beginning at 3:00 p.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. Mr. Ramón Cepeda was absent. Board members Mr. Edward L. McMillan and Ms. Jill B. Smart attended the meeting as guests. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

The following University officers were also present: Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and 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; Mr. Walter K. Knorr, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel;

Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs-designate. 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 September 7, 2016, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Schumock, 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 NOVEMBER 10, 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.

Appoint Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ms. Hasara asked President Killeen to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Wilson, former interim chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and interim vice president, University of Illinois; Kathryn Lee Baynes Dallenbach Professor of Communication; and professor, Department of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana; as executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, University Administration. President Killeen stated that this is a newly structured role and that Dr. Wilson has been serving in this position on an interim basis since September. He noted that Dr. Wilson is well known to the committee.

Appoint Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Edward Feser, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Urbana, to comment on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Martin Camargo, currently professor, Department of English; professor, Department of the Classics; professor, Program in Medieval Studies; and associate dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as interim dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Feser described Dr. Camargo's background and experience and said that he served as interim dean-designate beginning November 1, and

that he succeeds Dr. Wilson, who accepted the position of executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs effective September 26, 2016.

Establish a Doctor of Medicine Degree and Curriculum,
Carle Illinois College of Medicine

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Feser to provide information on the recommendation to establish a Doctor of Medicine degree and curriculum to be offered by the new Carle Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana. Dr. Feser discussed aspects of the proposed degree program and course work and described goals of the curriculum.

Establish the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute,
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

Next, Dr. Feser commented on the recommendation to establish the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana. He described areas of focus of the proposed virtual institute and discussed its goals. He reported that its mission is to harness and enhance University-wide expertise and infrastructure toward establishing Urbana as a leading provider of innovative health research solutions, and as an internationally recognized and funded leader in health sciences research and technology.

Award Honorary Degrees, Chicago

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Amiridis to report on the recommendation to award honorary degrees. Dr. Amiridis reported that it is being recommended that honorary degrees be

awarded to Mr. Kevin M. Lynch, vice president of technology of Apple, Inc.; Mr. Carlos Tortolero, founder and president of the National Museum of Mexican Art; and Ms. Sheryl Underwood, founder and CEO of Pack Rat Productions, entertainer, and philanthropist. Dr. Amiridis provided background information on each of these individuals and described their achievements and accomplishments.

Eliminate the Master of Arts in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to provide information on the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Arts in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Poser gave the rationale for eliminating this degree, stating that the requirements for the Master of Arts in Mathematics and the Master of Science in Mathematics are identical and are both offered by the Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science. She said that eliminating the Master of Arts has no impact on current students, as none are enrolled in that program.

PRESENTATIONS

University Accreditation: Process and Status

At 3:15 p.m., Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Wilson, Dr. Feser; Dr. Poser, and Dr. James Ermatinger, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Springfield, to provide a presentation on the process and status of University accreditation (materials on

file with the clerk). Dr. Wilson stated that the Higher Learning Commission is the regional accrediting body for the University and noted that this process is in addition to those associated with programmatic accrediting bodies. She told the committee that University accreditation is critical, and she outlined the Higher Learning Commission's criteria for accreditation. Dr. Wilson gave an overview of the 10-year cycle and timeline for accreditation and said the process requires much time and effort. Dr. Feser then described the data collection phase of the process; Dr. Ermatinger reported on the self-study phase; and Dr. Poser reviewed aspects of a typical site visit. Dr. Wilson described the Board's role in the process, which she said is used as an indicator of institutional integrity and leadership, and she gave examples of the types of questions trustees may be asked. She indicated that documentation on the role of governing boards, which was created by a national umbrella organization, will be distributed to trustees. Ms. Hasara thanked Dr. Wilson, Dr. Feser, Dr. Ermatinger, and Dr. Poser for the presentation and commented on the rigorous process and time and effort involved.

Chicago Diabetes Project

At 3:35 p.m., Ms. Hasara asked Dr. Jose Oberholzer, professor of surgery, bioengineering, and endocrinology, Chicago; director of the islet and pancreas transplant program; and chief of the division of transplantation, Chicago, to discuss the Chicago Diabetes Project. Dr. Oberholzer gave an overview of the project and the treatment being used by researchers associated with the project to treat and cure diabetes. He discussed various aspects of the project and said its success has increased the profile of the

University in the area of diabetes research and allowed for much collaboration with other researchers. Dr. Oberholzer reported that the University will likely be the first in the United States to create a cellular product for the treatment of diabetes and the eighth in the country to create any type of cellular product. Dr. Amiridis stated that in addition to obtaining federal support, Dr. Oberholzer personally runs marathons to raise money for this research, and Dr. Oberholzer said this has totaled about \$1.3 million over 25 marathons. Discussion followed regarding other potential applications of cellular therapy, and Dr. Amiridis clarified that funding is used both for research and for patient care. Dr. Oberholzer reported on the composition of the research team located throughout the world and at several institutions. Ms. Hasara thanked Dr. Oberholzer for the report and congratulated him on his success, which was followed by a round of applause.

Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois College of Medicine

Ms. Hasara then asked Dr. Anand Kumar, professor and head of the Department of Psychiatry, Chicago, to give a presentation on the Department of Psychiatry at Chicago (materials on file with the clerk). Dr. Kumar gave an overview of the department and highlighted aspects of the program, including its focus on the prevalence and impact of mood disorders. He reported on the UI Center on Depression and Resilience, which he said brings together clinicians, educators, and researchers across the University of Illinois at Chicago with an interest in mood disorders. He showed a national network of depression centers and reviewed key research areas of Chicago faculty, and he

commented on the measurement of impact in areas outside of grant funding and publications. He encouraged all in attendance to work to promote the UI Center on Depression and Resilience, and he recommended signing up for its newsletter. Dr. Kumar's presentation was followed by a round of applause.

Dr. Amiridis inquired about the impact of State funding, and Dr. Kumar described efforts to find ongoing, local treatment for those with mood disorders, indicating that this availability may be impacted by the level of funding available. Ms. Smart and Dr. Kumar also briefly discussed ways in which the police department is involved in the care of individuals with mood disorders.

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 January 18, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., at Chicago.


COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Schumock with no "nay" votes, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Clerk


KAREN HASARA
Chair


EILEEN B. CABLE
Assistant Clerk