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

JULY 19, 2018

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 Thursday, July 19, 2018, beginning at 11:12 a.m.

Trustee Jill B. Smart, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Darius M. Newsome, student trustee, Chicago; Ms. Shaina Humphrey, voting student trustee, Springfield. Dr. Stuart C. King, Dr. Timothy N. Koritz, and Mr. Sanford E. Perl, trustees, attended the meeting as guests. President Timothy L. Killeen was in attendance.

The following University officers were also present: Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; 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; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and

vice president/chief financial officer) designate; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Ms.

Dedra M. Williams, 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. Smart welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held May 16, 2018, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Humphrey, 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 19, 2018

Ms. Smart introduced the Board items within the purview of the committee on the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting later that day and asked certain individuals to comment on them. 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. Smart 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.

Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2018-2019

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Wilson to report on recommendations for promotions in academic rank and change in tenure, 2018-2019. Dr. Wilson said that the decision to recommend faculty for promotion and tenure is one of the most important decisions made by the University, and she said that 107 faculty at Urbana, 128 at Chicago, and nine at Springfield are being recommended for promotion.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Geography and Geographic Information Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Geography and Geographic Information Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris told the committee that the proposed establishment of this degree was created in response to student interest. He said that this proposal seeks to organize the concentrations that are currently tied to the existing Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Geography and Geographic Information Science (BALAS in GGIS) so that those that are more social science-oriented will remain tied to the BALAS in GGIS, while those that are more physical/information science-oriented will be tied to the proposed Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Geography and Geographic Information Science (BSLAS in

GGIS). He said that geographic information science is more suited to a Bachelor of Science than a Bachelor of Art and that the change to a Bachelor of Science is expected to attract additional students.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences,
School of Information Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences, School of Information Sciences, Urbana, and explained that School of Information Sciences (iSchool) is an international leader in the information field that has provided highly regarded graduate education for 125 years. He said the proposed program will bring the expertise of faculty who offer the top-ranked graduate program in library and information science to undergraduates, which he said will further the school's mission. Dr. Cangellaris provided additional information about the degree and said it will prepare students for a wide range of careers.

Rename and Revise the Master of Science in Public Health in Community
Health, College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris provided information on the recommendation to rename and revise the Master of Science in Public Health in Community Health, College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said this proposal is to change the name of the existing Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) in Community Health to the Master of Science in Health Administration (MSHA) and to revise the curriculum such that it is focused on health administration, with coursework in management, strategic

planning, and data analytics. Dr. Cangelaris discussed the rationale for the proposed change and the advantages that this change would provide.

Amend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*, Urbana

Dr. Cangelaris then discussed the recommendation to amend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Academic Senate *Constitution*. He told the committee that the proposed amendments would expand representation of academic professionals from seven to 10 Senate seats, and he noted the increased role of academic professional staff in the academic mission of the University.

Establish the Master of City Design, College of Urban Planning and
Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Master of City Design, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Poser said the proposed Master of City Design will be offered by the Department of Urban Planning and Policy and will build upon the department's distinctive "social problem" approach to planning and design education. She described the requirements of the degree and said anticipated enrollment is expected to begin with 10 students in the first year.

There was no objection to the items listed above going forward to the full Board for voting.

PRESENTATION

Transfer Students in the University of Illinois System: Numbers, Trends, and Successes

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Wilson to give a presentation on transfer students in the University of Illinois system. Dr. Wilson provided some statistics and said that the University of Illinois has more transfer students than any other Illinois institution or system of higher education. She displayed the number of new transfer students in Fall 2017 and the total number of transfer students enrolled at each university, and she presented a chart depicting transfer students as a percentage of enrolled undergraduate students. Dr. Wilson also showed trends of transfer student enrollments over time for each of the three universities. Then Dr. Wilson described how the University system helps students navigate the transfer process through a website called MyCreditsTransfer and pointed out that the University is a leader in this area. She discussed the transfer of credits and transfer recruiting programs, and she listed the top five providers of transfer students to Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield. Dr. Wilson then presented stories and profiles of three transfer students from each of the universities and showed that these students come from a variety of backgrounds and with a broad range of interests. She reviewed on-campus support for transfer students, showed transfer student-friendly graduation rates, and commented on future expectations and issues related to transfer students.

Committee members inquired about the guaranteed transfer admission programs, and Dr. Amiridis described the agreements that are negotiated between each

university and community college. Dr. Poser discussed some of the requirements for guaranteed admission. President Killeen highlighted a comment from Mr. McMillan on the importance of educating high school guidance counselors on these programs, and Dr. Wilson agreed.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHT

Empowering Families and Professional via Telepractice

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Hedda Meadan-Kaplansky, associate professor of special education, Urbana, and a 2017 University Scholar, to overview her research in a presentation entitled, “Empowering Families and Professional via Telepractice” (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Meadan-Kaplansky described her background and told the committee that her work focuses on autistic children with severe communication disorders who use less than 10 functional words or signs. She said the goal is to improve quality of life for these children and their families, and she showed examples of internet-based resources for parents, such as self-directed and self-paced online modules and coaching via telepractice. Dr. Meadan-Kaplansky concluded her presentation by sharing a story of a child who was nonverbal and spoke her first word during a telepractice session. Ms. Smart thanked Dr. Meadan-Kaplansky for her research in this area and for the presentation.

Using Economics to Protect Nature

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Amy Ando, professor of agricultural and consumer economics, Urbana, and a 2017 University Scholar, to overview her research in a presentation entitled, “Using Economics to Protect Nature” (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Ando described her background in liberal arts and economics and said she was always interested in protecting nature. She presented a series of research questions and showed samples of her discoveries, which demonstrated the link between conservation and economics. Dr. Ando reported on climate change and the need to diversify conservation investment, and she discussed several areas of public outreach related to her work. She also described her future research focusing on the relationship between food, environmental justice, and equity. Ms. Smart thanked Dr. Ando for her presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business conducted under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Smart announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 26, 2018, at 2:45 p.m., at Urbana.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Mitchell with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEDRA M. WILLIAMS
Secretary

JILL B. SMART
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary