

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
JANUARY 31, 2019

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Michèle M. Thompson Rooms B and C, UIC Student Center West, 828 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, January 31, 2019, beginning at 10:30 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, trustee, attended the meeting as a guest.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; 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); Dr. Edward Seidel, vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Dedra

M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations. 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 November 14, 2018, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Ms. Humphrey, 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 JANUARY 31, 2019

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. Because the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee and University Healthcare System Committee meetings were canceled due to inclement weather, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee reviewed some items that would usually be within the purview of the other committees. The recommended Board items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

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.

Approve Tuition Rates, Academic Year 2019-2020;
Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, Academic Year 2019-2020;
and Approve Rate Changes for University-Operated Housing Facilities, Urbana,
Chicago, and Springfield, Academic Year 2019-2020

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Wilson to discuss the recommendation to approve tuition rates for Academic Year 2019-2020. Dr. Wilson gave a presentation that provided background on the recommendation for tuition, fees, and room and board rates for Academic Year 2019-2020, emphasizing the University's commitment to provide access for Illinois residents; keep education affordable; and ensure quality and competitiveness. She showed the percent of first-time freshman undergraduates that were Illinois residents in 2017 and demonstrated the growth of institutional financial aid. Dr. Wilson compared each university's undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees to their peer institutions and told the Board that the University's goal is to continue to monitor costs relative to the competition. She told the Board that for the fifth consecutive year, the recommendation for all three universities is for no increase in the base tuition rate for new Illinois resident undergraduates. Dr. Wilson reminded the Board that undergraduate students are guaranteed the same tuition level for four years to ensure predictability for families. She discussed the modest proposed increases in the tuition rate for nonresidents, international students, some graduate programs, and some professional programs at Urbana and Chicago.

Next, Dr. Wilson reported on student fees, describing their functions and noting that all rates are reviewed by committees that include student representatives. She showed the proposed student fees and assessments, reflecting modest increases at Urbana and Chicago and no increase for Springfield for Academic Year 2019-2020, and she presented the recommended room and board rates, which reflect a modest increase at Urbana and Chicago.

President Killeen commented that controlling costs is consistent with the Strategic Framework, and he thanked Dr. Wilson and the provosts for their efforts working toward this goal. Mr. McMillan complimented President Killeen and the provosts and commented on the small tuition increases that were approved before the current tuition freeze. Mr. McMillan acknowledged the challenges for the University of this multiyear effort to contain costs and emphasized the goal is to keep college students in Illinois. Mr. Mitchell inquired about career services at Chicago, and Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, said that student fees cover the cost of career services at the university, which is similar to how such services are funded at Urbana and Springfield.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits to students and families of the four-year guaranteed tuition rate at the University and the ways these benefits could best be communicated to prospective students. Committee members also discussed the need to include the four-year guaranteed tuition rate when comparing the University's tuition to the rates at peer institutions. Mr. Cepeda emphasized the accomplishment of freezing tuition for five years and commended those at the University for increasing efficiencies to

keep costs down. Dr. King and Dr. Wilson discussed student fees, and Dr. Wilson explained that while students cannot opt out of most of the fees, they are endorsed by student groups at each university. As an example, Dr. Wilson told the committee that students have requested increased access to mental health counselors on campus. Ms. Smart referred to President Killeen's recent announcement highlighting investment in the arts and humanities and said this demonstrates the University's commitment to quality while controlling costs.

Award Honorary Degrees, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Jones to report on the recommendation to award honorary degrees at Urbana. Dr. Jones recommended that the following individuals receive honorary degrees at the university's Commencement exercises on May 11, 2019: Dr. Michael T. Aiken, former chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Mr. Alan Alda, actor and science educator; and Dr. Carla D. Hayden, librarian of Congress. Dr. Jones described the contributions of each of these individuals and the rationale for honoring them with an honorary degree.

Affirm the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Mission Statement

Dr. Jones then commented on the recommendation to affirm the mission statement of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He emphasized the importance of the mission statement, which he said conveys the values, goals, and vision for the future of the university. Dr. Jones told the committee that in preparation for reaccreditation by the

Higher Learning Commission, the mission statement was reviewed by campus stakeholders and endorsed by President Killeen. Now a formal review and official vote by the Board is required that endorses the university's mission. Brief discussion followed regarding aspects of the mission statement.

Appoint Associates to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana; and
Appoint Fellows to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to appoint associates and fellows to the Center for Advanced Study, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris explained that such appointments provide for one semester of release time for self-initiated scholarly study. He briefly described the Center for Advanced Study and listed the faculty members selected to be associates and fellows for Academic Year 2019-2020. Dr. Cangellaris said associates and fellows are selected in an annual competition.

Rename and Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in
History of Art, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to rename and revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in History of Art. He told the committee that the proposed name change from a major in Art History to a major in Art and Art History would better reflect the actual program of study. Dr. Cangellaris said the proposed change in the curriculum would reduce the number of required art history and humanities hours and increase the

number of required art studio and design hours in compliance with the accreditation requirements of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Eliminate the Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education,
College of Education and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris provided information on the recommendation to eliminate the Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education in the College of Education and the Graduate College, Urbana. He explained that this program has not been marketed to prospective students and has been used as an option for students who left the PhD program prior to the dissertation defense. Dr. Cangellaris said it has been rarely used and reported that there are no students currently enrolled in the program.

Award Honorary Degree, Springfield

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Koch to discuss the recommendation to award honorary degrees at Springfield. Dr. Koch recommended that an honorary degree be awarded to Ms. Karen Hasara at Commencement exercises on May 11, 2019. Dr. Koch described Ms. Hasara's many accomplishments and years of service in politics, public affairs, and community service. She noted that Ms. Hasara also served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2009 through 2017.

Establish the Master of Public Health in Environmental Health,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Dr. Koch then discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Public Health (MPH) in Environmental Health in the College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield. She stated that national accrediting bodies in the field of public health recommend offering an MPH generalist program and an MPH in Environmental Health program. Dr. Koch said Springfield currently has an MPH generalist program that offers an Environmental Health concentration and stated that this proposal would transform that existing concentration into a separate degree program. She provided additional information about the program and said it would be offered face-to-face and online.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management,
College of Business Administration, Chicago

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Poser to discuss the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management in the College of Business Administration, Chicago. Dr. Poser said the proposed Bachelor of Sciences in Human Resources Management builds upon and will replace the concentration in Human Resources Management currently offered. She referred to increased enrollment in the concentration since it was established in 2015 and said that a 2017 survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management showed that 70 percent of employers prefer to hire graduates with a degree in Human Resources Management rather than a concentration. Dr. Poser indicated that no new State funds are needed for the establishment of the program.

Establish the Master of Science in Construction Engineering and Management,
College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser then reported on the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Construction Engineering and Management in the College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Chicago. She referred to increasing demand in this field and discussed the goals of the degree, stating it will prepare students to understand, obtain, and execute the array of technical competencies and required soft skills associated with the industry.

Dr. Poser reported that the degree is geared toward alumni and recent graduates of undergraduate programs in civil engineering, construction management, or related disciplines; experienced or midcareer construction management professionals who seek career advancement; and veterans, military personnel, and army engineers who seek additional responsibilities in construction project management and engineering leadership. She described the pathways for degree completion and said no new State funds are needed for the program.

Consolidate and Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences,
Major in Polish and the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences,
Major in Russian, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Next, Dr. Poser provided information on the recommendation to consolidate and revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Polish, and the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Russian, in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago. She reported that the resulting Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies is a

program that incorporates the intellectual strengths of department faculty and makes possible a feasible faculty and course rotation, thereby facilitating student progress to degree in a timely fashion. Dr. Poser described degree requirements and said the new major would begin in Fall 2019, noting that existing students would be able to finish their current program of study. Dr. Poser also mentioned the new major is likely to be of interest to the large Lithuanian and Polish populations in the Chicago area.

Rename the Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser then referred to the proposed renaming of the Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago, as the Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies. She said the new department name reflects: the three main areas of faculty specialization; the new major described above; and a geopolitical focus over simply a linguistic one, which will also move it closer to what is being done at peer institutions.

Reorganize and Consolidate the Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and
the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy,
College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College, Chicago

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to reorganize and consolidate the Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy, and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Barish said the reorganization and consolidation will improve the College of Pharmacy's

competitive positioning in terms of research, funding, and graduate training. He discussed additional benefits and said it will create efficiencies and increase effectiveness by streamlining the organization, administration, and sharing of equipment and space.

Transfer the University of Illinois Cancer Center from the College of Medicine, Chicago

Dr. Barish then reported on the recommendation to transfer the University of Illinois Cancer Center from the College of Medicine at Chicago to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Chicago. Dr. Barish gave a brief history of the Cancer Center, which is led by Dr. Robert A. Winn, associate vice chancellor for community based practice and director of the Cancer Center, and said the center received permission to submit an application for designation by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Barish described the benefits of this designation and said the transfer of the center is intended to meet the NCI's expectations regarding the center's function and organization, which stipulate that it have broader organizational connections beyond a single department or college and that its oversight be at a higher level than a department chair or dean. Dr. Barish indicated an external advisory board also recommended that the center be structured as a unit independent of any one college. Dr. Barish discussed additional benefits of this transfer and noted that it will also ensure efficient allocation of resources.

Redesignate the UIC Pavilion, Chicago

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Amiridis to discuss the recommendation to redesignate the UIC Pavilion at Chicago as the Credit Union 1 Arena. Dr. Amiridis explained that Credit

Union 1 made a significant financial commitment to support improvements to the arena as well as student-athlete support facilities and said that Credit Union 1 will be granted exclusive naming rights for the UIC Pavilion in consideration for this commitment.

Purchase Recommendations

Ms. Smart then asked Ms. Gloria Keeley, assistant vice president for administrative services, to report on proposed purchase recommendations. Ms. Keeley first discussed the recommended purchase for the oral medication Tecfidera for the University of Illinois Hospital at Chicago. She said that this purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code and that no discounts were given for this purchase.

Ms. Keeley then reported on the recommended purchase of implantable spinal cord stimulators from Medtronic, USA for the University of Illinois Hospital at Chicago. She described the use of spinal cord stimulators and said that the purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code. Ms. Keeley told the committee this is one of three vendors used for the purchase of spinal cord stimulators and indicated that access to all three vendors is necessary. She referred to advisory board data justifying the cost of this purchase and noted that it may be possible to consolidate purchases in the future to increase market share and obtain a greater discount. Dr. King thanked Ms. Keeley for the information and said that it might be possible to bundle multiple types of products to achieve a greater discount in the future.

There were no objections to the agenda items listed above going forward to the full Board for voting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Smart asked if there was any new business, and there was none. She announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 13, 2019, at 2:45 p.m., at Chicago.

COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Newsome with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

JILL B. SMART
Chair

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