

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

JULY 24, 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 Wednesday, July 24, 2019, beginning at 11:03 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. Kareem Dale; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, voting student trustee, Urbana; Ms. Susan E. Panek, student trustee, Chicago; Ms. Rosie Dawoud, student trustee, Springfield.

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. 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 May 15, 2019, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Dale, 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 25, 2019

Ms. Smart introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on July 25, 2019, and asked certain individuals to comment on them. 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.

Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2019-2020

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Wilson to discuss recommendations for promotions in academic rank and change in tenure, 2019-2020. Dr. Wilson said that recommendations to promote and tenure faculty are among the most important decisions made by the University, and she briefly described the process, considerations, and qualifications for promotion and change in tenure. She said that 110 faculty at Urbana, 132 at Chicago, and 10 at Springfield are being recommended for promotion.

Appoint Dean, School of Information Sciences, Urbana

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Eunice E. Santos as the dean of the School of Information Sciences. Dr. Cangellaris said that Dr. Santos currently serves as professor and Ron Hochsprung Endowed Chair of the Department of Computer Science at the Illinois Institute of Technology and has extensive experience as a researcher and leader. He described her background and experience and cited her awards and recognitions.

Extend Term, Dean, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then commented on the recommendation to extend the term of Dr. Fritz Drasgow as dean of the School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris said a national search is underway for a new dean, and he told the committee that Dr. Drasgow's extended term will help ensure a smooth transition.

Establish the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability as a
Permanent Center, College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to establish the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability as a permanent center in the College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana. He described the history of the center, which was established as a temporary center in 2006, and reported on its role at the university. Dr. Cangellaris said the center's financial support is stable, and he told the committee that the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation.

Establish the Master of Science in Health Technology,
College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then reported on the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Health Technology in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College at Urbana. He said the proposed professional, non-thesis degree will utilize classroom education and experiential learning opportunities to develop interdisciplinary practitioners who have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to advance health technology design and implementation. Dr. Cangellaris described career opportunities for graduates and listed areas of employment.

Rename and Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in
Comparative Literature, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Comparative Literature in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

at Urbana as the Program in Comparative and World Literature. He said that the proposed revision includes reconfiguration of the major such that instead of only one area of concentration available to students (World Literature), a second concentration would be established in Comparative Literature. Students would choose one of the two concentrations. He said the proposed revision also includes a reduction in the number of total hours required so as to better align the program with similar programs at peer institutions and with similar humanities programs at the university.

Eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of Latin,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then provided information on the recommendation to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of Latin in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Urbana. He told the committee that students who are interested in teaching Latin could instead pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Classics or in Latin together with the Illinois State Educator's license, which renders the Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of Latin unnecessary. He said there are no students currently enrolled in the program.

Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts in the College of Fine and Applied Arts at Urbana. He said no new students have been admitted to the program in the last three years and the program currently supports only a few remaining students. He said it is an expensive program to maintain and that

prospective students interested in this area of study can apply to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art.

Establish the Dieckamp Center for Reliable, Secure, and Trustworthy Systems,
The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to establish the Dieckamp Center for Reliable, Secure, and Trustworthy Systems in The Grainger College of Engineering at Urbana. He said Mr. Herman M. Dieckamp, an alum of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in engineering physics, established the Herman M. Dieckamp Endowment Fund in 2011 to support the advancement of teaching and research in highly reliable, fail-safe, and resilient systems. Dr. Cangellaris said Mr. Dieckamp made additional gifts totaling more than \$5.0 million to support the named center, and Dr. Cangellaris described additional uses of net income from the endowment fund.

After the items pertaining to Urbana were presented, Ms. Smart referred to the recommendation to eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts and asked about the timeframe for eliminating programs, noting that this program had not had new students admitted in three years. Dr. Cangellaris explained that students who were admitted to the program four years ago were still enrolled in the program and had not yet graduated. He said that since that time, students were encouraged to enroll in the Studio Art program. Mr. McMillan then referred to the recommendation to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of Latin and asked how long there were no students enrolled in the program.

Dr. Cangellaris replied that he would find out and explained the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is investigating the Teaching of Latin and how to best prepare students. Mr. McMillan emphasized the importance of eliminating degrees with low enrollment, and Dr. Wilson referred to the IBHE's required annual low-enrollment report. She remarked on the importance of making careful decisions based on multiyear enrollments and that do not harm current students; she said these programs have been on the university's radar for several years.

Appoint Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services, Springfield

Ms. Smart asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to discuss the recommendation to appoint an interim dean in the College of Education and Human Services at Springfield. Dr. Papini said that it is being recommended that Dr. James Ermatinger, currently professor of history and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Springfield, serve as interim dean of the College of Education and Human Services, and indicated this recommendation is being made in consultation with members of the executive committee and faculty and staff in the college.

Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences,
Major in African American Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago;
and Rename the Department of African American Studies,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

and Sciences, Major in African American Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago. Dr. Poser said this item recommends renaming the major in African American Studies as the major in Black Studies and explained that the curriculum was revised in 2017 to incorporate histories and perspectives outside the United States. It is now organized around four themes that do not privilege a particular geographic location or national affiliation. She said that if approved, African American Studies would be a subfield under the larger rubric of Black Studies, and she told the committee that a companion item recommends renaming the Department of African American Studies as the Department of Black Studies.

Mr. Dale asked if the faculty agree with this recommendation, whether there was any dissent, and if students were consulted regarding this change. Dr. Poser indicated she was not aware of any dissent and said that while she would assume it was discussed with students, she would get confirmation and report back to the committee. Mr. McMillan remarked that this appears to be a major change. Dr. King asked about populations being excluded, and Dr. Poser provided additional information on the population described by the term African Americans and said that Black Studies would include populations beyond the United States. Mr. Mitchell expressed concern that this change might be problematic for students, particularly African American students, and suggested an alternate change to African American and Black Studies. Ms. Smart asked Dr. Poser to report back to the committee with information on student input on this change, and Ms. Jakobsson agreed that this is necessary, noting that further discussion is

needed. Ms. Smart said this item would be pulled from the following day's Board agenda for voting, and no committee member expressed disagreement.

Consolidate, Rename, and Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in
Biopharmaceutical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Medicinal Chemistry, and
Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College,
Chicago; and Consolidate, Rename, and Revise the Master of Science in
Biopharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science in Medicinal Chemistry, and
Master of Science in Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College,
Chicago

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to consolidate, rename, and revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Biopharmaceutical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Chemistry, and Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Barish also discussed the recommendation to consolidate, rename, and revise the Master of Science in Biopharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science in Medicinal Chemistry, and Master of Science in Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Barish said these changes are affiliated with the recently approved consolidation of the Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Department of Medical Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, and that a graduate program in Pharmaceutical Sciences will be created effective Fall 2020. He described the Doctor of Philosophy degree program and said students will select one of five concentrations. Dr. Barish said students will only be admitted to the doctoral program but the MS may be awarded if students do not wish to or are unable to finish their doctoral studies and have

met the requirements of the MS degree. He provided additional information about the degrees and described the benefits of this change.

Eliminate the Master of Science in Surgery,
College of Medicine and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Barish then reported on the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Science in Surgery in the College of Medicine and the Graduate College at Chicago. Dr. Barish told the committee that only one degree had been awarded since 2010, there is no current interest from the department or college to continue the degree, and no students are currently enrolled. Ms. Smart asked why this program was not closed earlier, and Dr. Barish said that the departure of the former program director presented an opportunity to eliminate it. Ms. Smart and Mr. McMillan expressed concern regarding the delay to eliminate the program and said more rigor is needed. Dr. King concurred and said programs should be eliminated if they are not valuable to the institution. Dr. Wilson commented that it is very rare that a program with such low enrollment would be retained and speculated that it was likely a unique and complicated situation. Ms. Smart requested more information on the reasons that this program was retained and also asked for more information on the process of evaluating degree programs. Mr. Mitchell agreed.

Aside from those noted, 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 September 18, 2019, at 2:45 p.m., in Urbana.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, and on motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson with no “nay” votes, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

JILL B. SMART
Chair

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Special Assistant to the Secretary