

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

JULY 22, 2020

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference<sup>1</sup> on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, beginning at 2:47 p.m.

Trustee Edward L. McMillan, vice chair of the committee, convened the meeting, as Ms. Jill B. Smart, chair of the committee, was not in attendance. Mr. McMillan asked the secretary to call the roll, and the following committee members were present: Mr. Kareem Dale; Mr. Ricardo Estrada; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Mr. Ali Mirza, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Austin Verthein, student trustee, Springfield. Ms. Smart and Ms. Jocelyn Bravo, voting student trustee, Chicago, were absent. Mr. Donald J. Edwards, chair of the Board of Trustees, attended the meeting.

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. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of

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<sup>1</sup> Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-44.

Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

President Killeen introduced Dr. Aria Razfar, professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Chicago and member of the University Senates Conference Academic Affairs and Research Committee. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. McMillan welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the new student trustees. He asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held May 20, 2020, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Estrada, the minutes were approved by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein; No, none; Absent, Ms. Smart, Ms. Bravo.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON JULY 23, 2020

Mr. McMillan introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on July 23, 2020, 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

Mr. McMillan asked Mr. Knott to comment on the item recommending appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Mr. Knott 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 he encouraged committee members to contact him with any questions.

Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2020-2021

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Wilson to discuss recommendations for promotions in academic rank and change in tenure for Academic Year 2020-2021. 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 rigorous review process, considerations, and qualifications for promotion and change in tenure. She said that 119 faculty at Urbana, 134 at Chicago, and 17 at Springfield are being recommended for promotion. Mr. McMillan advised the student trustees to contact Dr. Wilson if they wanted to find out more about the promotion and tenure process. Mr. Mirza asked if students should vote on the recommendations for promotion and tenure if they have taken or will take courses from a faculty member listed in the agenda item, and Mr. Bearrows said that in these instances, student trustees may wish to recuse themselves from voting.

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

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Whitney to discuss the recommendation to appoint an interim chancellor for student affairs at Springfield. Dr. Whitney stated that Dr. Van Lee Vieregge, presently assistant vice chancellor for student services and executive director of auxiliary services, is proposed to serve as interim vice chancellor for student affairs. She said Dr. Vieregge was appointed to serve as interim vice chancellor for student affairs designate, effective June 1, 2020, and that he succeeds Dr. Clarice R. Ford, who died in April.

### Appoint Dean of Students, Student Affairs Division, Springfield

Dr. Whitney then discussed the recommendation to appoint Mr. Jantzen Eddington, presently community standards and student conduct code coordinator, as dean of students in the student affairs division. She said Mr. Eddington succeeds Dr. Charles Osiris, who resigned May 31, 2017.

### Establish the Master of Science in Finance, College of Business and Management, Springfield

Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to provide information on the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Finance in the College of Business and Management at Springfield. Dr. Papini stated that the Master of Science in Finance is designed to develop students' leadership, analytical thinking, and management skills in finance, and he described the core courses

in the program. He gave an overview of the goals of the degree program and said it will be offered in an online format that is expected to attract working professionals and international students who seek advanced knowledge and skills.

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

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to provide information on the recommendation to appoint an interim dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommended appointment of Dr. Gene E. Robinson, presently professor of entomology, School of Integrative Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and director, Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Urbana, as interim dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective July 24, 2020. Dr. Cangellaris described Dr. Robinson's background and experience and told the committee this is an important interim position as the dean of one of the largest and most influential colleges at the university.

Extend Term, Dean, College of Education, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to extend the term of Dr. James D. Anderson as dean of the College of Education at Urbana. He listed Dr. Anderson's achievements and success as dean since being appointed in July 2017 and said that this recommendation would extend his term through August 2022.

Appoint Professors, Center for Advanced Study, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to appoint professors in the Center for Advanced Study at Urbana and said professors are permanent members that are chosen for their outstanding scholarship. Dr. Cangellaris listed the faculty members that are being recommended this year.

Establish the Master of Science in Business Analytics,  
Gies College of Business and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Business Analytics in the College of Business and the Graduate College at Urbana. He said this program will prepare graduates to meet the growing demand in this field and told the committee that the need for expertise in this area will continue to expand. Dr. Cangellaris described aspects of the degree program and said it will be self-supporting, drawing on existing faculty capacity and infrastructure.

Approve General VetMed Online Tuition, College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris provided information about the recommendation to approve the general Vet Med online tuition rate, which he said will be used for all new online programs in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Cangellaris said the first program to use the new rate will be the recently approved Master of Veterinary Science degree with a major in Livestock Systems Health (MVS in LSH), and he provided some information about the program. Dr. Cangellaris said the use of a general Vet Med online tuition rate will allow for ease of comparison across degree programs.

Appoint Interim Dean, College of Education, Chicago

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to appoint an interim dean in the College of Education at Chicago. Dr. Poser reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Marc A. Van Overbeke, presently associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor of educational policy studies in the College of Education, as interim dean of the College of Education. She said Dr. Van Overbeke has served as interim dean designate since June 16, 2020.

Consolidate and Revise the Master of Fine Arts in New Media Arts,  
Master of Fine Arts in Moving Image, Master of Fine Arts in Photography,  
and Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts,  
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser then reported on the recommendation to consolidate the Master of Fine Arts in New Media Arts, the Master of Fine Arts in Moving Image, the Master of Fine Arts in Photography, and the Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts into a single Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Art. She said this will better enable students to expand disciplinary boundaries and work across media, and she told the committee that practice in the arts has moved away from a clear distinction among media. Dr. Poser described the current and proposed required hours for the degree. Mr. McMillan and Dr. Poser briefly discussed the recommendation, and Dr. Poser explained that instead of offering four separate MFA programs, the university would offer one MFA degree in art with areas of concentration.

Rename the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering,  
 Master of Science in Bioengineering,  
 and Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering, College of Engineering  
 and the Graduate College, Chicago; and  
 Rename the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering,  
 Master of Science in Bioengineering, and Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering,  
 College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Dr. Poser provided information about the recommendation to rename the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering, Master of Science in Bioengineering, and Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering in the College of Engineering and the Graduate College at Chicago. She said the degrees would be renamed the BS, MS, and PhD in Biomedical Engineering with no change to the degree requirements. Dr. Poser told the committee that alumni, employers, and prospective students indicate a perceived difference between the two degree names and have a preference for the name, “biomedical engineering.” She said this item is being submitted simultaneously with an item to rename the departmental home of these degrees from the Richard and Loan Hill Department of Bioengineering to the Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering. Dr. Poser indicated that the Hill family expressed support for the renaming.

Establish the Doctor of Occupational Therapy: Entry-level,  
 College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago; and  
 Eliminate the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy,  
 College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago

Mr. McMillan then asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to establish the Doctor of Occupational Therapy: Entry Level, in the College of Applied Health Sciences at Chicago. Dr. Barish



explained this will replace the existing Master of Science in Occupational Therapy and is proposed in response to the growing number of entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) programs nationally, changes in the educational standards of its accrediting body, and increased complexity of occupational therapy practice. He said this entry-level OTD program will be open to students who have completed a bachelor's degree in any subject area, and that the post-professional OTD program will continue to be offered for students who have completed a degree in occupational therapy. Dr. Barish briefly discussed requirements of the proposed program, anticipated enrollment, and funding. He said there is no public university option for the entry-level OTD in Illinois. Dr. Barish said the recommendation to eliminate the MS in Occupational Therapy is being submitted simultaneously, and that the last MS class will be admitted in Fall 2021.

#### Rename the Department of Family Medicine, College of Medicine, Chicago

Dr. Barish then provided information regarding the recommendation to rename the Department of Family Medicine in the College of Medicine at Chicago as the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He said the proposed change reflects a focus on communities and the history of engagement in community health by family physicians. Dr. Barish said a number of departments in family medicine throughout the country have made this change, and he said the College of Medicine at Peoria and the College of Medicine at Rockford already have departments of Family and Community Medicine. Mr. McMillan and Dr. Barish briefly discussed the focus on rural medicine at the College

of Medicine at Rockford and how this relates to its Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Rename the UIC Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research,  
College of Pharmacy, Chicago

Dr. Barish reported on the recommendation to rename the UIC Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research as the Pharmacognosy Institute and said its current name no longer reflects the scope and breadth of work and study taking place. He said “pharmacognosy” is the best term for these activities, and that the renaming to the Pharmacognosy Institute is a more appropriate fit.

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

Mr. McMillan asked if there was any new business, and there was none. He announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 9, 2020, at 2:45 p.m., at a location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Mirza, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Mirza, Mr. Verthein; No, none; Absent, Ms. Smart, Ms. Bravo.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

EDWARD L. MCMILLAN  
*Vice Chair*

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*Special Assistant to the Secretary*