

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
MARCH 11, 2020

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held in Illini Rooms B and C, 1401 West Green Street, Urbana, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, beginning at 2:58 p.m.

Trustee Jill B. Smart, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary-designate 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; Ms. Susan E. Panek, student trustee, Chicago. Mr. Ricardo Estrada; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, voting student trustee, Urbana; and Ms. Rosie Dawoud, student trustee, Springfield, 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. 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; Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary-designate of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations. President Killeen introduced Dr. Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, professor in the Department of Theatre, Urbana, representing the Academic Affairs and Research Committee of the University Senates Conference. 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 January 15, 2020, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. McMillan, 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 MARCH 12, 2020

Ms. Smart introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on March 12, 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

Ms. Smart 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.

#### Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, 2020-2021

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Wilson to report on the recommendation to approve sabbatical leaves of absence for Academic Year 2020-2021. Dr. Wilson stated that there are 180 recommended sabbatical leaves of absence, which is about average for a given year, and emphasized that sabbaticals are earned by tenured faculty after a certain number of years in service but that they require a proposed plan of study. Ms. Smart asked if there are some proposals that are not approved by a university prior to coming to the Board, and Dr. Wilson indicated there are instances where a sabbatical request might be sent back to the faculty member for revision or elaboration before approval.

#### Approve Student Health Insurance Rates for Urbana and Chicago Universities, Academic Year 2020-2021

Dr. Wilson then discussed the recommendation to approve student health insurance rates at Chicago and Urbana. She told the committee that student healthcare needs at Chicago are provided by the hospital and clinics at the university through a self-insurance policy called CampusCare. Dr. Wilson provided a presentation that showed

a proposed 3.5 percent increase in the cost of student insurance at Chicago, which she said is due to the cost of adding a particular benefit to the plan. She reminded the committee that there is student involvement in the establishment of the proposed rates. Dr. Wilson said the opt out rate at Chicago is about 55 percent, and she showed that the rates are relatively low compared to peer institutions.

Dr. Wilson then reported on the recommended student health insurance rates at Urbana, which reflect an increase of 33 percent. She told the committee that the insurance policy is provided by United Healthcare and that it supplements the everyday care provided by the McKinley Health Center. She said the proposed increase is due to the large projected loss ratio this year, which is fueled by a doubling of claim costs per student over the past three years as well as a decrease in the number of students paying into the policy. She showed the opt out rate trend, which is particularly high for undergraduates, and she compared the cost of student health insurance at Urbana to peer institutions in the Big Ten for Academic Year 2020-2021. Lastly, Dr. Wilson presented the combined cost of student health insurance and the Health Service Fee at Urbana and Chicago, and she thanked her colleagues for their input in preparing this report.

Brief discussion followed, and committee members compared the costs of student health insurance at the two universities. Dr. Wilson explained that costs are lower at Chicago because the students are served by the clinics and hospital, which is a larger enterprise. Mr. Dale asked about the role of the student advisory group, and Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Lowa Mwilambwe, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary, health and

well being, to comment. Mr. Mwilambwe described the nature of the advisory group and the collaborative process of establishing student health insurance rates.

#### Award Honorary Degrees, Urbana

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Jones to provide information on the recommendation to award honorary degrees at Urbana. Dr. Jones stated that Mr. Lonnie Bunch III, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; Ms. Jill Ellis, development director of the U.S. Soccer Federation; and U.S. Congressman John Lewis of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District are recommended to receive honorary degrees. Dr. Jones described the impressive careers and contributions of each. Mr. Dale and Dr. Jones then discussed requirements of recipients to attend Commencement ceremonies.

#### Establish the Bachelor of Science in Plant Biotechnology, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

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 Plant Biotechnology in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris said plant biotechnology has been a successful concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences, and he discussed the advantages of establishing the Bachelor of Science in Plant Biotechnology, noting high interest from both students and employers. Dr. Cangellaris said the Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences would be phased out as students currently enrolled in the program graduate or transfer to

the new degree program. He said the concentration would be eliminated when there are no longer enrolled students. Dr. Cangellaris indicated that current facilities, including library resources, are adequate to support the program.

Establish the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling,  
College of Education and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling in the College of Education and the Graduate College at Urbana. He said that this degree would provide broad training in mental health counseling, with an emphasis on evidence-based practice, cultural responsiveness, and outreach, which will enable graduates to help provide services to address the unmet mental health needs of residents in Illinois and bordering states. Dr. Cangellaris said current facilities, including library resources, are adequate to support the program, and most required courses currently exist and are taught by counseling psychology faculty. He said tuition revenue from the program is anticipated to adequately cover the costs of two hires needed to support the program.

Appoint Faculty Fellows to the Institute for the Humanities,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Susan Poser, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to appoint faculty fellows to the Institute for the Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Chicago. Dr. Poser stated that six members of the faculty are recommended for appointment as

faculty fellows to the Institute for the Humanities, and she told the committee that fellows are released from teaching and administrative duties for one year in order to devote full effort to research. She said this is a competitive process and listed the six faculty members recommended for appointment.

Eliminate the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design,  
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Poser then reported on the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts and the Graduate College, Chicago. She described the initial goal of the program and explained that at this time there are no faculty who possess the expertise necessary to teach in the area of health design and no students enrolled in the program. She said the program has been suspended since Fall 2010.

Establish the Department of Marketing,  
College of Business Administration and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Dr. Poser provided information on the recommendation to establish the Department of Marketing in the College of Business Administration and the Graduate College, Chicago. She told the committee that marketing is often a stand-alone department at other universities, and creating a distinct marketing department at Chicago is consistent with the role and importance the discipline plays within the college, noting there are several prestigious faculty at Chicago in the marketing discipline. Dr. Poser stated the

proposed department would be organized like other departments at the university, and she said the establishment of the department would not require any new funding.

Name the Stuart Handler Department of Real Estate,  
College of Business Administration, Chicago

Dr. Poser then discussed the recommendation to name the Stuart Handler Department of Real Estate in the College of Business Administration at Chicago, in recognition of the \$3.0 million pledge to support faculty, student scholarships, course design, and program expenses in the area of real estate. She described Mr. Handler's impressive career and said he is an award-winning entrepreneur in the Chicago area.

Ms. Smart inquired about the delay in eliminating the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design, and Dr. Poser indicated it was discovered during the unit's self-study.

Rename the Department of Health Systems Science,  
Department of Biobehavioral Health Science,  
and the Department of Women, Children and Family Health Science,  
College of Nursing and the Graduate College, Chicago

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to provide information on the recommendation to rename three departments in the College of Nursing and the Graduate College at Chicago. Dr. Barish stated that the Department of Health Systems Science will be renamed the Department of Population Health Nursing Science; the Department of Biobehavioral Health Science will be renamed the



Department of Biobehavioral Nursing Science; and the Department of Women, Children and Family Health Science will be renamed the Department of Human Development Nursing Science. He described the rationale for these changes and said the current names are not descriptive of the range of programs offered within the departments. Dr. Barish said renaming the departments would eliminate confusion and lack of recognition by internal and external partners, and would better emphasize the nursing scholarship, nursing practice, and service of the faculty.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Public Health, School of Public Health, Chicago

Next, Dr. Barish reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Public Health in the School of Public Health at Chicago. He said the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health was established in 2012, and that the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Public Health would allow for individualization to accommodate students emanating from various recruitment streams and with different career goals. Dr. Barish compared the two degrees and explained that students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program would complete selected courses in bench, lab, and applied sciences rather than in social and behavioral sciences.

Rename the Department of Pharmacology,  
College of Medicine and the Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Barish then discussed the recommendation to rename the Department of Pharmacology in the College of Medicine and the Graduate College at Chicago as the Department of Pharmacology and Regenerative Medicine. He explained that while the

current name reflects the type of research and teaching traditionally conducted by the department, about half the faculty are currently engaged in research dealing with stem cells and regenerative medicine, which also accounts for half the department's research funding. Dr. Barish said the proposed name change is essential for maintaining existing strengths while at the same time emphasizing growth potential, future extramural support opportunities, and fundraising.

#### Reorganize the College of Business and Management, Springfield

Ms. Smart then asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to discuss the recommendation to reorganize the College of Business and Management at Springfield. Dr. Papini said the proposed reorganization would consolidate the college into three departments: the Department of Accounting, Economics, and Finance; the Department of Management Information Systems; and the Department of Management, Marketing, and Operations. He provided details about the proposed structure and discussed the benefits of the reorganization. Dr. Papini said this reorganization is administrative in nature and will have minimal student impact.

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

#### PRESENTATIONS

American Framing

Next, Ms. Smart asked Dr. Rebecca Rugg, dean of the School of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago, and Mr. Paul Preissner, associate professor, School of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Chicago, to give a presentation entitled, “American Framing” (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Rugg provided information about the International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia, which is considered the most prestigious contemporary art exhibition in the world, and said that the University of Illinois at Chicago is the only public urban university ever named as sole commissioner of the U.S. Pavilion. She said it will be curated by Mr. Preissner and Mr. Paul Andersen, clinical associate professor of architecture, and she asked Mr. Preissner to provide information about “American Framing.” Mr. Preissner gave some background on La Biennale and on the “American Framing” exhibition, which considers aspects of American wood-framed construction. He showed a series of photographs depicting phases of wood-framed construction and described plans for creating a four-story framed structure at the entrance of the United States pavilion at the Venice, Italy exhibition. Mr. Preissner said the interior would feature an artistic series on framing, including portraits of framers and images of trees and lumber mills. He noted that those currently in Venice working on the installation of “American Framing” cannot leave due to the coronavirus pandemic, and he told the committee that the exhibition is scheduled to open to the public on August 29, 2020.

Ms. Smart stated that this is a huge honor and thanked Dr. Rugg and Mr. Preissner for the presentation. President Killeen and Mr. Preissner briefly discussed the

origins of affordable housing, and Mr. Preissner indicated these structures resulted from a need for housing and limited expertise.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Smart asked if there was any new business. Ms. Jakobsson asked if international students would be permitted to stay in their dorms if classes are canceled or not held in person due to the coronavirus pandemic, and President Killeen said they would be allowed to stay.

Ms. Smart announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for May 20, 2020, at 2:45 p.m., in Springfield.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. Dale, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Secretary*

JILL B. SMART  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
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