

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
JANUARY 19, 2022

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference¹ on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, beginning at 2:44 p.m.

Trustee Tami Craig Schilling, chair of the committee, stated that the chair of the Board of Trustees determined that an in-person meeting would not be practical or prudent due to COVID-19 and that under Section 7(e)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, this meeting would be held virtually. She convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Ricardo Estrada; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Austin Verthein, voting student trustee, Springfield; and Ms. Mariama Mwilambwe, student trustee, Urbana. Mr. Lavleen Mal, student trustee, Chicago, was absent. Dr. Stuart C. King attended the meeting as a guest.

Also present were Mr. Lester H. McKeever, treasurer; President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois

¹ Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2022-01 and 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2).

System; Dr. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, interim comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim vice president for economic development and innovation; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, 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. Craig Schilling welcomed everyone to the meeting. She congratulated Dr. Amiridis on his recent appointment as the next president of the University of South Carolina. Ms. Craig Schilling then asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held November 17, 2021, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:² Aye, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Ms. Mwilambwe, Mr. Verthein; No, none; Absent, Mr. Mal.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON JANUARY 20, 2022

Ms. Craig Schilling introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee that are scheduled for the Board's agenda at its meeting on January 20, 2022,

² Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

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. Craig Schilling 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.

Appoint Interim Dean, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Uretz J. Oliphant, presently clinical professor and head of surgery, University of Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana-Champaign, and surgeon, Carle Foundation Hospital, as interim dean of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris described Dr. Oliphant's background and experience and said he will succeed Dr. King Li, who served as dean until his retirement in December 2021.

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

Dr. Cangellaris then provided information on the recommendation to appoint associates and fellows to the Center for Advanced Study at Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris explained that such appointments provide for one semester of release time from teaching for self-initiated scholarly study. He briefly described the Center for Advanced Study and listed the faculty members recommended to be associates and fellows for Academic Year 2022-2023. Dr. Cangellaris said associates and fellows are selected in an annual competition.

Establish the Doctor of Philosophy in Design for Responsible Innovation,
College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to establish the Doctor of Philosophy in Design for Responsible Innovation, College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said this proposed degree is intended for master's graduates from design and related disciplines to provide theory and skills in design research. He described aspects of the program and said it fulfills a growing need for a PhD in design at an international level. He said the degree is expected to provide graduates with a competitive edge in academia, the public sector, or in industry, especially on strategic or management levels. He reported on staffing for new and existing courses, as well as advising.

Establish the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis, Disability and Diversity
in Urban Society, College of Education and the Graduate College, Chicago

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Javier Reyes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chicago, to report on the recommendation to establish the Master of Science in

Applied Behavior Analysis, Disability and Diversity in Urban Society in the College of Education and the Graduate College at Chicago. Dr. Reyes referred to the demand for this program and said there are no existing master's degree programs in applied behavior analysis with a concentration in the application of applied behavior analysis with underserved populations. He said the addition of one full-time staff member would be needed to support the program, and he discussed the mission and reach of the college.

Establish the Master of Physiology for Therapeutic Development,
College of Medicine and the Graduate College, Chicago

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Master of Physiology for Therapeutic Development in the College of Medicine and the Graduate College, Chicago. Dr. Barish said the Master of Physiology for Therapeutic Development would be the first of its kind in Illinois, and he described the requirements of the program. He said the objective of the new program is to provide students with advanced training for careers in the pharmaceutical, health-care, and biotech industries, and in biomedical research centers. He told the committee that the current budget is sufficient to support the program.

Establish the College of Health, Science, and Technology, Springfield

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor of academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to provide information on the recommendation to establish the College of Health, Science, and Technology, Springfield. Dr. Papini discussed the

background, composition, and purpose of the College of Health, Science, and Technology and reported on its administrative structure. He provided information on the anticipated time line for completing the establishment of new schools and departments, as well as the relocation of existing departments and units, that will comprise the college.

Eliminate the Master of Arts in English,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

Dr. Papini then discussed the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Arts in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Springfield. He referred to prior strategies to address declining enrollment and said that despite these efforts, enrollment did not meet projections. He said admissions to the program were suspended in 2019, and the Department of English and Modern Language voted to eliminate the Master of Arts in English in May 2021. He said students currently enrolled in the English master's degree program will be allowed to complete the degree within reasonable time limits.

Eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Economics,
College of Business and Management, Springfield

Dr. Papini then reported on the recommendation to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Economics at Springfield and cited low enrollment for the past decade. He said the department has restructured the economics program to better serve both on-ground and online students in the College of Business and Management, and that as part of the restructuring plan, the Bachelor of Arts in Economics will be eliminated and replaced by an economics concentration within the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA). Dr.

Papini said students currently enrolled in the economics degree program will be allowed to complete the degree within allowable time limits.

President Killeen highlighted the importance of the establishment of a new College of Health, Science, and Technology. Dr. Whitney recognized the hard work leading to this recommendation and referred to its substantial impact. Ms. Craig Schilling remarked on the opportunities for interdisciplinary and collaborative work at the college.

Approve Tuition Rates, Academic Year 2022-2023;
Approve Student Fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, Academic Year 2022-2023;
and Approve Rate Changes for University-Operated Housing Facilities, Urbana,
Chicago, and Springfield, Academic Year 2022-2023

Ms. Craig Schilling then asked Dr. Ghosh to provide information on the recommendations to approve tuition rates for Academic Year 2022-2023; approve student fees for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield for Academic Year 2022-2023; and approve rate changes for University-operated housing facilities at Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield for Academic Year 2022-2023. Dr. Ghosh gave a presentation (materials on file with the secretary) to provide background on these recommendations and referred to the commitment across the University System to provide access for Illinois students, to keep education affordable, and to ensure quality of education. He provided data on Illinois residents attending the universities and said they serve more in-state students than their peers. Dr. Ghosh noted that tuition was frozen in six out of the last seven years and referred to the four-year tuition guarantee. He discussed financial aid and highlighted the University System's increase in system-level aid, and he told the committee that 30 percent of resident undergraduate students pay no tuition or fees. Dr. Ghosh noted that

this number will increase in Academic Year 2021-2022 due to the Illinois Commitment. He then showed the percentage of students who pay less than full tuition and fees at each university. Next, Dr. Ghosh compared tuition and fees at each university to their peer institutions and said they are moving closer to the middle each year.

Dr. Ghosh reiterated the goal of protecting access, affordability, and academic quality and competitiveness and discussed additional considerations for determining the proposed tuition rate. He said the proposed rate includes a 1.8 percent increase at Urbana and Chicago and a 1.5 percent increase at Springfield, all of which are sub-inflationary. Dr. Ghosh then presented the proposed tuition rate for non-resident undergraduate students, graduate programs, professional programs, and online programs.

Next, Dr. Ghosh discussed student fees and assessments and referred to the process for setting student fees, which are reviewed by committees that include student representatives. He said that the student health insurance fee and transportation fee at Chicago and the student health insurance fee at Springfield have not yet been determined. He showed that the recommended student fees and assessments include a 1.63 percent increase at Urbana, a 1.54 percent increase at Chicago, and a 1 percent increase at Springfield. Dr. Ghosh showed the proposed basic rates for undergraduate room and board at each university, with a 1.8 percent increase at Urbana, a 3.2 percent increase at Chicago, and no increase at Springfield. He said these are comparable to those at peer institutions.

President Killeen emphasized the University's commitment to Illinois students and families. He referred to the current high rate of inflation and said the

proposed tuition rate is the result of extensive conversations. Dr. Ghosh said the University's contributions to financial aid demonstrate its commitment to affordability, and he reminded the committee that this proposed sub-inflationary increase would impact new, incoming students and not students currently attending the universities. Ms. Craig Schilling asked if there were any additional comments or questions from trustees, and Dr. King opined that students with health insurance should be able to opt out of paying the health service fee. Ms. Craig Schilling thanked Dr. Ghosh for the presentation and recognized him and many others involved in the process of recommending tuition and fees at the University for exercising due diligence and prudent fiscal discipline. She commented on the impact of establishing tuition rates and fees on Illinois families, expressed appreciation for the University's contributions to financial aid and scholarships, and asked that the University continue to find creative ways to continue to make education affordable while delivering on the promise of educational excellence. Ms. Jakobsson commended those at the University, as well as those serving on the Board, who made it a priority to not raise tuition for several years, especially in consideration of the four-year guaranteed tuition rate.

There was no objection to the items listed above being forwarded to the Board for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Craig Schilling asked if there was any old business. She told the committee that she has requested that a presentation be made at a future meeting on the future of the university libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Craig Schilling asked if there was any new business, and there was none. She announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 16, 2022, at 2:45 p.m., at Urbana.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. by the following roll call vote: Aye, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Ms. Mwilambwe, Mr. Verthein; No, none; Absent, Mr. Mal.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT
Secretary

TAMI CRAIG SCHILLING
Chair

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Special Assistant to the Secretary