

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
JULY 20, 2022

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the I Hotel and Conference Center, Heritage Hall, 1901 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, beginning at 2:51 p.m.

Trustee Tami Craig Schilling, chair of the committee, 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; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Rafael Camacho Jr., voting student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Mohammed A. Haq,<sup>1</sup> student trustee, Chicago; and Mr. Will Formea, student trustee, Springfield. Mr. Joseph Gutman was absent. Mr. Ramón Cepeda and Ms. Sarah C. Phalen<sup>1</sup> attended the meeting as guests.

Also present were 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. Javier Reyes, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Haq and Ms. Phalen attended via remote videoconference.

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., 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 and recognized the new student trustees who joined the committee. She asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held May 18, 2022, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Camacho, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON JULY 21, 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 July 21, 2022, 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.

#### Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2022-2023

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Ghosh to discuss recommendations for promotions in academic rank and change in tenure for Academic Year 2022-2023. Dr. Ghosh emphasized the importance of these recommendations to promote and tenure faculty and referred to the extensive review process. He said that 247 faculty are being recommended for promotion.

Dr. King asked if faculty are required to submit a statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion, and Dr. Ghosh explained this will be required at UIUC beginning Fall 2025, but was not required for the faculty members being recommended for promotion and tenure currently. Dr. King asked for information on the evaluation of these statements, and Dr. Ghosh stated that the provosts at UIUC and UIC are currently reviewing this criteria, noting this is one part of the overall assessment. Dr. King expressed concern regarding the application of ideological questions in the evaluation process, and Ms. Craig Schilling gave an example of one way in which a statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion may be applied. Mr. Edwards commented that the Board

needs a greater understanding of the following: changes made to the requirements for promotion and tenure; how these changes will be evaluated and implemented; and the process by which changes are implemented, both in general terms and as they relate to the promotion and tenure. Dr. Ghosh said this will be provided at the next meeting of this committee. Brief discussion followed, and President Killeen commented on the holistic evaluation of faculty that takes place at each university, stating that evaluation for promotion and tenure is not based on a type of algorithm. He added that the statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion was not required for the faculty members that are currently being recommended for promotion and tenure.

#### Appoint Acting Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Chicago

Ms. Craig Schilling then asked Dr. Reyes to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Karen J. Colley, presently dean of the Graduate College and professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics, College of Medicine at Chicago, as acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Chicago. Dr. Reyes discussed Dr. Colley's background and experience and said she has a proven leadership record. He said she will be acting in his place while he serves as interim chancellor, and he noted this will be the second time she has been appointed as interim provost.

#### Appoint Dean, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Carlos J. Crespo, presently

professor of community health, School of Public Health, Oregon Health and Science University and Portland State University; vice provost for undergraduate training in biomedical research, Office of Academic Affairs; and acting director, Center for Interdisciplinary Mentoring Research, Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Portland State University, as dean of the College of Applied Health Sciences. Dr. Barish described Dr. Crespo's background and experience and said he is one of the top-ranked principal investigators funded by the National Institutes of Health in 2021. He said this recommendation comes as the result of a national search.

Mr. Cepeda asked if Dr. Crespo will be the first Hispanic/Latino dean at the University of Illinois Chicago, and Dr. Barish confirmed this and remarked on Dr. Crespo's outstanding credentials. Mr. Cepeda expressed enthusiastic support for the appointment, and Dr. Reyes commended Dr. Barish and the search committee for their work leading to this recommendation. Dr. Reyes also commented on the significance of this appointment, the university's focus on justice and access, and Dr. Crespo's connections to social work and urban planning. He said he will be a natural connector at the university, breaking down silos that sometimes exist in academia.

Appoint Acting Dean, Graduate College, Chicago

Ms. Craig Schilling then asked Dr. Colley to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Jonathan J. Art, presently associate dean of the Graduate College; professor of anatomy and cell biology, College of Medicine at Chicago; and professor of biomedical engineering, College of Engineering, as acting dean of the Graduate College. She

described Dr. Art's background and experience and said he will be acting in her place while she serves as acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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

Ms. Craig Schilling then asked Dr. Colley to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Lisa A. Freeman, presently professor and head, Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as interim dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Colley said that Dr. Freeman is an accomplished scholar and teacher and described her background and experience, noting that she has been with the university since 1994.

Rename the Department of Public Administration,  
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and the Graduate College

Dr. Colley then provided information on the recommendation to rename the Department of Public Administration as the Department of Public Policy, Management, and Analytics, based on a unanimous vote of the faculty and the endorsement of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. She said this is based on faculty, staff, student, and stakeholder feedback and reflects the expansion of programs within the department over the past decade. Brief discussion followed regarding the inclusion of "analytics" in the proposed name and the role of analytics in the field.

Appoint Dean, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Ingrid

Smithey Fulmer, formerly vice provost for faculty advancement and faculty affairs and professor, School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, New Jersey, as dean, School of Labor and Employment Relations. Dr. Cangellaris stated that Dr. Fulmer will succeed Dr. Fritz Drasgow, who retired from the university, and he described Dr. Fulmer's background and experience.

#### Appoint Interim Dean, College of Education, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then discussed the recommendation to appoint Dr. Michaelene Ostrosky, presently Grayce Wicall Gauthier Professor of Education, Department of Special Education, College of Education, as interim dean, College of Education, and said she will succeed Dr. James D. Anderson, who retired from the university. He described Dr. Ostrosky's background and experience and said she is an outstanding scholar. He told the committee that this recommendation is being made in consultation with senior leaders and with members of the College of Education executive committee and that she will serve in this role until August 2022.

#### Appoint Dean, College of Education, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Chrystalla Mouza, formerly director and distinguished professor, School of Education, and professor of computer and information science, College of Engineering, University of Delaware, Newark, as dean, College of Education, beginning August 15, 2022. He said Dr. Mouza

will succeed Dr. Ostrosky, and he described her background and experience, highlighting her prolific research portfolio.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Business + Data Science,  
Gies College of Business, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris reported on the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in business + data science in the Gies College of Business, Urbana. He said this would be the fifth degree that is part of the “X + DS degree” initiative, and he gave some history of the creation of X + DS programs. He described the proposed business + data science program and discussed the role of data science in business. He stated that based on enrollment projections, the courses required for this program have capacity or can be expanded through differential tuition. He said no new or additional facilities, significant improvements to existing facilities, or additional library resources are needed.

Amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate Constitution, Urbana

Next, Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate constitution to create the position of presiding officer of the Senate. Dr. Cangellaris described the benefits of creating this proposed position, stating it will make the Senate meetings run more smoothly. Ms. Craig Schilling asked how the person to fill this position is selected, and Dr. Cangellaris referred to the proposed revisions to the bylaws, which he said contain this information. Dr. King asked for additional information on the Senate, and Ms. Craig Schilling said this can be provided at a future meeting.



### Appoint Interim Dean, College of Health, Science, and Technology, Springfield

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Mark R. Anderson as interim dean of the College of Health, Science, and Technology. Dr. Papini described Dr. Anderson's background and experience and said his appointment is pursuant to an agreement with The Registry for College and University Presidents. He said a national search will be conducted to identify a permanent successor.

### Rename the College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Next, Dr. Papini provided information on the recommendation to rename the College of Public Affairs and Administration as the College of Public Affairs and Education. He gave an overview of academic reorganization that has been underway at the university and resulted in the establishment of four new schools.

### Rename College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

Dr. Papini then discussed the recommendation to rename the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. He said the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has undergone significant changes amid the academic reorganization, and he listed the six departments now housed in the college. He said the new name accurately describes the college mission and is reflective of the academic programs and breadth of the disciplines now housed in the newly reorganized college.

Eliminate the Institute of Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies,  
Center for State Policy and Leadership, Springfield

Lastly, Dr. Papini reported on the recommendation to eliminate the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies (ILLAPS) as part of a larger restructuring of the Center for State Policy and Leadership (CSPL), under which ILLAPS is structured. He told the committee that all ILLAPS research and operations will continue as part of the CSPL, and that this recommendation will not result in the reduction of current staff, funding, or resources. He described other aspects of the CSPL restructuring, including the elimination of ILLAPS, and referred to some changes to roles and reporting lines. He also provided the rationale for the proposed change.

There were no objections to these items being forwarded to the full Board for approval.

President Killeen commented on all that is happening across the universities and remarked on the talented deans being recommended for appointment, stating that they reflect the excellence of the University.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Craig Schilling recognized Dr. Cangellaris, noting that this would be his last meeting of this committee. She congratulated him on his new role as founding president of NEOM University in Saudi Arabia and said he will be missed greatly. She thanked him for his many contributions and referred to his many accomplishments. Dr. Cangellaris

thanked Ms. Craig Schilling for the remarks and said that he and Dr. Jones have made a great team. He commented on the growing reputation of the University of Illinois throughout the state, country, and world. Ms. Craig Schilling also welcomed Dr. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, to the committee and to the University.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Craig Schilling asked if there was any new business, and there was none. She thanked the student trustees for representing their fellow students and welcomed them to the committee. She announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 21, 2022, at 2:45 p.m., at Urbana.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

TAMI CRAIG SCHILLING  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*