

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

MAY 18, 2022

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, May 18, 2022, beginning at 2:47 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. Ms. Craig Schilling welcomed everyone to 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. Austin Verthein, voting student trustee, Springfield; Ms. Mariama Mwilambwe, student trustee, Urbana; and Mr. Lavleen Mal, student trustee, Chicago. Mr. Ricardo Estrada was absent. Ms. Sarah C. Phalen attended the meeting as a guest.

Also present were Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., 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,

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<sup>1</sup> Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's April 29, 2022, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and 5 ILCS 120/7(e).

chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois 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., 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 noted that this would be the last meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for the current student trustees and asked if they would like to comment. Ms. Mwilambwe, Mr. Mal, and Mr. Verthein expressed appreciation for the opportunity and remarked on their experiences. Ms. Craig Schilling wished them luck and said she looks forward to working with them as alumni.

Ms. Craig Schilling asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held March 16, 2022, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:<sup>2</sup> Aye, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Jakobsson, Mr. Mal, Ms. Mwilambwe, Mr. Verthein; No, none; Absent, Mr. Estrada.

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

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON MAY 19, 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 May 19, 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.

Appoint Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield,  
and Vice President, University of Illinois System

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked President Killeen to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Janet L. Gooch, presently executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, Truman State University, as chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System. President Killeen described Dr. Gooch's

background and experience and remarked on a robust search process. He thanked Ms. Phalen for hosting an event at which the selection of Dr. Gooch was announced.

Appoint Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago,  
and Vice President, University of Illinois System

President Killeen then provided information on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Javier Reyes, presently provost and vice president for academic affairs, Chicago, as interim chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System. He described Dr. Reyes's background and experience and remarked on factors that led to the recommendation that Dr. Reyes serve in this role while a national search is underway. He said that Dr. Reyes is admired at the university for his dynamic leadership.

Appoint Dean, UIC School of Law, Chicago

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Reyes to discuss the recommendation to appoint Ms. Nicola A. Boothe-Perry, presently visiting professor of law, School of Law, Boston University, and professor of law, College of Law, Florida A&M University, as dean of the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law. Dr. Reyes described Ms. Boothe-Perry's background and experience and said that she will succeed Ms. Darby Dickerson, who last served in the role on a permanent basis, and Ms. Julie M. Spanbauer, professor of law, School of Law, who has been serving as interim dean while a national search was conducted. Dr. Reyes commented on the diverse applicant pool and remarked on Ms. Boothe-Perry's distinguished career.

Appoint Interim Dean, College of Business Administration, Chicago

Dr. Reyes then reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Sandra J. Wayne, presently professor of managerial studies and associate dean for faculty affairs, as interim dean, College of Business Administration, Chicago. He described Dr. Wayne's background and experience and said that she will succeed Dr. Michael Mikhail, who is returning to the faculty. He referred to Dr. Wayne's service to the university and commented briefly on the selection process.

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering,  
The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Andreas C. Cangellaris, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Urbana, to discuss the recommendation to establish the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering in The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana. Dr. Cangellaris described the goals of the program and said it is expected to attract a wide range of students who may have otherwise applied to environmental engineering bachelor's programs at other institutions. He referred to rapid growth in the field and said environmental engineering attracts a diverse student body and is the only engineering discipline for which 50 percent or more of its graduates are women. Dr. Cangellaris provided additional information about the course of study and opportunities for graduates.

Rename and Revise the Bachelor of Science  
in Strategic Business Development and Entrepreneurship,  
Gies College of Business, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then provided information regarding the recommendation to rename and revise the Bachelor of Science in Strategic Business Development and Entrepreneurship in the Gies College of Business, Urbana. He said that this proposal would change the name of the major to “Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship” and said that the “Business Development” part of the current major name was confusing to students. Dr. Cangellaris said the new name was proposed based on student feedback and that this recommendation also revises the curriculum to better serve students.

Rename and Revise the Master of Science  
in Technical Systems Management, College of Agricultural, Consumer and  
Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris then reported on the recommendation to rename and revise the Master of Science in Technical Systems Management in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said this recommendation would revise the name of the degree to the “Master of Science in Engineering Technology Management for Agricultural Systems” and that the Board approved a parallel revision at the undergraduate level at its May 20, 2021, meeting. Dr. Cangellaris said feedback from faculty, staff, students, and alumni indicated the program was in need of revision, and he described the process for soliciting feedback regarding changes. He said the proposal to rename the degree to “Engineering Technology and Management for Agricultural Systems” was suggested during this process because the new name is more descriptive, easier to explain, and is embraced by employers.

Rename and Revise the Master of Science  
in Technical Systems Management, Professional Science Masters Concentration,  
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences  
and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris also reported on the recommendation to rename and revise the Master of Science in Technical Systems Management, Professional Science Masters Concentration, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said that under this proposal, the program's name would be revised to the "Master of Science in Engineering Technology and Management for Agricultural Systems, Professional Science Masters Concentration," and he referred to the same rationale that he gave for changing the Master of Science in Technical Systems Management to the Master of Science in Engineering Technology Management for Agricultural Systems. He said that the Professional Science Masters Concentration is designed for industry professionals.

Eliminate the Master of Science in Agricultural Production,  
Professional Science Masters Concentration, College of Agricultural, Consumer and  
Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris discussed the recommendation to eliminate the Master of Science in Agricultural Production, Professional Science Masters Concentration, in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana, referring to extremely low enrollment. He said the department will shift administrative resources to the Department of Crop Sciences's online Master of Science program, which has increased enrollment in recent years.

Eliminate the Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Physics,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Dr. Cangellaris provided information on the recommendation to eliminate the Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana. He said this degree has always had low enrollments, with no enrollment in recent years, and that students are served equally well or better by either the Chemistry PhD program or the Physics PhD program.

Relocate the School of Education,  
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Dennis Papini, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield, to report on the recommendation to relocate the School of Education in the College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield. Dr. Papini said the School of Education was created within the College of Education and Human Services in July 2021 as part of the academic reorganization at the university, with the understanding that the school would relocate to the College of Public Affairs and Administration should the College of Education and Human Services be dissolved. He told the committee that the College of Education and Human Services was dissolved in November 2021 as part of the reorganization and this recommendation would relocate the school to the College of Public Affairs and Administration. Ms. Craig Schilling and Dr. Papini briefly discussed the option for students to major in education without seeking formal licensure.



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

## PRESENTATION

### CARLI: Empowering Education Across the State

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Ms. Anne Craig, senior director of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), to give a presentation (materials on file with the secretary). Ms. Craig provided information about CARLI, stating that it is a membership organization of 127 not-for-profit academic and research libraries in Illinois. She gave an overview of its history and purpose and explained that CARLI was created to improve efficiency and enhance collaboration. Ms. Craig told the committee that its 25 staff members eliminate the duplication of similar duties to enable its member libraries to provide mission-critical services. She reported on the key functions of CARLI and described aspects of its centralized automated services; grant funded programs; professional development; collection development; and 24-hour delivery services, and she discussed the benefits of these functions to its members. Ms. Craig said CARLI's access to electronic resources is its widely used service, and she stated that the bargaining power of 127 libraries makes it possible for CARLI to secure these resources at a lower cost. She added that there is no surcharge passed on to members for this service. Ms. Craig told the committee that CARLI provides services at scale, bringing together institutions of higher education to serve Illinois students.

Ms. Craig discussed CARLI's strategic priorities, which she said include providing the foundation for services that libraries could not otherwise do individually and encouraging innovation in all CARLI libraries. She described the focus of CARLI on student success and referred to declining resources in academic libraries. Ms. Craig discussed CARLI's mission and values, and she gave an overview of its main revenue sources. She presented a chart reflecting Fiscal Year 2021 investments and savings to its members, showing that its market value far exceeds investments made by the University and CARLI members. She concluded her presentation by summarizing CARLI's services, stating that they ensure a level playing field for Illinois students, support world-class libraries, scaffold graduation rates, and contribute to positive accreditation reviews for members. Ms. Craig Schilling thanked Ms. Craig for the presentation, stating it is an excellent example of innovation that has a positive impact on the State and its students. Ms. Jakobsson also thanked Ms. Craig for sharing this information.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Craig Schilling remarked on this reflective time of year, saying goodbye to many students and some University leaders who have contributed to its success. She thanked the three student trustees and said they will be missed.

Ms. Craig Schilling announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 20, 2022, at 2:45 p.m., at Urbana.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

TAMI CRAIG SCHILLING  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*