

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
MAY 17, 2023

This meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in Heritage Hall, I Hotel and Conference Center, 1901 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, beginning at 3:52 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: Mr. Rafael Camacho Jr., voting student trustee, Urbana; Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Joseph Gutman; and Mr. Mohammed A. Haq, student trustee, Chicago. Mr. Will Formea, student trustee, Springfield, and Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes were absent. Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III attended as a guest.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, 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. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; Mr. Thomas

R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of others in attendance at this meeting.

Ms. Craig Schilling welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were questions or corrections regarding the minutes from the committee meeting held March 29, 2023. There were none. On motion of Mr. Haq, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

Ms. Craig Schilling commented on recent Commencement ceremonies, and President Killeen thanked the trustees who participated.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON MAY 18, 2023

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 18, 2023, 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 Dr. Stein to comment on the item recommending appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Dr. Stein 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 Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago

Ms. Craig Schilling asked President Killeen to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, presently executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, as interim chancellor for the University of Illinois Chicago. President Killeen stated that Dr. Jones would serve in this role from July 1, 2023, through July 4, 2023. He said that Dr. Javier A. Reyes, who has served as interim chancellor since July 1, 2022, resigned effective July 1, 2023, to serve as chancellor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. President Killeen stated that Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda will assume her role as chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, on July 5, 2023. He told the committee that Dr. Miranda has visited the university regularly since being appointed.

#### Approve Tuition Rates for Online Master of Science in Architectural Studies, Structures Concentration, Urbana, and Online Master of Public Administration, Chicago

Next, Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Nicholas Jones to report on the recommendation to approve tuition rates for the online Master of Science in Architectural Studies, Structures Concentration, at Urbana and the online Master of Public Administration at Chicago. Dr. Jones stated that both programs already offer in-person delivery, and he explained that the current approach to establishing tuition rates does not provide enough flexibility to quickly pivot and offer an online modality to meet perceived demand. He said that new

programs can include proposed tuition rates when the item is presented to the Board for approval, but for existing programs such as these, where an online option can be added quickly without Board approval, the proposed tuition rates are brought to the Board separately. He discussed the need to advertise online programs and publicize the associated tuition rates in a timely manner. Dr. Jones then provided information about anticipated enrollment and the proposed tuition rates for each program. Mr. Gutman asked if the University has a fundamental philosophy or System-wide approach to online education. Dr. Jones expressed appreciation for the question and said that this will be discussed at a future Board or committee meeting.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Urbana

Ms. Craig Schilling then asked Dr. Robert Jones to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. John J. Coleman, presently professor of political science and dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, as vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at Urbana. Dr. Jones described Dr. Coleman's background and experience and said this recommendation comes as the result of a national search chaired by Dr. Jeffrey R. Brown, dean of the Gies College of Business. Dr. Jones told the committee that Dr. Coleman and his wife have ties to Illinois, and he said this recommendation has the support of President Killeen and Dr. Nicholas Jones. President Killeen thanked Dr. William T. Bernhard, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Urbana, for serving in this role on an interim basis while the search was conducted.

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

Dr. Robert Jones provided information about the recommendation to amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution* and said this would update the name of the Senate from “Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus” to “University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate,” which is consistent with the change in the University of Illinois *Statutes* from “campus” to “university.”

Appoint Dean, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Bernhard to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Germán A. Bollero as dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana. Dr. Bernhard said that Dr. Bollero has served as interim dean since September 15, 2021, and he described Dr. Bollero’s background and experience. He said that he succeeds Dr. Kimberlee K. Kidwell.

Rename the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health,  
College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

Dr. Bernhard then reported on the recommendation to rename the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health in the College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana, to the Department of Health and Kinesiology. He gave a history of the department and said it merged with the Department of Community Health in 2005. Dr. Bernhard said the proposed name reflects the broader nature of the research of the faculty, is in line with peer institutions, and will provide clarity for prospective students. Ms. Craig Schilling

asked why “community” was dropped from the name, and Dr. Bernhard stated that while community health is one area of study in the department, research has expanded to encompass various aspects of health.

Appoint Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Karen Colley, acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chicago, to provide information on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Lisa A. Freeman, presently interim dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and professor, Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago, as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago. Dr. Colley described Dr. Freeman’s background and experience and gave a summary of the national search that was conducted to fill the position, stating that Dr. Freeman was selected because of her profound understanding of the college and leadership as well as the value of the liberal arts education and the university’s commitment to the mission of access, equity, and inclusion. Dr. Colley said Dr. Freeman is regarded as an exceptional leader and serious scholar. President Killeen noted that Dr. Freeman is a graduate of the President’s Executive Leadership Program.

Establish the Department of Latin American and Latino Studies,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Graduate College, Chicago

Dr. Colley then discussed the recommendation to establish the Department of Latin American and Latino Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago. She stated that the program in Latin American and Latino Studies in

the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences currently functions like a department, having the ability to hire, tenure, and promote faculty, and explained that this change would equalize its standing with other academic departments within the college and university and removes the impression that Latin American and Latino Studies is of lesser standing. Dr. Colley said the establishment of the program would not impact curriculum, staffing, or budget and stated that the role of director would be replaced by a chair.

Rename and Reorganize the Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies,  
College of Public Affairs and Education, Springfield

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Gooch to report on the recommendation to rename and reorganize the Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, College of Public Affairs and Education, Springfield. Dr. Gooch stated faculty at the College of Public Affairs and Education proposed renaming the Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies as the Bachelor of Arts in International and Global Studies. She said that as part of the university's academic reorganization, the Global Studies program, which was previously housed in the Department of Political Science, is now housed in the new School of Politics and International Affairs. Dr. Gooch said that changing the program name to include international studies will expand curricular linkages between the new program and the new school and will give the students the opportunity to take a wider range of courses. She referred to the popularity and increased need for interdisciplinary programs, and she said this change would align with peer institutions. She gave an overview of proposed changes to the curriculum and described the rationale for each. Dr. Gooch said there are no costs associated with renaming or reorganizing the program.

Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Springfield

Dr. Gooch then provided information on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Cecilia Cornell as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, Springfield. She said that Dr. Cornell will succeed Dr. Linda M. Delene, who had resigned. Dr. Gooch described Dr. Cornell's background and experience and said that a search for a permanent provost is underway.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Craig Schilling asked if there was any new business to discuss, and there was none. She announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 19, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., at Chicago. She also referred to the conversations that took place during this meeting and said that a future meeting of this committee would include a discussion of online education at the University and in higher education, and she referred to some informative books that were written on the topic of higher education and its evolution.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Ms. Craig Schilling requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Haq, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN  
*Secretary*

TAMI CRAIG SCHILLING  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*