

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Student Dining and Residential Programs Building, Multi-purpose Room 2025 B and C, 301 E. Gregory Drive, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, beginning at 2:51 p.m.

Trustee Joseph Gutman, 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. Joseph Gutman; Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes; Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III. Mr. Ramón Cepeda was absent. Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Ms. Sarah C. Phalen; Ms. Sanchita Teeka, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Mohammed A. Haq, voting student trustee, Chicago; and Mr. Kyle Ingram, student trustee, Springfield, attended as guests.

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. Marie Lynn Miranda, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, 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); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., vice president for economic development and innovation; 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.

Mr. Gutman asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on July 19, 2023, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Milhouse, seconded by Ms. Craig Schilling, 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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. Gutman introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on September 21, 2023. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff,
and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

Mr. Gutman asked Dr. Stein to comment on the recommended appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Dr. Stein explained that the appointments recommended in this item are thoroughly reviewed at the

appropriate levels within the college, department, and unit, and he asked that members of the committee contact him with any questions.

Approve Academic and Administrative Appointments for Academic Year 2023-2024

Mr. Gutman asked Dr. Nicholas Jones to report on the recommendation to approve academic and administrative appointments for Academic Year 2023-2024. Dr. Jones stated that this item appears before the Board on an annual basis and is part of the routine reappointment process for faculty, academic professionals, and some other members of the staff.

Amend Multiyear Contract with Head Coach, Women's Basketball, Chicago

Mr. Gutman then asked Dr. Miranda to report on the recommendation to amend the multiyear contract with Ms. Ashleen Bracey, head coach of women's basketball, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Chicago. She told the committee that the team improved from two wins to 19 wins in the first year of Ms. Bracey's leadership of the program, marking the greatest program turnaround in Missouri Valley Conference history. She referred to Ms. Bracey's integrity, values, and caring nature and said she is a role model for student-athletes.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Legislative Update

Next, Mr. Gutman asked Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, assistant vice president, external and state relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, assistant vice president, federal relations, to give a legislative update. Ms. Creasey gave examples of external events with government officials and members of the community that took place throughout the summer, and she referred to more recent meetings between legislators and members of the faculty across the University System. She said the third annual leadership state tour would begin on September 25, 2023, with plans to visit local chambers of commerce, research facilities, community colleges, high schools, and education associations, all focusing on a theme of action. She said the leadership tour would also include visits with Illinois Innovation Network partners throughout the state. Lastly, Ms. Creasey stated that work on the 2024 legislative agenda is underway, and she referred to the strength of the student advocacy coalitions at each university.

Mr. Weinberger gave an update on federal relations and referred to productive engagements with federal lawmakers over the summer. He said current advocacy efforts relate to the farm bill and passage of the annual defense authorization bill. He said that Congress needs to reach bipartisan agreement on spending levels for Fiscal Year 2024, and he told the committee that spending bills that would benefit the University's research projects have received support. Mr. Weinberger referred to the

advocacy efforts of Illinois Connection in support of robust funding levels for Fiscal Year 2024. He said negotiations on spending levels are ongoing and stated that if not resolved, a government shutdown on October 1, 2023, is possible. He described the impact of a shutdown, which he said could include delays in research funding. Mr. Gutman thanked Ms. Creasey and Mr. Weinberger for the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Gutman announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., in Chicago. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Ms. Holmes, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN
Secretary

JOSEPH GUTMAN
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary