

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

JULY 10, 2024

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Isadore and Sadie Dorin Forum, Rooms D, E, and F, 725 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, beginning at 1:53 p.m.

Trustee Jesse H. Ruiz, vice 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,¹ Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III, Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz. Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes was absent. Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell; Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Ms. Sarah Phalen; Ms. Ariana A. Mizan, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Quinn S. Basta, student trustee, Chicago; and Mr. Christian Johnson, voting 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

¹ Mr. Gutman attended the meeting via remote videoconference.

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. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

Mr. Ruiz asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on May 15, 2024, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, 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 11, 2024

Mr. Ruiz introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on July 11, 2024. 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. Ruiz 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.

Revise “Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees”

Dr. Stein then provided information regarding the recommendation to revise “Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees” and stated that this would increase the number of speakers to 10, with each speaker permitted three minutes for comment. He said the total time allocation for public comment would remain at 30 minutes but would enable a larger number of speakers to participate in public comment, increasing the number of viewpoints presented to the Board. Mr. Rice added that this approach is consistent with the Open Meetings Act.

Approve Revisions to Policy on Employment of University of Illinois Retirees and Employment of Other State Universities Retirement System Annuitants

Mr. Ruiz asked Ms. Jami M. Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer, University of Illinois System, to discuss the recommendation to approve revisions to the policy on employment of University of Illinois retirees and the employment of other State Universities Retirement System (SURS) annuitants. Ms. Painter stated that the policy was last updated in 2013, and she said the proposed changes would provide clarity for University units and retirees, as well as update the format to align with the University of Illinois System office policy structure. She noted that a committee was formed to review the policy and suggest revisions.

Appoint Members to the University of Illinois Research Park, LLC,
Board of Managers, Urbana

Mr. Ruiz then asked Dr. Robert Jones to report on the recommendation to appoint members to the University of Illinois Research Park, LLC, Board of Managers, Urbana. Dr. Jones stated that he is recommending Mr. Dennis Beard and Dr. Rashid Bashir, dean of The Grainger College of Engineering, to fill the vacancies for business leader representative and faculty representative, respectively. He referred to term limits that resulted in the business leader vacancy, and he said the faculty vacancy was created when Dr. Jeffrey R. Brown ended his term as dean. Dr. Jones emphasized Mr. Beard's role as an active start-up investor and mentor and said he is a proud alum of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Jones referred to the Board's familiarity with Dr. Bashir and said he has been a driver of partnerships across the state. He said both individuals will bring tremendous value to the Research Park due to their backgrounds and expertise.

Appoint Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Dr. Jones then reported on the recommendation to appoint members to the Athletic Board, Urbana. He listed the individuals being recommended for appointment to the Athletic Board and said the Athletic Board serves as a critical connecting point and is a unique feature of the organization and operation of the athletic program at the university.

Appoint Chief Executive Officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, Chicago

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to provide information about the recommendation to appoint Dr. Mark I. Rosenblatt, presently the G. Stephen Irwin Dean of the College of Medicine; UIC Distinguished Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; physician surgeon, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; professor of pharmacology, College of Medicine at Chicago; departmental affiliate, Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering; and associate vice chancellor for physician affairs, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, as chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, Chicago. Dr. Barish said Dr. Rosenblatt will continue to serve as G. Stephen Irwin Dean of the College of Medicine, and he referred to his accomplishments while serving as interim chief executive officer since September 16, 2023. Dr. Barish described Dr. Rosenblatt's background and experience and referred to his collaborative leadership style. He said he has the skills, experience, and vision necessary to lead the hospital and clinics while remaining an outstanding dean of the College of Medicine.

Extend Appointment of Interim Vice Chancellor
for Finance and Administration, Springfield

Mr. Ruiz then asked Dr. Gooch to discuss the recommendation to extend the appointment of Mr. Ken Kriz, interim vice chancellor for finance and administration, Springfield. Dr. Gooch indicated this would extend Mr. Kriz's appointment for an additional 12 months,

through May 31, 2026. She listed Mr. Kriz's accomplishments and described his performance while serving in the role since May 2023.

Appoint Director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield

Dr. Gooch then reported on the recommendation to appoint Mr. Michael Hermann as director of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield. She said that Mr. Herman has served as designate since June 17, 2024, and she described his background and experience. She said he succeeds Dr. Jamarco Clark, who served in the role on an interim basis, since November 17, 2023.

Head Coach, Women's Basketball, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield

Next, Dr. Gooch discussed the recommendation to appoint Ms. Olivia Lett as head women's basketball coach, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield. She said Ms. Lett has served as designate since June 3, 2024, and she described her background and experience. She said she succeeds Ms. Summer Quesenberry, who served in the role since July 18, 2022.

Ms. Mizan referred to the item recommending changes to the "Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees" and asked Board members to comment on the rationale for the change. Ms. Craig Schilling stated that the number of topics addressed during the public comment session are restricted by the number of

speakers, and she said that three minutes is enough time to communicate the main points of an issue or concern. Mr. Edwards added that the five minutes currently given to each speaker is longer than the time allowed by most public bodies, and he said this change would increase access.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Enterprise Risk Management Annual Report and Digital Risk Update

Mr. Ruiz asked Ms. Joda Morton, director for enterprise risk management, University of Illinois System, to give the Enterprise Risk Management Annual Report (materials on file with the secretary). Ms. Morton gave an overview of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and listed the composition and role of the System Executive Risk Management Council. She discussed key risk areas and said that data strategy and deferred maintenance backlog and aging infrastructures were identified as Risk Council focus areas, and she shared information about each. Ms. Morton reported on the annual risk assessment and presented a key risk area heat map, and she shared the results of the risk assessment survey, listing emerging risks and top concerns. She stated that the ERM program has had positive results.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Morton discussed the risk score and mitigation efforts related to mental health and well-being, and President Killeen stated that this was

previously flagged as an area of high risk. Ms. Mizan inquired about the completion rate of the ERM survey, and Ms. Morton stated it is 51 percent. Ms. Mizan and Ms. Morton discussed the composition of the survey and process for identifying risks. Additional discussion followed, and Ms. Morton shared information on the timing of the survey and the impact of current events on survey responses. President Killeen described the benefits of selecting two areas of focus each year.

Ms. Morton concluded her presentation at 2:26 p.m., and Mr. Ruiz thanked her for the information. Mr. Cepeda left the meeting at that time.

Legislative Update

Next, Mr. Ruiz asked Mr. Nolan Drea, associate director of state relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, assistant vice president, federal relations, to give a legislative update. Mr. Drea described the legislative review process and referred to a successful spring legislative session. He highlighted some key achievements, including a 2 percent increase in funding to the University; a \$10.0 million increase in Monetary Award Program (MAP) funds; and funding for capital projects. Mr. Drea reported on advocacy efforts related to procurement reforms; updates to name, image, and likeness (NIL) regulations; and articulation agreements to improve the transfer process. He referred to the efforts of the state relations team to represent the University and its stakeholders and advance higher education in Illinois. Mr. Drea discussed the role of Illinois Connection and

reported on its impact. He shared upcoming events and said the full end-of-year report will be sent to members of the Board soon.

Mr. Weinberger gave an update on federal relations and reported on President Killeen's efforts advocating for robust funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and science research. He said a call to action was issued to advocate for NSF funding that resulted in more than 2,000 letters to Congress. Mr. Weinberger described a successful event supporting the National University Rail Center of Excellence at Urbana, which was attended by Senator Dick Durbin, and he said the precision fermentation project at Urbana was one of 12 regional technology hubs selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce for funding. He reported on the 2024 Presidential Executive Leadership Program, which was hosted in Washington, D.C., and shared that there were many successful visits with White House and agency officials, Illinois delegation members, academic association leadership, and Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Drea 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. Ruiz announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at Urbana. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Milhouse, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Vice Chair

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