

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the I Hotel and Conference Center, Illinois Ballroom, 1901 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, beginning at 1:41 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,<sup>1</sup> Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III, Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz. Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Ms. Sarah C. 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,

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Holmes attended the meeting via remote videoconference.

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); 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. Gutman asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on July 10, 2024, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Ruiz, 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 19, 2024

Mr. Gutman introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on September 19, 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. 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 2024-2025

Mr. Gutman asked Ms. Jami M. Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer, University of Illinois System, to discuss the recommendation to approve academic and administrative appointments for Academic Year 2024-2025. Ms. Painter 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. She noted that it reflects the 2 percent salary program, and she said this recommendation also gives the president authority to make changes to appointments throughout the year.

Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Innovation, Chicago

Mr. Gutman then asked Dr. Miranda to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Thomas J. Royston, presently professor and head, Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering, and professor, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Chicago, as interim vice chancellor for innovation, Chicago. Dr. Miranda stated that Dr. Royston succeeds Dr. Anthony (TJ) Augustine, who served in the role until July 15, 2024. She stated a search for someone to serve in this role on a permanent basis is underway. Dr. Miranda described Dr. Royston's background and experience,

highlighted his calm nature and unflappable demeanor, and said he is already engaged in the role in a helpful and meaningful way.

Appoint Interim Director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Chicago

Next, Dr. Miranda reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. John Coumbe-Lilley, presently clinical professor, Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago, as interim director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Chicago. She stated that Dr. Coumbe-Lilley is a clinical psychologist whose area of research focuses on athletes' recovery from injuries, particularly from catastrophic injuries. Dr. Miranda described his connections to the athletic teams and said he is a relational leader who has received enthusiastic support for serving in this role. She told the committee that an NCAA consultant will be working with the coaches and Dr. Coumbe-Lilley to answer questions that may arise, noting that Dr. Coumbe-Lilley is not familiar with NCAA rules.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Legislative Update

Mr. Gutman asked Mr. Nolan Drea, associate director of state relations, and Ms. Melissa Haas, director, federal relations, to give a legislative update. Mr. Drea referred to the fourth annual leadership state tour, which was underway. He said Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, assistant vice president, external and State relations, and Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, were participating in listening sessions held by the Illinois Commission on Equitable Public University Funding on the new funding formula that has been proposed for higher education in Illinois, and he said they would be providing input on behalf of the University of Illinois System. He referred to preparations for the fall veto session, and he described efforts to raise the profile of the University of Illinois System and its role in promoting economic development in Illinois. Lastly, Mr. Drea reported on work to engage with students, including recruitment for the Student Advocacy Committee and the hiring of three student fellows.

Ms. Haas shared an update on federal relations and gave examples of successful engagements with members of the Illinois delegation and staff during the August recess period. She said that with Congress back in session, extending federal government funding is a priority. Ms. Haas described legislation being considered in the House and said that none are expected to pass the Senate. She said focus will shift after October to preparing for the new Congress and administration.

Mr. Gutman thanked Mr. Drea and Ms. Haas 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 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at Chicago. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Milhouse, seconded by Ms. Craig Schilling, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN  
*Secretary*

JOSEPH GUTMAN  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*