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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

March 20, 2025

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Student Union Ballroom, Room 224, 2251 Richard Wright Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on Thursday, March 20, 2025, beginning at 8:09 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

Chair Jesse H. Ruiz called the meeting to order and said that Dr. Suzet M. McKinney was appointed to the Board by Governor J. B. Pritzker since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. He welcomed her to the Board.

Mr. Ruiz asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the Board were present: Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell, Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Ms. Tami Craig Schilling, Mr. Joseph Gutman,<sup>2</sup> Dr. Suzet M. McKinney, Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III, Ms. Sarah C. Phalen, Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz. Governor J. B. Pritzker was absent. Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> At 8:05 a.m., Chair Ruiz convened the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC. All members of the Board were present except Governor Pritzker. There were two agenda items, which were approved. On motion of Dr. McKinney, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 a.m.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Gutman attended via remote videoconference.

Christian Johnson, voting student trustee, Springfield, was present. The following nonvoting student trustees were in attendance: Ms. Ariana A. Mizan, student trustee, Urbana; Mr. Quinn S. Basta, student trustee, Chicago. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

Also present were the officers of the Board: Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer;<sup>3</sup> Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

#### MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 a.m., Chair Ruiz stated: “A motion is now in order to convene an executive session to consider the following topics as permitted under Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act: pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University (subsection 11); University employment or appointment-related matters (subsection 1); and purchase or lease of real property for use by the University (subsection 6).” On motion of Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Basta, this motion was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

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<sup>3</sup> Mr. McKeever attended via remote videoconference.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Material redacted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06d)**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

There were no additional questions or comments, and the executive session adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

## REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 10:25 a.m., with all Board members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance. Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Stein to make an announcement regarding today's meeting. Dr. Stein referred to the Board's long-established procedures to provide for an orderly hearing of comments from the public during its meetings and the statement that appears in the public notice for this meeting, which he indicated was posted outside the meeting venue, and appears throughout the Board of Trustee's website.

He read the statement as follows:

The Board of Trustees meeting is open to the public, pursuant to Illinois state law and the Board's own procedures. Attendees will not be permitted to knowingly interfere with or impede, through disruptions or other means, the Board's performance of its institutional duties. Individuals who disrupt the meeting will be asked to leave. If the disruption continues following due notice to depart the meeting space, individuals will be removed from the premises. Individuals who disrupt the Board's performance of its institutional duties or refuse to leave the meeting may be in violation of state

laws, including but not limited to the Illinois Interference with a Public Institution of Education Act.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Ruiz welcomed everyone to the University of Illinois Springfield. He recognized the passing of former UIS chancellor Dr. Richard D. Ringeisen, who he said led the university with vision and dedication from 2001 to 2010. He extended condolences to his family, former colleagues, and friends.

Mr. Ruiz said he would now install Dr. McKinney as a new trustee and asked her to join him at the podium. Mr. Ruiz conveyed the responsibilities and expectations of members of the Board of Trustees. He described the powers of the trustees and their responsibility to the State and University, and he stated that the Board is committed to representing and protecting the best interests of the University and to serve the State and the people of Illinois. Mr. Ruiz congratulated Dr. McKinney and gave her a trustee pin. This was followed by a round of applause.

#### PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE SONG

Mr. Ruiz invited members of UIS Music Camerata to perform the State song, *Illinois*. Mr. Ruiz stated that the Music Camerata is a group of non-major music scholarship students who perform a variety of musical combinations for university events throughout the academic year. He said the group would play an instrumental arrangement of “Illinois” arranged by Mr. Adam Larison, instructor of music and director of UIS Music Camerata.

Mr. Ruiz welcomed Ms. Jillian Krieger, a sophomore majoring in legal studies, on violin; Ms. Sophia Gambiani, a junior majoring in both history and political science, on bass clarinet; Ms. Abigail Su, a senior pursuing a degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and economics, on clarinet; and Ms. Yunhui Jeong, a health science major, playing piano. The performance was followed by a round of applause.

#### INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OFFICERS AND SENATE OBSERVERS

President Killeen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; 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; and Dr. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System. President Killeen then introduced other University officers and staff: Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., vice president for economic development and innovation; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

President Killeen introduced the senate observers and representative of the academic professional staff: Mr. Eric Kurt, media commons coordinator, University of

Illinois Library, Urbana, representing the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate; Dr. Neetu Singh, associate professor of management information system, Springfield, secretary of the UIS Senate and member of the Senate Executive Committee, representing the Springfield Senate; and Ms. Sarah Gibson, associate online advisor, Springfield, representing the academic professional staff. He said that joining via livestream were Dr. Amy Dunning, assistant professor of mathematics, University of Illinois Springfield, representing the University Senates Conference; Mr. Asa Asad, undergraduate students senator, representing the Chicago Senate; and Ms. Sandra DeGroot, chair of the UIC Senate Executive Committee.

#### OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Ruiz invited President Killeen to give opening remarks. He welcomed Dr. McKinney to the Board and commented on this challenging period for higher education, particularly for institutions like the University of Illinois System that are charged with the responsibility of providing an excellent education at an affordable price. He referred to the University's deep portfolio of research and the ways in which that research enriches and saves lives, stating that much of this research is financed by federal funding.

President Killeen said this model has driven innovation and has been the envy of the world. He said that rapid changes have resulted in much uncertainty, and he referred to ongoing efforts to get answers, comply with the law, and ensure critical work continues

across the University System. He said the University will continue to meet its responsibilities.

President Killeen referred to the theme of “standing firm” that he discussed at the January meeting of the Board, and he referred to the first pillar of the Strategic Framework: “An Institution of and for Our Students.” He described a trip to California where he and his wife, Dr. Roberta Johnson Killeen, visited with middle school students, and he shared the positive messages they sent to him thanking him for the visit. President Killeen remarked on the wide spectrum of students with a variety of backgrounds and said the University needs to meet the needs of each.

President Killeen then discussed the obligation to meet the needs of the 97,000 students enrolled at the University and to serve the State of Illinois. He referred to the differences at each university and said Illinois is a quilt of cultures from every corner of the globe. President Killeen described the wide variety of backgrounds of its students and listed the ways in which the universities meet their needs. He shared a quote from Ms. Juliana Stratton, lieutenant governor and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign alum, who said, “It’s great to see dreamers that do.” President Killeen said the University System provides fuel for those dreams.

#### WELCOME FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Gooch to give welcome remarks from Chicago. Dr. Gooch welcomed everyone to the campus and acknowledged former chancellor Dr. Ringeisen, who she

said played a pivotal role in shaping the University of Illinois Springfield. She listed some of his many contributions. Dr. Gooch gave an update on negotiations with the university's non-tenure track bargaining unit, stating that an agreement was reached the previous evening on a three-year contract. She said that the work underway at the university is more critical than ever, and she referred to external and internal pressures making that work more difficult than ever before. Dr. Gooch said the pool of college-bound students is shrinking, financial sources are less stable, and federal changes are causing uncertainty and stress for many constituents. She referred to a structural deficit problem and said future vitality of the university depends on recognition of its fiscal situation, accountability, and the execution of smart, data-driven decisions. Dr. Gooch said that since January 2024, the chancellor's cabinet has developed and implemented an effective, short-term operational plan that includes priorities that can be implemented in two or three years. She said the three strategic priorities of the North Star Initiative are designed to evaluate and expand program offerings to meet student demand and workforce needs, enhance the university's fiscal health, and improve student retention. Dr. Gooch said efforts related to these priorities include an academic portfolio review; efforts to reduce the deficit; and improve student persistence, reduce dropout rates, and increase graduation rates. She shared details about each and said administration is mindful of building some areas while reducing or eliminating others, and she gave examples of areas of growth. Dr. Gooch said every challenge is an opportunity and that

she looks forward to sharing the university's success resulting from these efforts at the Board meeting next year.

#### ILLINOIS QUANTUM AND MICROELECTRONICS PARK, LLC, UPDATE

Mr. Ruiz invited Dr. Harley Johnson, director and chief executive officer of the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronic Park, LLC, (IQMP) to provide an overview and update on IQMP. Dr. Johnson gave a presentation (materials on file with the secretary) and said that IQMP is a first-of-its-kind campus to support quantum computing scale-up and related quantum and advanced microelectronics research and development. He listed Illinois ecosystem partners and said quantum computing has the potential to solve many of the biggest challenges in multiple industries throughout society. Dr. Johnson said that PsiQuantum aims to build the first utility-scale fault-tolerant quantum computer at the park, and IBM will be locating their state-of-the-art quantum computer there. He said IBM will also be a lead partner in the National Quantum Algorithm Center. He said DARPA performers will also be located in the park, as will other tenants and users who will work to facilitate the development and commercialization of quantum technologies. Dr. Johnson referred to the State's historic \$500.0 million Fiscal Year 2025 investment and said the park is managed and operated by IQMP, LLC and is governed by a statewide group of stakeholders. He told the Board that it will include a National Quantum Facility with an industrial scale cryoplant and a National Quantum Algorithm Center. Dr. Johnson said IQMP coordinates its work through 15 workstreams, and he reported on business

development, showed an image of site development, and discussed community engagement. He emphasized the importance of community engagement and said meetings are regularly held with the community, alderman, environmental groups, and educational leaders. He asked trustees if they had any questions.

Mr. Johnson and Dr. Johnson discussed the facility location, which will be located at the former site of US Steel South Works. Mr. Milhouse, who serves as chair of the board of IQMP, LLC, commended the IQMP team on their speed and expertise. Ms. Craig Schillig inquired about competing quantum initiatives, and Dr. Johnson said there is a global race underway. He said several centers are under development in the United States, noting that each is slightly different and not at the scale of IQMP. Ms. Mizan asked for information regarding community feedback, and Dr. Johnson referred to job opportunities. He said environmental concerns are being addressed. Mr. Ruiz thanked Dr. Johnson for the presentation.

## FACULTY PRESENTATION

### The Rising Arc of Arts Research at the University of Illinois

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Linda Moorhouse, director, School of Music, Urbana, and University Senates Conference member, to give a presentation entitled “The Rising Arc of Arts Research at the University of Illinois” (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Moorhouse discussed arts research, stating it is both a subject and method of investigation, often providing a fresh perspective. She reported on the expanding scope of

arts research, fostering creative practice and interdisciplinary exploration and enhancing scientific and medical understanding. Dr. Moorhouse described the commitment to arts research, and she shared the many benefits of conducting arts research, which she said fosters social change, cultural preservation, and personal transformation. The presentation was followed by a round of applause.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ruiz introduced the reports from Board committee chairs, noting that all committees met the previous day. He stated that new committee assignments were distributed to members of the Board on March 17, 2025.

#### Board of Trustees Board Committees, Membership

##### Academic and Student Affairs

Tami Craig Schilling, chair  
Joseph Gutman, vice chair  
J. Carolyn Blackwell  
Ramón Cepeda  
Quinn Basta  
Christian Johnson  
Ariana Mizan

##### Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities

Ramón Cepeda, chair  
Jesse H. Ruiz, vice chair  
Lester H. McKeever Jr.  
Wilbur C. Milhouse III  
Sarah C. Phalen  
Ariana Mizan

##### Governance, Personnel, and Ethics

Joseph Gutman, chair  
Jesse H. Ruiz, vice chair

	J. Carolyn Blackwell Tami Craig Schilling Wilbur C. Milhouse III
University Healthcare System	Jesse H. Ruiz, chair Sarah C. Phalen, vice chair J. Carolyn Blackwell Ramón Cepeda Suzet M. McKinney Quinn Basta
University of Illinois Foundation	Jesse H. Ruiz
University of Illinois Alumni Association	Jesse H. Ruiz
State Universities Civil Service Merit Board	J. Carolyn Blackwell Ramón Cepeda Tami Craig Schilling
University of Illinois Research Park, LLC	Tami Craig Shilling
Prairieland Energy, Inc.	Wilbur C. Milhouse III
Illinois Ventures, LLC	Sarah C. Phalen
Illinois Global Gateway, LLC	To Be Determined

Report from Chair,  
University Healthcare System Committee

Mr. Ruiz, as chair of the University Healthcare System Committee, gave a report from that committee. Mr. Ruiz said the committee met the previous day and that he attended along with Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Dr. McKinney, Ms. Phalen, and Mr. Basta. He said Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Mizan, and Mr. Johnson attended as guests. Mr. Ruiz said the committee held an executive session to discuss pending, probable, or

imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University. He said the committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2025. Mr. Ruiz said Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, gave opening remarks and highlighted the increase in applications to the University of Illinois College of Medicine, as well as the Certified Nurse Anesthetist Program, which he said will fill a growing need in Illinois. He said Dr. Mark I. Rosenblatt, chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, and G. Stephen Irwin Dean, College of Medicine, Chicago, gave the CEO Report, and Dr. Tiesa Hughes-Dillard, chief nursing officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, presented the annual nursing report to the committee. He said Dr. Jonathan M. Radosta, chief medical officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, presented the chief medical officer report. Mr. Cepeda said there was no new or old business discussed, and he announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 21, 2025, in Champaign.

Report from Chair,  
Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee

Mr. Ruiz, who serves as vice chair of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee, then provided a report from that committee. He said he attended the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee meeting the previous day with Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Craig Schilling, and Mr. Milhouse. He said Mr. Gutman joined via remote videoconference. He said Mr. Cepeda, Dr. McKinney, Ms. Phalen, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Basta attended as guests. Mr. Ruiz said the committee approved the

minutes of the last meeting that was held on January 22, 2025. He said the committee reviewed the items within the purview of the committee on the Board's agenda, and he listed the items. He said the committee also reviewed item no. 1 from the agenda of the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of IQMP. Mr. Ruiz said Mr. Joe Barnes, chief digital risk officer, University of Illinois System, gave a presentation on the annual Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) Risk Assessment and Reporting. Mr. Ruiz said the committee also heard a presentation from Dr. Jason Lane, special advisor to the president, University of Illinois System, on the System's current approach to international strategy. Mr. Ruiz said Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, assistant vice president, external and state relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, assistant vice president, federal relations, gave a legislative update, and Mr. Ruiz gave brief summaries of the reports. He stated there was no old or new business and announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in Champaign.

Report from Chair,  
Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee

Mr. Ruiz asked Mr. Cepeda, chair of the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee, to give a report from that committee. Mr. Cepeda said the committee met the previous day and that he attended the meeting with Mr. McKeever, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, and Ms. Mizan. He reported that Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Craig Schilling, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Basta, and Mr. Johnson joined as guests. He said Mr. Gutman joined as guest via remote videoconference. Mr. Cepeda said that the committee approved the

minutes of the last meeting, held January 22, 2025. Mr. Cepeda said the committee reviewed the recommended agenda items within the purview of the committee, and he listed those items. He said the committee also reviewed item no. 2 on the agenda of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of IQMP. He said Ms. Karla Smalley and Mr. Damon Wilson, architects from Bailey Edward Design Inc., gave a design presentation for the Doris Kelley Christopher Illinois Extension Center in Urbana, and Mr. Gabriel Wilcox, from Krueck Sexton Architects, Ltd., gave a design presentation for the renovation of Jefferson and Henry Halls in Chicago. Mr. Cepeda said the committee heard a presentation from Ms. Julie A. Zemaitis, executive director, University Audits, University of Illinois System, who gave a summary of internal audit activity through the second quarter ended December 31, 2024. Mr. Cepeda said that there was no old or new business discussed, and he announced the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 21, 2025, at 1:15 p.m., in Champaign.

Report from Chair,  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Ruiz asked Ms. Craig Schilling, chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, to give a report from that committee. Ms. Craig Schilling stated that the committee met the previous day and that she attended the meeting with Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta, and Mr. Johnson. She said Mr. Gutman joined via remote videoconference. She said Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, and Mr. Ruiz joined as guests. Ms. Craig Schilling reported the committee approved the minutes of the meeting

of January 22, 2025. She said the committee reviewed the agenda items within the purview of the committee on the Board's agenda, and she listed those items. Ms. Craig Schilling reported that the committee heard a presentation from Dr. Nicholas Jones, who introduced Ms. Jami M. Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer, University of Illinois System, and Dr. Sarah Zehr Gantz, senior assistant vice president for academic initiatives and policies, University of Illinois System, to give a presentation on the cultivation of leadership within the University system. Ms. Craig Schilling said that Ms. Painter shared details about the Professional Staff Leadership Academy, and Dr. Gantz described the President's Executive Leadership Program. Ms. Craig Schilling said both programs foster the development of leaders among faculty and staff throughout the University System, and she noted that many at this meeting have benefitted from these programs. She said no old or new business was discussed, and she announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for May 21, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Champaign.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ruiz announced a public comment session and said each speaker would have three minutes to address the Board. He indicated there were three public commenters for the meeting. He said that the public commenters speaking at today's meeting made requests that are consistent with the *Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees*, which are available on the Board's website.

Mr. Ruiz invited Mr. Paul Pater to comment. Mr. Pater said he is an employee of UI Health and is a nurse in the Emergency Department. He was accompanied by his 9-week-old daughter, and he said his paid time off was running out. Mr. Pater told trustees that the university currently grants six weeks of paid leave. He said he is a proud member of the Illinois Nurses Association, and that a letter from President Killeen that accompanied the most recent contract said University System employees should receive 12 weeks of paid parental leave. He discussed parental leaves in various industries, and he asked for equity with other State employees who receive 12 weeks of parental leave.

Mr. Ruiz then called on Dr. Richard Gilman-Opalsky to comment. Dr. Gilman-Opalsky said he has been at the University of Illinois Springfield for 19 years. He expressed concern regarding the allocation of funds across the universities, stating that the process is opaque, unexplained, and secretive. He said the University of Illinois Springfield has a budget deficit and that departments are being asked to make reductions. Dr. Gilman-Opalsky said that if the median net cost of attendance is compared to the median household income, the University of Illinois Springfield is the most expensive of the three universities in terms of percentage of household income to attend. He reiterated that the reallocation formula across the universities is unclear, and he said the budget cuts to the university may negatively impact students. Dr. Gilman-Opalsky said the university has a history of aggressive cost-cutting against workers' interests.

Mr. Ruiz then invited Ms. Gabriella DalSanto to comment. Ms. DalSanto said she is the student body president-elect at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She commented on her love of nature and said she is an environmental science major, and she expressed concern regarding the University System's investments in fossil fuels. Ms. DalSanto referred to the student body's concerns that have been previously shared and said the University is not responsive. She said she ran on a campaign of divestment, and she told trustees that students passed a referendum on fossil fuel divestment. Ms. DalSanto referred to students' efforts related to fossil fuel divestment over the past 16 years and expressed concern regarding climate change.

Mr. Ruiz thanked the speakers for their remarks.

#### AGENDA

Mr. Ruiz announced that the agenda for this meeting would now be considered. All Board members recorded as present at the start of the meeting were in attendance. Mr. Ruiz commented that the items were discussed extensively at meetings of the Board committees, which are open to the public. He explained the items for which a voice vote of the Board is requested would be first and that the secretary would read the titles of these items. He invited the Board to discuss any open issues.

By consensus, the Board agreed that one vote would be taken and considered the vote on agenda item no. A1 through 17. The recommendations were individually discussed but acted upon at one time.

(The record of the Board action appears at the end of each item.)

Approve Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

(A1) The secretary presents for approval the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 23, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these minutes were approved.

Amend Operating Agreement of the University of Illinois Research Park, LLC

(1) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends approval of a proposal to amend the Operating Agreement between the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and the University of Illinois Research Park, LLC.

In January 2000, the Board of Trustees authorized the formation of the University of Illinois Research Park, LLC (UIRP) as a University-Related Organization to assist the University in developing and operating research parks in support of its economic development mission. The UIRP is a limited liability company (LLC) governed by an Operating Agreement (revised May 16, 2019) and a Services and Management Agreement (revised May 16, 2019).

The Operating Agreement sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the UIRP Board of Managers, which is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the

UIRP. The UIRP Board of Managers recommended to amend the Operating Agreement to reference a Signature Authority Policy, which will define signature authority limits for all contracts, leases, and agreements; provide a mechanism for a Board of Managers member on the UIRP Board Executive Committee to extend their appointment for a third consecutive three-year term; and further define the authority of the Executive Committee on urgent matters and delegation of specified actions. This recommendation was made at the February 3, 2025, meeting of the UIRP Board of Managers. A copy of the amended Operating Agreement is attached (materials on file with the secretary).

Under the terms of the revised Operating Agreement, the Board of Trustees will continue to serve as the sole member of the LLC, and shall continue to possess certain reserve powers, such as determining the composition of the Board of Managers.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs with this recommendation.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff,

## and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

(2) According to State statute, no student trustee may vote on those items marked with an asterisk.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3 of the University of Illinois *Statutes*, the following new appointments to the faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above, and certain administrative positions, are now presented for action by the Board of Trustees.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

**Faculty New Hires Chicago**

Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 20, 2025

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary per year
Zalake, Mohan	Applied Health Sciences	Assistant Professor	Biomedical and Health Sciences	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$107,536.94
Zalake, Michan	Applied Health Sciences	Assistant Professor	Biomedical and Health Sciences	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$107,536.94
Sanchez Terrones, Benjamin	Engineering	Associate Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	3-Yr Q	0.75	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$108,750.00
Sanchez Terrones, Benjamin	Engineering	Associate Professor	Biomedical Engineering	3-Yr Q	0.25	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$36,250.00
							<b>Total Annual Salary</b>	<b>\$145,000.00</b>
Tejada Lopez, Carla	Engineering	Assistant Professor	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$115,000.00
Lujan Perez, Miguel A	Medicine	Assistant Professor	Anatomy and Cell Biology	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	12-Month	06/01/2025	\$140,000.00
Lujan Perez, Miguel A	Medicine	Assistant Professor	Anatomy and Cell Biology	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	12-Month	08/16/2025	\$140,000.00
Muhawe, Christopher	School of Law	Assistant Professor	Law	Summer Appointment	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	07/16/2025 - 08/15/2025	\$15,000.00
Muhawe, Christopher	School of Law	Assistant Professor	Law	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$135,000.00

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 \*\* Salary reflected is for specific range of service dates  
 \*\*\* 100% tenure will be held in this unit

**Faculty New Hires Urbana**

Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 20, 2025

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary per year
*Barnacchi, Carl Joseph	Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	Professor	Crop Sciences	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$159,000.00 year
Garcia Otero, Maria Alejandra	Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	Assistant Professor	Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$94,000.00 year
Martinez-Fuentes, Stefanie	Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	Assistant Professor	Human Development and Family Studies	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$89,000.00 year
Staples, Aaron Joseph	Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	Assistant Professor	Agricultural and Consumer Economics	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$121,000.00 year
*Rice, Ian Matthew	Applied Health Sciences	Associate Professor	Health and Kinesiology	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$103,000.00 year
Farah Rivadeneyra, Irene Maria	Fine and Applied Arts	Assistant Professor	Urban and Regional Planning	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$76,000.00 year
Scott, Elizabeth Ann	Fine and Applied Arts	Associate Professor	Landscape Architecture	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$101,000.00 year
*Rhinesmith, Colin Headley	Information Sciences	Associate Professor	Landscape Architecture	4-Yr Q	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$101,000.00 year
Lin, Yue	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Information Sciences	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$117,500.00 year
Lin, Yue	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Geography and Geographic Information Science, School of Earth, Society, and Environment	Summer Appointment	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	07/01/2025 - 08/15/2025	\$13,533.33 **
Lin, Yue	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Geography and Geographic Information Science, School of Earth, Society, and Environment	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$83,000.00 year
Vassilati, Fabricio Jorge	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Political Science	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$108,000.00 year

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**Faculty New Hires Springfield**

Submitted to the Board of Trustees March 20, 2025

Name	College	Proposed UJ Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary/per yr
Welfe, Alex	College of Health, Science, and Technology	Assistant Professor	CHST	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$67,000.00/yr

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 \*\*Salary reflected is for specific range of service dates  
 \*\*\*100% tenure will be held in this unit



## URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

*Emeriti*

ROBERT G. ANDERSON, associate professor emeritus of theatre, January 1, 2025  
MERLE L. BOWEN, professor emerita of African American studies, June 1, 2025  
NEAL J. COHEN, professor emeritus of psychology, January 1, 2025  
GHOLAMREZA MESRI, Ralph B. Peck Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering, August 16, 2025  
HELAINÉ I. SILVERMAN, professor emerita of anthropology, January 1, 2025

*Out of Cycle Promotion & Tenure**To the rank of Associate Professor on Indefinite Tenure*

JULIA FONSECA DUARTE, associate professor of finance, on indefinite tenure, Gies  
College of Business, effective March 21, 2025  
GREGORY LIANG HOWARD, associate professor of economics, on indefinite tenure,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective March 21, 2025  
BO LI, associate professor, Siebel School of Computing and Data Science, on indefinite  
tenure, The Grainger College of Engineering, March 21, 2025  
COREY VAN LANDINGHAM, associate professor of English, on indefinite tenure, College  
of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective March 21, 2025

## CHICAGO

*Emeriti*

SUSAN L. DUNN, professor emerita of biobehavioral nursing science, February 16, 2025  
ROGELIO LASSO, professor emeritus of law, February 1, 2025  
SILVIA MALAGRINO, professor emerita of art, January 1, 2025  
RACHEL WEBER, professor emerita of urban planning and policy, January 1, 2025

**Administrative Professional New Hires Urbana**  
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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UJ Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary per
Schless, August Lynn	Office of the Chancellor	Assistant Chancellor of Digital Strategy and Development	Strategic Communications and Marketing	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$121,925.00/year
Anderson, Jr., Luwellyn Edwin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Head	Philosophy	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$10,000.00/year
Anderson, Jr., Luwellyn Edwin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Philosophy	Summer Appointment***	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	\$14,000.00**
Anderson, Jr., Luwellyn Edwin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Philosophy	Summer Appointment***	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	\$8,000.00**
Anderson, Jr., Luwellyn Edwin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Head	Philosophy	Academic Year	0.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	\$1,111.11**
*Anderson, Jr., Luwellyn Edwin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Philosophy	Academic Year	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$126,000.00/year
						<b>Total Annual Salary</b>		<b>\$159,111.11</b>
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Head	Linguistics, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$12,500.00/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Linguistics, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Summer Appointment***	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	\$17,284.75**
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Head	Linguistics, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Summer Appointment***	0.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	\$1,368.69**
*Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Linguistics, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$155,562.75/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Program in Jewish Culture and Society	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$0.00/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Illinois Global Institute	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$0.00/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Lernann Center for Brazilian Studies, Illinois Global Institute	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$0.00/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Russian, East European and Eurasian Center, Illinois Global Institute	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$0.00/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Slavic Languages and Literatures, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$0.00/year
Ionin, Tania	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Spanish and Portuguese, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2025	\$0.00/year
						<b>Total Annual Salary</b>		<b>\$186,736.39</b>
McMurray, Kristin L.	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations	Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$205,120.00/year
Edwards, Melissa M.	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$175,991.00/year

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**Administrative Professional New Hires Chicago**  
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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary/Year
Varelas, Nikos	Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic	Senior Vice Provost	Academic Programs, Student Success, and Effectiveness	Non-Tenured	0.90	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$261,800.00/year
Varelas, Nikos	Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic	Senior Vice Provost	Academic Programs, Student Success, and Effectiveness	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$14,400.00/year
Varelas, Nikos	Liberal Arts & Sciences	Professor	Physics	Indefinite Tenure	0.10	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$23,800.00/year
Varelas, Nikos	Liberal Arts & Sciences	LAS Distinguished Professor	Physics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$0.00/year
Varelas, Nikos	Honors College	Honors College Faculty	Honors College	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	03/21/2025	\$0.00/year
<b>Bennett, Michael George</b>	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Innovation	Associate Vice Chancellor for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Strategic Partnerships	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	<b>Total Annual Salary</b> 03/24/2025	<b>\$300,000.00/year</b> \$300,000.00/year
Gaynor, Erin	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research	Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Finance and Operations	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	03/24/2025	\$205,000.00/year
McCormack, Karen III	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research	Assistant Vice Chancellor for Sponsored Programs	Office of Sponsored Programs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	03/24/2025	\$275,000.00/year

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Administrative Professional New Hires Springfield

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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary/year
Moren, Mark	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost	Director of Academic Resources and Business Operations	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost	N/A	1.00	12-Month	05/21/2025	\$92,000.00/year
Roth, Michael	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost	Associate Provost for Student Success and Undergraduate Education	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$117,000.00/year
Suda, Matthew	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost	Director of Institutional Research	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/21/2025	\$92,500.00/year

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**Administrative Professional New Hires System Offices**  
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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UJ Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary per year
Springfield, Methawee	Office of the Controller	Director of Property Accounting	University Accounting and Financial Report	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/24/2025	\$115,000.00 year
Littles, Ashley Nicole	Vice President for External Relations and Communications	Director of Brand and Marketing	Vice President for External Relations and Communications	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/24/2025	\$120,000.00 year
Scott, Laurn	Vice President for External Relations and Communications	Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives	Vice President for External Relations and Communications	N/A	1.00	12-Month	03/24/2025	\$120,000.00 year

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**Intercollegiate Athletics Multi-Year Contracts, Urbana**  
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*Division of Intercollegiate Athletics New Multi-year Contracts*

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary per	Contract Year
<b>Stkowski, Artur</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Football Graduate Coach	03/21/2025	01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$200,000.00**/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026

*Division of Intercollegiate Athletics Multi-year Extensions*

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary per	Contract Year
<b>Anderson, Britney</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Women's Basketball	05/01/2025	04/30/2026	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$197,000.00/year	05/01/2025 - 04/30/2026
<b>Dancer, Brad</b>	Head Coach - Men's Tennis	08/16/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$265,000.00/year	08/16/2025 - 08/15/2026
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$275,000.00/year	08/16/2026 - 08/15/2027
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$285,000.00/year	08/16/2027 - 08/15/2028
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$295,000.00/year	08/16/2028 - 08/15/2029
			08/15/2030	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$305,000.00/year	08/16/2029 - 08/15/2030
<b>Discher, Robert Stuart</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$400,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$440,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
<b>Henry, Aaron Rashad</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$900,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$1,000,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
			01/31/2028	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$1,100,000.00/year	02/01/2027 - 01/31/2028
<b>Jamison, Terrance Taron</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$650,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$675,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary per	Contract Year
<b>Kyrianiou, Petros</b>	Head Varsity Coach - Track & Field/Cross	08/16/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$330,000.00/year	08/16/2025 - 08/15/2026
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$340,000.00/year	08/16/2026 - 08/15/2027
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$350,000.00/year	08/16/2027 - 08/15/2028
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$360,000.00/year	08/16/2028 - 08/15/2029
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$370,000.00/year	08/16/2029 - 08/15/2030
			08/15/2031	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$380,000.00/year	08/16/2030 - 08/15/2031
<b>Lunney, Barry</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$1,050,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2028	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$1,150,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$1,250,000.00/year	02/01/2027 - 01/31/2028
<b>McDaniel, Archie</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$375,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$400,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
<b>Miller, Bart Evan</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$550,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$575,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
<b>Parker, Corey</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$375,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$400,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
<b>Stepp, Justin S</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$500,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$525,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
<b>Ward, Thaddeus D</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$550,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2027	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$575,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
<b>Wright, Tenarius Rodrell</b>	Assistant Varsity Coach - Men's Football	03/21/2025		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$625,000.00/year	03/21/2025 - 01/31/2026
			01/31/2028	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$650,000.00/year	02/01/2026 - 01/31/2027
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$675,000.00/year	02/01/2027 - 01/31/2028

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*Division of Intercollegiate Athletics New Multi-year Contracts*

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary per	Contract Year
None							

*Division of Intercollegiate Athletics Multi-year Extensions*

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary per	Contract Year
Dell, Ashley	Head Coach, Swimming and Diving	04/16/2025	04/30/2028	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$80,000.00/year	May 1 - April 30
McDermott, Sean	Head Coach, Baseball	07/01/2025	06/30/2029	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	\$137,000.00/year	July 1 - June 30

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**ADDENDUM**  
**March 20, 2025**  
**Urbana**

Faculty New Hires

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service description	Service Begin Date	Salary per year	Previously approved
*Chu, Rongming	Granger College of Engineering	Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	06/16/2025	\$190,000.00	Nov 2024
Chu, Rongming	Granger College of Engineering	Professor	Holonyak Micro and Nano Technology	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	06/16/2025	\$0.00	Nov 2024
*Chu, Rongming	Granger College of Engineering	Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Summer Appointment	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	Total Annual Salary 07/01/2025 - 08/15/2025	\$190,000.00 \$31,666.67 <sup>10</sup>	

**ADDENDUM  
March 20, 2025  
Chicago**

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<b>Arden S. Handler</b> , Professor Emeritus <b>Emerita</b> of Community Health Sciences, November 1, 2024	<b>Previously approved</b> Jan 2025
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On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these appointments were approved.

Approve Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, Urbana, Chicago, Springfield, 2025-2026

(3) The chancellors/vice presidents at Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield recommend that the following members of the faculty be granted sabbatical leaves of absence in accordance with the provisions of the University of Illinois *Statutes* and on the terms and for the periods indicated.

The programs of research and study for which leaves are requested have been examined at each respective university. The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs has reviewed the applications for the leaves and recommends approval of 126 leaves for Urbana-Champaign; 56 leaves for Chicago; ten leaves for Springfield; and no leaves for University Administration. (A list of those recommended has been filed with the secretary of the Board for record.)

(For the record and to provide an annual compilation, in 2024-2025, 137 leaves were taken at Urbana-Champaign; 62 leaves were taken at Chicago; nine leaves were taken at Springfield; and no leaves were taken by University Administration.)

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedures*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs in these recommendations.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, these leaves were granted as recommended.

Approve Student Health Insurance Rate for Urbana, Chicago, Springfield,  
Academic Year 2025-2026

(4) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends approval of student health insurance rates for Academic Year 2025-2026. The student health insurance rate, combined with the Student Health Service Fee, provides financial support for the healthcare programs that are tailored to meet the needs of the students at the university. Students may choose not to participate in the student health insurance program by providing evidence of comparable insurance coverage from other sources. Attached is a summary of the student health program coverage.

The Urbana university again will be underwritten by United Healthcare (UHC). The cost will increase by \$28.00 per semester for undergraduate students (3.4 percent) and \$37.00 per semester for graduate/professional students (3.5 percent). The increased costs are due to a continued increase in the number of students waiving out of the plan, greater utilization of services, including prescription drug usage and cost; overall growth in mental healthcare utilization and some larger trauma/injury situations.

The current student health insurance rates for Academic Year 2024-2025 and the proposed rates for 2025-2026 are displayed below. The university student health insurance rates continue to be competitive compared to those at peer institutions, especially given the scope and breadth of the benefits provided.

<b>UNIVERSITY</b>	<b><u>CURRENT RATE PER SEMESTER</u> <u>Academic Year 2024-2025</u></b>	<b>PROPOSED RATE PER SEMESTER Academic Year 2025-2026</b>
<i>Urbana</i>	Undergraduate \$818.00	Undergraduate \$846.00
<i>Urbana</i>	Graduate \$1,051.00	Graduate \$1,088.00

The rates displayed are for typical undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Students needing coverage for their spouse and/or dependents voluntarily pay a separate charge. Rates may vary for the summer session.

Student insurance rates for both the University of Illinois Chicago and University of Illinois Springfield will not change for Academic Year 2025-2026.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs and vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concur in these recommendations.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

#### Approve Application Fee Increases for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield

(5) Students applying for admission to the Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield universities are charged an application fee to help defray the costs of processing the applications in the Offices of Admissions and Records at each university.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends an increase in the domestic undergraduate application fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 and an increase in the domestic graduate application fee from \$70.00 to \$90.00, moving to a single fee for undergraduate applications and a single fee for graduate applications, regardless of residency. Domestic application fees for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign have not increased since 2010. This move is consistent with application fee practices at many of UIUC's peer institutions.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends an increase in the undergraduate application fee from \$60.00 to \$70.00 and an increase in the graduate application fee from \$60.00 to \$80.00 (excludes DMD, DMDAS, MD, JD, and PharmD programs). These fees apply to undergraduate and graduate applications regardless of residency.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends an increase in the domestic undergraduate application fee from \$50.00 to \$60.00 and an increase in the domestic graduate application fee from \$60.00 to \$75.00. These increases will move to a single application fee for undergraduate applications and a single application fee for graduate applications regardless of residency. Application fees for UIS have not increased since 2010. UIS also recommends establishing a new application fee of \$25 for non-degree-seeking students. There has been a significant increase in fraudulent non-degree applications, creating challenges for the admissions process. Establishing a nominal fee will discourage these nonviable submissions and help offset the costs associated with processing and monitoring applications.

Incremental revenue from these increases will be used to offset the increasing costs of recruiting efforts and application processing. The rate changes are not expected to have an impact on enrollments and will not have an impact on applicants who cannot meet the cost due to financial hardship since the application fee may be waived for such persons. These increases take effect upon approval by the Board.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with these recommendations.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Delegate Authority to Establish and  
Approve Student-Athlete Name, Image, Likeness Policies

(6) The purpose of this item is to authorize the development of policies related to student-athlete name, image, and likeness (NIL) activities at each of the three universities. This action does not require the creation of any such policies but rather sets forth the Board of Trustees' authorization of and expectations related to NIL activities.

As has been reported publicly, collegiate athletics nationwide is experiencing dramatic changes, including legislation passed by the State of Illinois related to NIL. In July 2021, the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act (Act) was enacted in Illinois (110 ILCS 190/). Initially, the Act permitted student-athletes to enter into NIL agreements by stating that universities were prohibited from preventing a student-athlete of that institution from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student-athlete's name, image, likeness, or voice. However, the 2021 enactment did not permit colleges and universities to facilitate, manage, or enter directly into NIL agreements regarding student-athletes. These restrictions were removed and, effective in January 2025, the Act was amended to permit a postsecondary educational institution to

(1) enter into, or offer to enter into, a publicity rights agreement with a prospective or current student-athlete; or (2) provide a prospective or current student-athlete or the student-athlete's family compensation in relation to the use of the student-athlete's name, image, likeness, or voice, if allowed by a policy of a postsecondary educational institution, among other ways.

This State of Illinois law operates independently from, but is consistent with, settlement agreements in nationwide class action lawsuits related to NIL.

Recognizing varying state laws around the country and in anticipation of imminent settlement in pending class action litigation, the NCAA and member institutions are rapidly preparing to implement a new model for the future of college sports focused on stability and fairness. This will likely include the creation of a national enforcement mechanism to establish and regulate uniform annual maximum aggregate expenditure limitations (generally referred to as the "Pool").

Because the Act and the proposed settlement contemplate institutional payments directly to student-athletes, various institutional policies need to be created or amended to conform with legal requirements, safeguard institutional integrity, and facilitate integration of NIL practices into current operations. For example, student-athlete NIL rights expenditures were not considered in prior Board actions relating to delegated expenditure authorizations and should not be included in procurement reports or similar actions.

Therefore, the Board grants to each chancellor/vice president the authority to establish, if they so choose, and subject to approval by the Office of the President or designee, a policy related to student-athlete NIL activities that authorizes the management and execution of publicity rights agreements with student-athletes and prospective student-athletes, consistent with applicable State and federal law, court order, settlement agreement, and applicable rules and regulations by an association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over athletics operations, notwithstanding any other potentially applicable university policy or procedure. It is the Board's expectation that any such expenditures will be funded solely by revenues realized by athletics activities and shall not be funded by State appropriations or tuition. The policies should allow the respective directors of intercollegiate athletics, directly or through approved third parties, to enter into publicity rights agreements between the university and student-athletes. Each policy should contemplate: (1) appropriate oversight from the Office of the Chancellor, (2) semi-annual reporting of aggregate expenditures to the Office of the President or designee, and (3) annual reporting of the established Pool amount for the ensuing fiscal year and aggregate actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year to the Board of Trustees at the conclusion of each fiscal year. Each university should cooperate with the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller of the University of Illinois System to facilitate payment mechanisms in accordance with applicable audit controls and alignment with Board of Trustees policies on expenditures, with an express understanding that individual publicity rights agreements between the universities and

student-athletes are not subject to existing contract approval dollar limitations expressed in prior Board actions.

All three universities must remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of compliance in the operation of its intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, adhering to the rules governing NIL activities. Therefore, the policies and all activities related thereto should demonstrate the institution's unwavering commitment to integrity and regulatory compliance.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Approve Expansion of Pilot Tuition Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties in Indiana, Muscatine and Clinton Counties in Iowa, and Marion County in Missouri, Springfield

(7) The chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, proposes expansion of the three-year pilot program approved July 20, 2023, to offer resident tuition rates to students from additional

geographic markets: Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties in Indiana; Muscatine and Clinton counties in Iowa; and Marion County in Missouri.

Currently, nine of the 12 public universities offer resident tuition rates to select non-Illinois residents. This has an impact on University of Illinois Springfield's (UIS) competitiveness for recruiting students in areas that are just across the border. While UIS is recognized as a regionally affordable option for in-state students, it is challenging to be competitive with other regional universities in the state that offer discounted rates to non-resident students.

By targeting these additional counties, UIS will be able to reach an additional 104 high schools with students who may have previously been unable to afford the UIS tuition rates for non-resident students.

The original benefits to the pilot tuition program have not changed, but with the additional counties, the scope of the pilot will take advantage of a larger catchment:

- **Increased enrollment:** By offering in-state tuition rates to select non-resident students, the University of Illinois Springfield can potentially attract more out-of-state students who may not have considered attending the university otherwise. This can help to increase enrollment and expand the university's geographic reach.

- In the first year, UIS has seen an increase in applications and steady growth as staff now regularly attend high school and career recruiting events in the additional counties.
- Increased revenue: This pilot program has the potential to increase overall net revenue for the university.
- Increased diversity: Attracting non-resident students from a variety of backgrounds and regions can help to increase diversity on campus and provide students with opportunities to learn from peers with different experiences and perspectives.
- Expanded reputation: Offering in-state tuition rates to non-resident students can help to improve the university's overall reputation as an institution that is committed to providing affordable education to students from a variety of backgrounds.
- Increased growth: Additional counties will increase applications in transfer students. Additional counties provide feeder areas based on population.
- Increased competitiveness: This pilot program will assist the university to claim more of the competitive marketplace with other institutions that offer similar programs.
- Increase brand awareness: This pilot program ensures development of working relationships across states and brand awareness.

Students who choose to participate in the pilot program will only be eligible for the in-state tuition rate at UIS. Students who decide to transfer within the University of Illinois System to Urbana or Chicago would be subject to the tuition rates set by those respective institutions as out-of-state students.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable state and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs and the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concur with these recommendations.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Media, College of Media, Urbana

(8) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Media to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Media (BA in Media).

The proposed BA in Media is an online degree completion program designed for students who have some college credit but did not complete a bachelor's degree. It is designed to meet the needs of a wide range of learners, including those seeking a degree for career advancement, career change, or personal development and enrichment. Students will take classes across the three departments within the College of Media (Advertising, Journalism, and Media and Cinema Studies). The program of study is designed with flexibility in mind and based on the understanding that students will be arriving to the program with wide ranges of experiences and coursework.

Media skills and knowledge are in high demand in the workforce, and an interdisciplinary, flexible, online degree option for students in this area is an important addition to the College of Media and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's portfolio. By removing barriers for access to a College of Media education, the program will advance the university's collective land-grant mission and serve the state of Illinois by providing additional opportunities for upskilling and re-skilling. Graduates of the program will be poised for successful careers in the media industry and in positions in the business, government, education, and non-profit sectors that utilize media and communication skills.

Courses in the program are either already offered or are currently being developed for online delivery. Support for course development and redevelopment of online courses in the College of Media is provided by the college's eLearning specialist, already on staff. The program will be supported through the college's budgetary

allocation process, which covers faculty and staff salaries centrally and flows to departments additional resources for instructional support. No new or additional facilities, significant improvements to existing facilities, or additional resources from the University Library are needed. No increase in faculty is required, as the college currently has the capacity to accommodate the expected minor increases in enrollments resulting from this program. Students will utilize existing career and advising services.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Surgery,  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana

(9) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the Carle Illinois College of Medicine to establish the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Surgery.

Currently, the Carle Illinois College of Medicine (CIMED) has two departments: the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences and the Department of Clinical Sciences. While the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences has approximately 187 faculty, the Department of Clinical Sciences houses approximately 600 faculty members, most of whom have a zero percent appointment yet play a vital role in the curriculum's clinical education delivery. The Department of Clinical Sciences faculty represent a diverse array of specialties within a single department. The current departmental structure has posed administrative challenges and is atypical compared to other medical schools, whose departments are specialty specific.

This proposal is one of four action items to reorganize the Department of Clinical Sciences to a more specialty-specific model. This restructuring will allow CIMED to better focus on specific areas while maintaining and enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration. With clear departmental identities, faculty will have a stronger sense of ownership in their field and connection to the college, making them more effective collaborators when working across specialties. The proposed restructure mirrors organizational models of leading medical schools and healthcare systems, emphasizing specialization and interdisciplinary collaboration. This strategic transformation is expected to enhance faculty recruitment efforts, appealing to faculty

seeking opportunities in specific medical areas. Current CIMED faculty are strongly supportive of the proposed reorganization, with over 93 percent in favor in an all-faculty vote taken in 2024.

The Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Surgery will be responsible for academic, research, and clinical aspects pertaining to cardiovascular health. It will be comprised of heart and vascular faculty that are currently under the umbrella of CIMED's Department of Clinical Sciences. It will be governed according to bylaws established by the department's faculty that align with the college's bylaws and University of Illinois *Statutes*. The department head will be appointed to a five-year term, renewable upon appropriate review as outlined by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the chancellor/vice president and the president after consultation with the CIMED dean and members of departmental faculty. Other than shifting their affiliation to the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Surgery, there is no impact on faculty, staff, teaching loads, or facilities, and no additional funding is required.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Department of Surgery and Digestive Health,  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana

(10) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the Carle Illinois College of Medicine to establish the Department of Surgery and Digestive Health.

Currently, the Carle Illinois College of Medicine (CIMED) has two departments: the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences and the Department of Clinical Sciences. While the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences has approximately 187 faculty, the Department of Clinical Sciences houses approximately 600 faculty members, most of whom have a zero percent appointment yet play a vital role in the curriculum's clinical education delivery. The Department of Clinical Sciences faculty represent a diverse array of specialties within a single department. The current departmental structure has posed administrative challenges and is atypical compared to other medical schools, whose departments are specialty specific.

This proposal is one of four action items to reorganize the Department of Clinical Sciences to a more specialty-specific model. This restructuring will allow

CIMED to better focus on specific areas while maintaining and enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration. With clear departmental identities, faculty will have a stronger sense of ownership in their field and connection to the college, making them more effective collaborators when working across specialties. The proposed restructure mirrors organizational models of leading medical schools and healthcare systems, emphasizing specialization and interdisciplinary collaboration. This strategic transformation is expected to enhance faculty recruitment efforts, appealing to faculty seeking opportunities in specific medical areas. Current CIMED faculty are strongly supportive of the proposed reorganization, with over 93 percent in favor in an all-faculty vote taken in 2024.

The Department of Surgery and Digestive Health will be responsible for academic, research, and clinical aspects pertaining to surgical and digestive health. It will be comprised of surgery and digestive health faculty that are currently under the umbrella of CIMED's Department of Clinical Sciences. It will be governed according to bylaws established by the department's faculty that align with the college's bylaws and University of Illinois *Statutes*. The department head will be appointed to a five-year term, renewable upon appropriate review as outlined by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the chancellor/vice president and the president after consultation with the CIMED dean and members of departmental faculty. Other than shifting their affiliation to the Department of Surgery and Digestive Health, there is no impact on faculty, staff, teaching loads, or facilities, and no additional funding is required.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery,  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana

(11) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the Carle Illinois College of Medicine to establish the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery.

Currently, the Carle Illinois College of Medicine (CIMED) has two departments: the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences and the Department of Clinical Sciences. While the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences has approximately 187 faculty, the Department of Clinical Sciences houses

approximately 600 faculty members, most of whom have a zero percent appointment yet play a vital role in the curriculum's clinical education delivery. The Department of Clinical Sciences faculty represent a diverse array of specialties within a single department. The current departmental structure has posed administrative challenges and is atypical compared to other medical schools, whose departments are specialty specific.

This proposal is one of four action items to reorganize the Department of Clinical Sciences to a more specialty-specific model. This restructuring will allow CIMED to better focus on specific areas while maintaining and enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration. With clear departmental identities, faculty will have a stronger sense of ownership in their field and connection to the college, making them more effective collaborators when working across specialties. The proposed restructure mirrors organizational models of leading medical schools and healthcare systems, emphasizing specialization and interdisciplinary collaboration. This strategic transformation is expected to enhance faculty recruitment efforts, appealing to faculty seeking opportunities in specific medical areas. Current CIMED faculty are strongly supportive of the proposed reorganization, with over 93 percent in favor in an all-faculty vote taken in 2024.

The Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery will be responsible for academic, research, and clinical aspects pertaining to neurological health. It will be comprised of neurology and neurosurgery faculty that are currently under the umbrella of CIMED's Department of Clinical Sciences. It will be governed according to bylaws

established by the department's faculty that align with the college's bylaws and University of Illinois *Statutes*. The department head will be appointed to a five-year term, renewable upon appropriate review as outlined by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the chancellor/vice president and the president after consultation with the CIMED dean and members of departmental faculty. Other than shifting their affiliation to the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, there is no impact on faculty, staff, teaching loads, or facilities, and no additional funding is required.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Department of Oncology, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana

(12) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the Carle Illinois College of Medicine to establish the Department of Oncology.

Currently, the Carle Illinois College of Medicine (CIMED) has two departments: the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences and the Department of Clinical Sciences. While the Department of Biomedical and Translational Sciences has approximately 187 faculty, the Department of Clinical Sciences houses approximately 600 faculty members, most of whom have a zero percent appointment yet play a vital role in the curriculum's clinical education delivery. The Department of Clinical Sciences faculty represent a diverse array of specialties within a single department. The current departmental structure has posed administrative challenges and is atypical compared to other medical schools, whose departments are specialty specific.

This proposal is one of four action items to reorganize the Department of Clinical Sciences to a more specialty-specific model. This restructuring will allow CIMED to better focus on specific areas while maintaining and enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration. With clear departmental identities, faculty will have a stronger sense of ownership in their field and connection to the college, making them more effective collaborators when working across specialties. The proposed restructure mirrors organizational models of leading medical schools and healthcare systems, emphasizing specialization and interdisciplinary collaboration. This strategic

transformation is expected to enhance faculty recruitment efforts, appealing to faculty seeking opportunities in specific medical areas. Current CIMED faculty are strongly supportive of the proposed reorganization, with over 93 percent in favor in an all-faculty vote taken in 2024.

The Department of Oncology will be responsible for academic, research, and clinical aspects pertaining to oncology. It will be comprised of hematology/oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, breast surgery, gynecological oncology, and thoracic surgery faculty that are currently under the umbrella of CIMED's Department of Clinical Sciences. It will be governed according to bylaws established by the department's faculty that align with the college's bylaws and University of Illinois *Statutes*. The department head will be appointed to a five-year term, renewable upon appropriate review as outlined by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the chancellor/vice president and the president after consultation with the CIMED dean and members of departmental faculty. Other than shifting their affiliation to the Department of Oncology, there is no impact on faculty, staff, teaching loads, or facilities, and no additional funding is required.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Department of Population Oral Health, College of Dentistry, Chicago

(13) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Chicago Senate and the College of Dentistry, recommends the establishment of the Department of Population Oral Health.

The proposed department represents a reorganization within the college to accommodate growth in several key areas. Most faculty and staff in the proposed department are current employees of the college, primarily in the existing Division of Prevention and Public Health Sciences. The division was established in 2004 with two faculty and began developing the college's community-based service-learning program for students in the fourth year of the predoctoral dental curriculum. The division now has five full-time faculty members, one part-time faculty member, and a network of 90 adjunct faculty who teach and supervise dental students in their extramural service

learning. The division is responsible for Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) curriculum content in dental public health, clinical prevention, evidence-based dental practice, and interprofessional education. It also oversees the joint DMD/Master of Public Health program, conducts research in dental public health and oral epidemiology, and directs all community-based service learning in the DMD curriculum, which now occurs across all four years of the DMD.

When the division was established, it was the only such unit within the college's departmental structure. It retains that structure today, and division faculty currently have their academic appointments in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, although none of its full-time faculty are pediatric dentists. The reorganization of the division as the Department of Population Oral Health will eliminate supervisory and administrative confusion and improve day-to-day functioning of the unit. It will be the college's ninth academic department and will be organized with a department head who will also serve as associate dean for prevention and public health sciences.

The new department has five objectives: (1) develop a hub for predoctoral education in clinical and community-based oral disease prevention and control; (2) create an administrative unit that is more representative academic home of the work that existing faculty and staff are already doing in the area of oral disease prevention and dental public health; (3) expand research in dental public health and behavioral sciences; (4) create and support a service-learning model for DMD students to increase their

confidence and competence in providing oral health care for persons with disabilities; and (5) expand behavioral science teaching in the DMD curriculum.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Establish the Master of Science in Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Business, College of Business Administration and the Graduate College, Chicago

(14) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Chicago Senate, the College of Business Administration, and the Graduate College, recommends the establishment of the Master of Science in Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Business.

The proposed Master of Science in Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Business aims to provide students with advanced knowledge and skills in artificial intelligence and data analytics for effective business decision-making. Participants will develop strategic and practical competencies essential for leveraging AI technologies to solve complex business challenges. Designed to align with industry standards, the program emphasizes ethical AI applications and offers hands-on experience with cutting-edge tools. This comprehensive approach not only enhances graduates' job readiness, but also positions them as valuable assets in driving innovation and digital transformation within organizations. The program seeks to recruit students with undergraduate degrees in business, statistics, economics, computer science, mathematics, and the social sciences, as well as working professionals aspiring to integrate AI into their business operations.

The program will require 32 credit hours in coursework, including five required courses in relation to statistics and management, programming and data science, data mining, machine learning and statistical methods, and AI safety and ethics. The other 12 credit hours are satisfied through electives. The program will be offered through asynchronous online courses. However, each course will provide students with the opportunity to attend a weekly, interactive discussion session led by the instructor, allowing students to engage more directly with faculty and their peers. The program will also offer in-person networking events, career events, and professional development events that leverage the campus' central location in Chicago. What differentiates the proposed program from others currently offered in the state is the emphasis on both

business knowledge and the application of artificial intelligence. As such, the program will provide offerings in multiple business disciplines, including operations management, human resource management, marketing, accounting, and finance. At the same time, the program will provide students with a background in the informed, effective, and responsible use of AI, with a focus on ethical and safety considerations, as well as knowledge of the conceptual underpinnings of how modern AI systems work.

University of Illinois Chicago's budget allocation process provides funding based on the tuition and differential tuition revenue generated by programs. No additional investment of funds beyond tuition revenue will be required. Moreover, the program will make substantial use of existing asynchronous online courses, and the course development process for three new courses relies on current faculty. It is anticipated that two additional full-time employee faculty will be necessary once the program is fully implemented, which will be funded through the increased tuition revenue resulting from additional students. Because the program is being offered asynchronously, the department does not anticipate needing new facilities. The program staff (e.g., graduate admissions, advising) will be the current staff already working with the college's existing online MBA and MS programs.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Eliminate the Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management, College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College, Urbana

(15) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management.

The Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management (MSSUM) has not generated sufficient student interest and enrollment to justify continuation. Mid-career students, the target demographic of the program, were unable to relocate for the one-year period needed to complete the coursework. With this limited market, two of the four courses required for the program have not been offered since Spring 2019 due to insufficient enrollment, and these courses will be deactivated. The small number of students in the program were utilizing course substitutions, completing with an amended

program that mirrors the Master of Urban Planning (MUP) program. The MSSUM's learning outcomes were delivered through the substitute courses, but the program ultimately was not offered as originally designed. The population who is interested in the program's content can be served with the existing MUP program. In Fall 2024, five students were admitted to the MSSUM. However, none accepted the offer of admission, although one shifted their application to the MUP and is currently enrolled in that program. Thus, there are no students currently in the MSSUM program.

There is no impact on funding, faculty and staff resources, facilities, or equipment as there has been little to no enrollment. Faculty involved with the program also teach in the MUP program, so the program elimination does not impact unit course offerings or faculty teaching assignments.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Economics,  
College of Business Administration, Chicago

(16) The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Chicago Senate and the College of Business Administration, recommends the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Economics.

The Bachelor of Science in Economics is an inactive program dating back to when the Department of Economics was transferred from the College of Business Administration to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2008. The program was suspended effective Fall 2008, and the College of Business Administration has no plans to reactivate it. As such, no new students were admitted to the program after Fall 2008, so eliminating the program will have no impact on current students. The intention had always been to close the program once the final cohort of students completed their degrees.

Students interested in the study of economics have been and will continue to be able to pursue the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Economics, offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Formally eliminating the Bachelor of Science in Economics will make the university's program inventory more

accurate and provide prospective students with a more realistic view of their academic options.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

Name Artisan Village Area, Allerton Park and Retreat Center, Urbana

(17) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends approval of the naming of the Allerton Park and Retreat Center Artisan Village area as the Marjorie and Frank MacFarlane Artisan Village, in honor of the parents of Joan Hood and in recognition of the generous donation of Joan and Peter Hood.

The donation of \$1,950,000 has been given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane with the purpose of endowing the space surrounding the Artisan Village area that is currently used for building and grounds maintenance. Joan and Peter Hood are both former university employees who have been loyal supporters of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for many years, with their first gift dating back to 1975. Their previous gifts established the Joan M. and W. Peter Hood In-Residence Program at Allerton Park and the Joan M. and W. Peter Hood Endowment for Krannert Art Museum. The Hood's most recent gift is in memory of Joan's parents, Marjorie and Frank MacFarlane.

Some of the buildings in the Artisan Village area of the park are historic buildings built by Robert Allerton. The plan for the space surrounding these buildings, and eventually the buildings themselves, is to renovate and restore them to be part of The Farms, a programming space for Allerton Folk School. The buildings, although within the borders of the village, will not be named with this gift. The Artisan Village area was identified as part of the 2015 Allerton Master Plan approved by the Board of Trustees and identified in the 2024 Artisan Village Feasibility Study.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

No funding is required for this action.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion of Ms. Phalen, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

By consensus, the Board agreed that one roll call vote would be taken and considered the vote on agenda item no. 18 through 26. The recommendations were individually discussed but acted upon at one time.

Approve Design and Award Construction Contract for  
Doris Kelley Christopher Illinois Extension Center, Urbana

(18) In September 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the \$40.0 million Doris Kelley Christopher Illinois Extension Center project. The project's design was approved by the Board in May 2023. Construction bids received in February 2024 exceeded funds available for construction, and a value engineering redesign phase was initiated. The redesign exercise successfully removed \$14.0 million of scope while preserving planned program space. Revisions include a reduced site impact, modified mechanical systems, and a redesigned exterior envelope.

For the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the redesign. The design meets all campus building standards, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, accessibility, and applicable State and Federal standards, and is within the approved budget.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Doris Kelley Christopher Illinois Extension Center design be approved.

Pursuant to the donor's request, a general contractor was selected to serve as a Construction Manager at Risk and provide pre-construction services to facilitate the redesign and bring the project back within the budget. The process was successful, allowing the center to maintain the same programmatic space as the original design, while cutting \$14.0 million from the expected cost of construction. As a result of these efforts, the university is prepared to award a Construction Manager at Risk contract to Broeren Russo Builders, Inc. of Champaign, IL with a contract value \$29,993,556.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the construction contract be approved in the amount of \$29,993,556.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from gift funds.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Prime Contract \$ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification</b>	<b>Diverse Subcontractor Value</b>	<b>Subcontractor % of Work</b>
Broeren Russo Builders, Champaign, Illinois	\$29,993,556		
	MBE (HA)	\$7,810,000	26%
	MBE (HA)	\$273,750	1%
	VOSB	\$930,387	3%
	WBE	\$1,566,320	5%
		<b>\$10,580,457</b>	<b>35%</b>

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

Approve Project Budget for Renovation,  
Altgeld Hall and Replacement, Illini Hall, Urbana

(19) In May 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the project design for the renovation of Altgeld Hall and replacement of Illini Hall with a project budget of \$192.0 million. A combination of State and university funding was identified to support the

budget. This includes contributions from Illinois Innovation Network and state capital appropriations, as well as \$52.0 million from the University. Subsequently, design work has progressed to the point where the full project budget is now expected to be \$250.5 million. State capital renewal funds in the amount of \$43.5 million and other state funds in the amount of \$15,017,028 have been released to cover this difference.

The project plan has four phases, the first of which, demolition of Illini Hall, has been completed. Phase 2 is in progress and covers complete exterior renovations on Altgeld Hall. Phase 3 will include construction of the new Illini Hall and Phase 4 will complete all interior renovations on Altgeld Hall. The project is being managed by the Capital Development Board (CDB) and will utilize a single-prime delivery method for each phase.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends approval of an increase in the budget for this total project by \$58.5 million to \$250.5 million.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund, and State of Illinois capital appropriations.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

Amend Professional Services Consultant Contract for  
Cancer Center Research and Health Innovation Complex, Urbana

(20) The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Cancer Center at Illinois, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, and Beckman Institute collectively propose a new multi-purpose building to provide space and facilities to support research, education, and office infrastructure for multi-disciplinary, high-impact initiatives. The proposed building will encompass approximately 80,000 gross square feet and will be located east of the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, replacing its existing parking lot and service drive entrance.

For the project to proceed, it is necessary to amend the professional services consultant contract. The selection of the Professional Services Consultant for this

project was in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).<sup>4</sup>

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that Moody-Nolan, Inc. of Chicago, IL continue to be employed, and their contract amended for the professional services required for the schematic design and design development phases of the project. The firm's fees will not exceed \$3,901,300.

The Board actions recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

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<sup>4</sup> A selection committee consisting of Anthony M. Battaglia (Facilities and Services, Capital Programs, chair); James K. Sims (Facilities and Services, Engineering and Construction Services); Rohit Bhargava (Cancer Center at Illinois); Sandra E. Yoo (System Office of Capital Programs, Real Estate and Utility Services); and Dale Morrison (Office of Procurement Diversity); and non-voting members Barry A. Schatz (Cancer Center at Illinois), and Jonathan R. Hasselbring (Facilities and Services, Capital Programs) interviewed the following firms: HDR Architecture, Inc., Chicago, IL; OWP/P Cannon Design, Inc. (d/b/a Cannon Design), Chicago, IL; Holabird & Root, LLC, Chicago, IL; Shive-Hattery, Inc., Chicago, IL; Smith Group Worldwide, Inc., Grant Park, IL; Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP, Chicago, IL; Moody-Nolan Inc., Chicago, IL; Perkins + Will, Inc., Chicago, IL. The committee recommended Moody-Nolan, Inc., Chicago, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Prime Contract \$ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification</b>	<b>Diverse Subcontractor Value</b>	<b>Subcontractor % of Work</b>
Moody-Nolan, Inc. Chicago, Illinois	\$3,901,300		
	MBE (AFA)	\$534,005	14%
	MBE (ASA)	\$92,188	2%
	VOSB	\$112,813	3%
	WBE	\$25,000	1%
		<b>\$764,005</b>	<b>20%</b>

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

**Approve Project Budget and Award Construction Contract for  
Clark, Barton, and Lundgren Halls – Heating Piping Replacement, Urbana**

(21) In November 2024, the Board approved the Clark, Barton, and Lundgren Halls - Heating Piping Replacement project, as well as an amendment to the project's professional services consultant contract. This project will replace the original heating and piping elements at three buildings: Clark Hall, Barton Hall, and Lundgren Hall.

System failures have occurred on numerous occasions due to severe corrosion, resulting in sediment blocking water flow or broken pipes. Construction will be phased to first address Barton and Lundgren Halls, with a goal of completing construction prior to the Fall 2025 semester. A second construction phase for Clark Hall will be bid separately to complete the remaining project scope.

Bids for the first phase of construction work at Barton and Lundgren Halls were received in January 2025, and for the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the project budget of \$20.0 million to cover design, construction, and owner's costs. Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board approve a project budget of \$20.0 million.

Additionally, for the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the following single-prime contract be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder based on the base bid.

A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	<u>Base Bid</u>	\$6,997,229
Urbana, IL	Total	\$6,997,229

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Auxiliary Facilities System Repair and Replacement Reserve Funds.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Prime Contract \$ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification</b>	<b>Diverse Subcontractor Value</b>	<b>Subcontractor % of Work</b>
A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Urbana, Illinois	\$6,997,229		
	MBE (HA)	\$401,200	6%
	MBE (AFA)	\$688,200	10%
	VOSB	\$210,000	3%
	WBE	\$1,010,143	14%
		<b>\$2,309,543</b>	<b>33%</b>

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz;

No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

Approve Project Budget and Award Construction Contract for  
Undergraduate Library Redevelopment, Urbana

(22) In January 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the Undergraduate Library Redevelopment's design and project budget of \$50,198,160. The renovation's design honors the original and unique aesthetic of the Undergraduate Library as it transitions to its new role as the Archives and Special Collections Building.

In October 2020, a professional services consultant selection process was initiated to begin the conceptualization, schematic design, and design development phases. In July 2021, a professional services consultant contract with RATIO States, LLC d/b/a RATIO States, PLLC, of Champaign, IL, for schematic design and design development phase services was approved. In July 2022, the Board approved an amendment to the RATIO States, LLC d/b/a RATIO States, PLLC professional services contract for the construction document, bidding, and construction administration phases of the project for a total amended contract value of \$3,200,918.

In July 2023, bids received for construction work were significantly higher than the project budget and were not awarded. Subsequently, the project team worked to revise the design to reduce cost while still delivering on the Undergraduate Library's programmatic needs.

In May 2024, bids for the revised scope were received and, for the project to proceed, it is necessary to increase the project budget to \$65,198,160, an increase of \$15,000,000. Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board approve the increase in the project budget to \$65,198,160, an increase of \$15,000,000.

Additionally, for the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the following single-prime contract be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder based on the base bid plus the acceptance of alternates 1, 2, 3, and 4.<sup>5</sup>

Williams Brothers Construction Inc. Peoria Heights, IL	Base Bid	\$41,560,000
	Alternate 1	55,000
	Alternate 2	128,000
	Alternate 3	75,000
	Alternate 4	60,000
	Total	\$41,878,000

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<sup>5</sup> Description of Alternates: Alternate 1 - Provide movable concrete planters with ornamental trees at Plaza Level; Alternate 2 - Provide new 5 foot benches at the Plaza Level; Alternate 3 - Remove existing pavers at the Lower-Level Courtyard, prep subgrade and provide new pavers; Alternate 4 - Provide two folding glass panel partitions at Room 1020

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from Institutional Funds Operating Budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment, and gift funds.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Prime Contract \$ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification</b>	<b>Diverse Subcontractor Value</b>	<b>Subcontractor % of Work</b>
Williams Brothers Construction Inc. Peoria Heights, IL	\$41,878,000		
	MBE (AFA)	\$2,415,000	6%
	MBE (HA)	\$1,524,100	4%
	VOSB	\$1,257,000	3%
	WMBE (AFA)	\$385,000	1%
	WBE	\$8,269,500	20%
		<b>\$13,850,600</b>	<b>33%</b>

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz;

No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

Delegate Authority to the Comptroller to Initiate  
a Public-Private Partnership Pre-Development Process and to Enter into  
Related Agreements to Construct the National Quantum Facility, Urbana

(23) The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of The Grainger College of Engineering, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, and appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board delegate to the comptroller the authority to initiate a pre-development process to include the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP), perform other pre-development activities, and enter into agreements necessary for the development, construction, and financing of a new approximately 51,000-square-foot facility to be known as the National Quantum Facility (the “Project”). The Project’s development, construction, and financing will be performed utilizing a public-private partnership (P3) model.

National Quantum Facility

The National Quantum Facility (NQF) represents a key component of the quantum technology initiative of the State of Illinois, designed to accelerate research and development in quantum computing while fostering collaboration between academia and industry under the leadership of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The NQF

will serve as a critical resource for the quantum computing community, offering essential infrastructure for quantum technology development and testing within the broader Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park ecosystem.

The proposed state-of-the-art facility will support a diverse ecosystem of quantum computing enterprises from early-stage startups to established companies and research institutions operating under the governance of the IQMP, LLC. The NQF will provide tenants access to advanced cryogenic resources through leasing arrangements ranging from short-term engagements to extended research programs.

A feasibility study was conducted with Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning, P.C.; IQMP, LLC leaders; University of Illinois System Office of Capital Programs, Real Estate and Utility Services; and private sector tenants. The study was completed in January 2025 and contemplates programming for offices, labs, shared amenity space, dedicated research space and benches in the fridge fleet room, and a cryogenic plant that will produce the helium needed to support quantum technologies.

### Development Process

The National Quantum Facility project requires Board approval at two points.

The first approval being requested now is to delegate authority to the comptroller to initiate the P3 process and enter into related agreements. This consists of the publication of an RFP in the Illinois Higher Education Procurement Bulletin, selection of the project development team, and execution of related pre-development

agreements. Pre-development activities to be completed by the selected team throughout this process include (but are not limited to) scope and design, negotiation of the transaction documents, budget projections, and pre-financing activities. This pre-development phase will not exceed a total cost of \$3.5 million and will require multiple milestones to be achieved before moving forward. If the steering committee, that may include representation from the University Office of Capital Programs, Real Estate and Utility Services, Office of Treasury Operations, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; and the comptroller are satisfied with the deliverables from the pre-development activities described above, the comptroller will proceed with final Board approvals and pre-development expenses will be rolled into the final financing structure. Should these parties not feel it in the best interest of the Board to proceed at that time, the comptroller may elect to cease proceedings and direct the remittance of fees due.

The second and final approval by the Board will request approval of final design and authorize delegation of authority to the comptroller to execute the transactional documents for the construction and financing of the Project.

#### Public-Private Partnership Project Summary

The Project will be structured as a P3 utilizing a concession arrangement under Section 53-25 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/53-25) with a ground lease and the issuance of long-term debt by a third-party. The University utilizes different capital delivery methods and processes based on the unique needs of each project. When appropriate and feasible, the University uses the P3 model to secure the anticipated

advantages of increased speed of capital delivery, guaranteed maximum price, a firm delivery date, and a risk-sharing partnership with the private sector.

In this P3 model, the University is expected to ground lease its land to a third party, referred to as the “Project Owner-Borrower,” who will contract with and lead the development team. This team may include a separate developer and a general contractor and will be engaged through the RFP process to construct the building on the ground-leased land. When the building is completed, the University will sublease it from the Project Owner-Borrower. The Project Owner-Borrower owns the building until the debt is retired, at which time ownership of the building will revert to the University, and the ground lease terminates.

#### Project Structure and Financing

The total project costs are currently projected to be funded by external financing, but opportunities for capital contributions are under consideration and would reduce the total borrowing amount. Repayment of the debt would primarily be sourced from revenues generated by Facility Use Agreements with private tenants utilizing the space. Additional sources of revenue are expected to come from grants. The Board will serve as a backstop security if necessary. It is contemplated that the operations and maintenance of the Project will be performed by a third party selected and retained by NQF leadership.

The overall financing structure for the Project will be determined following the RFP process and through the pre-development phase in conjunction with the Board’s

municipal advisor. The final financing plan will be presented to the Board as a component of the second step of the Development Process as described above for approval.

The final structure will contain provisions requiring the Project to be constructed and operated in accordance with campus standards. Provisions in the ground lease will also include specific areas of support and cooperation between the Board and the Project Owner-Borrower. Under the ground lease, the land will remain owned by the University, and the Project Owner-Borrower will own the improvements for the term of the financing.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

Approve Project Budget and Design, Amend Professional Services Consultant and Construction Manager Contracts for Jefferson Hall and Henry Hall Renovations, Chicago

(24) In May 2023, the University of Illinois Chicago approved the Jefferson Hall and Henry Hall Renovations project with a preliminary budget of \$2,608,500. The project involves a complete renovation of Jefferson Hall and Henry Hall, including all interior spaces and select exterior components. Exterior upgrades will encompass entry areas, first-floor storefronts, selective window replacements on the second and third floors, concrete patching, and roof replacement.

Inside, the renovation will modernize all building systems and components, including architectural features, HVAC, electrical, AV, IT infrastructure, plumbing, and life safety systems. These upgrades will create contemporary, functional learning spaces designed to support active and hybrid learning for the School of Theatre and Music (STM) and undergraduate degree in Computer Science and Design (CS + Design). Additionally, the project will provide office spaces for the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts (CADA). The renovation aims to achieve a minimum of LEED Silver certification, and a cost estimate has been prepared.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Jefferson Hall and Henry Hall Renovation project with a budget of \$23,984,100.

In February 2024, Krueck & Sexton Architects, LTD d/b/a Krueck Sexton Partners of Chicago, IL was employed to provide partial design services for the project. For the project to proceed, it is also necessary to amend the Professional Service Consultant contract with Krueck & Sexton Architects, LTD d/b/a Krueck Sexton Partners for the required services. The selection of the Professional Services Consultant for this project was in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).<sup>6</sup>

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that Krueck & Sexton Architects, LTD d/b/a Krueck Sexton Partners continue to be employed and their contract amended for the professional services required through the completion of this project. The firm's fixed fee will be increased by \$830,461 for a total amended contract of \$1,829,095. Supplemental work performed by the firm to address emergent issues, including water infiltration in the

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<sup>6</sup> A selection committee consisting of Stewart Hicks (UIC College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts); Dina Taylor (UIC College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts); William Bradford (UIC Planning, Sustainability and Project Management (PSPM)); Jonathan Fair (PSPM); Sandeep Kulkarni (PSPM); A. Elizabeth Ortner (PSPM); and Dale Morrison (Office of Procurement Diversity) evaluated the following firms (listed in ranking order): 1) Krueck & Sexton Architects, LTD d/b/a Krueck Sexton Partners Chicago IL; 2) Ross Barney Architects, Inc., Chicago, IL; 3) Gensler, Chicago, IL; 4) Solomon Cordwell Buenz, Chicago, IL; and 5) HBRA Architects Incorporated, Chicago, IL. The committee recommended Krueck Sexton Partners as best meeting the criteria for the project.

building envelope and the study of alternate design options for the second floor of Henry Hall, totaled \$493,246.

In May 2024, Gilbane Building Company of Chicago, IL was employed to provide construction management services for the project. For the project to proceed, it is also necessary to amend the construction management contract with Gilbane Building Company for the required services. The selection of the Construction Management consultant for this project was in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Illinois Procurement Code.<sup>7</sup>

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that Gilbane Building Company continue to be employed and their contract amended for the professional services required through the completion of this project. The firm's fixed fee will be increased by \$250,277 for a total amended contract of \$1,020,172.

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<sup>7</sup> A selection committee consisting of Stewart Hicks (UIC College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts); Dina Taylor (UIC College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts); William Bradford (UIC Planning, Sustainability and Project Management (PSPM)); Sandeep Kulkarni (PSPM); A. Elizabeth Ortner (PSPM); Sandra Yoo (University Office for Capital Programs, Real Estate, and Utility Services); and Dale Morrison (Office of Procurement Diversity) evaluated the following firms (listed in ranking order): 1) Gilbane Building Company, Chicago, IL; 2) Berglund Construction Company, Chicago, IL; 3) Mortenson, Chicago, IL, 4) CORE Construction Services of Illinois, Inc., Chicago, IL. The committee recommended Gilbane Building Company as best meeting the criteria for the project.

For the project to proceed, it is also necessary to approve the design. The design meets all campus building standards, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable State and federal standards, and is within the anticipated budget included herein for approval. Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the design be approved.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Chicago.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

Professional Services Consultant

<b>Awarded Vendor</b>	<b>Prime Contract \$ / Diverse Subvendor Certification</b>	<b>Diverse Subcontractor Value</b>	<b>Subvendor % of Work</b>
Krueck & Sexton Partners d/b/a Krueck Sexton Partners, Chicago, Illinois	\$1,829,095		
	MBE (ASA)	\$609,710	33%
	VOSB	\$100,803	6%
	WBE	\$76,449	4%
		<b>\$786,962</b>	<b>43%</b>

Construction Manager

Awarded Vendor	Prime Contract \$ / Diverse Subvendor Certification	Diverse Subcontractor Value	Subvendor % of Work
Gilbane Building Company, Chicago, Illinois	\$1,020,172		
	MBE (ASA)	\$311,033	30%
	VOSB	\$45,888	4%
	WBE	\$0	0%
		<b>\$356,921</b>	<b>35%</b>

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

Purchase Recommendations

(25) Following are purchase contracts proposed by each university and the System Office (on file with the secretary). The purchases are to be funded from State appropriations or institutional funds as appropriate. Unless otherwise specified or indicated, purchases are based on the lowest acceptable bid. The vice president/chief

financial officer and comptroller has approved all purchases to be funded from State appropriations in accordance with the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* and *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

The total amount of these purchases was:

**From Institutional Funds**

Purchases .....	\$16,750,000.00
Renewals.....	\$54,755,599.00
Change Orders.....	\$440,000.00

A complete list of the purchases, renewals, and change orders with supporting information (including the quotations received) was sent to each member of the Board in advance of the meeting.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the purchases recommended were authorized by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

### Authorize Settlement

(26) The University counsel recommends that the Board approve settlement of *Lee, et al. v. Tzvetanov, MD, et al.*, in the amount of \$3.0 million. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants' failure to intervene and timely treat an ongoing bleed post kidney transplant, ultimately resulted in the death of 43-year-old Corene Lee.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Johnson, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz; No, none; Absent, Governor Pritzker. (Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gutman was recorded as not voting on this item.)

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Mizan, Mr. Basta.)

### President's Report on Actions of the Senates

(27) The president presented the following report:

Revise the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Core Courses in the  
Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The University of Illinois Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Nursing, has approved the revision of the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) core courses in the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

In recent years, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has developed “Essentials” that outline the necessary curricular content and expected competencies for graduates of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs. This has led to revisions within College of Nursing curricula, including the current revision.

Within the DNP program, students select one of 13 focus areas as a specialty concentration. Of these, 11 are APRN specialty concentrations, supported by an APRN Core (although not all APRN specialties require all core courses). This proposal revises the six APRN Core Courses. These revisions include: replacing a two-course requirement for some specialty concentrations with a combined physiology/pathophysiology course; replacing a course that had emphasized policy implications with a course focused on the APRN role, given that another recently revised course now addresses policy content; removing an applied pharmacology course from the core (as all DNP students will still have a required pharmacotherapeutics course); and improving how content is scaffolded throughout the curriculum with the goal of increasing readiness for clinical rotations.

Rename and Revise the Minor in Disability and Human Development,  
College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

The University of Illinois Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Applied Health Sciences, has approved the renaming and revision of the minor in Disability and Human Development.

The minor in Disability and Human Development offers an interdisciplinary study of disability, focusing on overarching issues of inclusion for people with disabilities in areas of policy, technology, community, arts, culture, and health. The minor is being renamed from “Disability and Human Development” to “Disability Inclusion” to more accurately reflect the identity of the program and advances in the field.

The course requirements are being reorganized to include new options, remove outdated options, and provide a more focused selection of courses. Under the new curriculum, students will now have one required course and a choice between two recently implemented upper division courses. Additionally, students will choose two courses from a selective list. There are no changes to the overall credits required for the program (12 credit hours).

Establish the Minor in Sports Management, College of Business Administration, Chicago

The University of Illinois Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Business Administration, has approved the establishment of the minor in Sports Management.

The minor in Sports Management will be open to undergraduates throughout the university. The minor will provide business and non-business students

with a career path into a field about which many students are passionate. Students will complete four courses (12 credit hours total), including a required foundations course and three selective courses. The selectives reflect courses under a range of subject codes, including in relation to management, marketing, economics, finance, educational psychology, education, accounting, and communication.

Rename the Undergraduate Campus Certificate in Medical Humanities,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The University of Illinois Chicago Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has approved the renaming of the Undergraduate Campus Certificate in Medical Humanities.

The certificate in Medical Humanities (15 credit hours) encourages students to explore interdisciplinary approaches to understanding how health and health care operate in diverse cultural and social contexts. The certificate is recommended for students who intend to enter a health profession and wish to work more effectively in cross-cultural settings, but it is open to all undergraduate students.

This proposal changes the name of the program to the “Certificate in Health, Culture, and Society.” The current program title does not effectively convey the holistic and interdisciplinary nature of the certificate, or its emphasis on cultural competencies and the social determinants of health. In fact, the required and selective course options for the certificate program are from both the social sciences and the humanities. Moreover, the phrase “medical humanities” is often unfamiliar to students, who therefore may not appreciate the scope and value of the certificate.

Establish the Accelerated Joint Bachelor of Arts in Communication/Master of Arts in Public Affairs Reporting, College of Public Affairs and Education, Springfield

The University of Illinois Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the School of Communication and Media within the College of Public Affairs and Education to establish an accelerated joint Bachelor of Arts in Communication (COM)/Master of Arts in Public Affairs Reporting (PAR).

The PAR program currently attracts graduate students from throughout the country, but only a small number of those students earn their undergraduate degrees at UIS. The accelerated joint degree program, which will be marketed to undergraduate COM majors and minors who show an interest in pursuing a journalism career, will encourage students to consider this opportunity and strengthen collaboration between the COM and PAR programs.

Students will be eligible to apply to the joint degree program after completing 60 undergraduate hours. If accepted, students must pursue a COM BA that fulfills the requirements for the Journalism /Media Studies or the Strategic Communication and Public Relations tracks. Undergraduate students accepted into the joint degree program who are seeking a degree in another discipline must complete a COM minor in either the Journalism/Media Studies or Strategic Communication and Public Relations minor tracks.

With appropriate advising, students enrolled in the accelerated joint degree program will complete at least 12 hours of 400-500 level courses in their undergraduate studies. Students who complete the COM BA or minor with the appropriate track who

have maintained a 3.0 GPA will be admitted to the PAR program, where they can have up to 12 credit hours of their undergraduate work in 400- or 500-level courses waived from the graduate degree.

In establishing the joint degree program, the School of Communication and Media hopes to retain some of its best students, who will be able to complete the two degrees in less time with reduced financial burden. No additional staff or financial resources are required to establish this program.

Eliminate the Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Labor Relations,  
College of Public Affairs and Education, Springfield

The University of Illinois Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Public Affairs and Education to eliminate the Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Labor Relations. Demand for the certificate has been greatly reduced due to changes in state requirements. The 12-hour certificate, which is housed in the School of Public Management and Policy (SPMP), was conferred to the last student enrolled in the program in Spring 2023. No additional students have been admitted to the program, so a teach-out plan is not necessary. SPMP has shifted its focus to curricular needs that better align with faculty expertise and student demand.

This report was received for record.

Business Enterprise Program Report

(28) Attached is a report that responds to the Board of Trustees' request for periodic information on Business Enterprise Program expenditures. The report lists

expenditures by Business Enterprise Program vendors for the period of July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

This report was received for record.

#### Change Orders Report

(29) On September 23, 2010, the Board of Trustees delegated the authority to the comptroller to approve change orders to University contracts and purchase agreements. Change orders related to medical center operations that exceed 25 percent of the original Board approved contract or purchase agreement and change orders that are not related to the medical center operations that exceed 5 percent of the original Board approved contract for construction or professional services or original Board approved purchase agreements for supplies or equipment will be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

The intent of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees a review of those changes germane to the respective projects which have occurred. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

#### Demographic Report for Active Employees with Active Position and FTE Greater than 0%

(28) System Human Resource Services presented this report through March 2025. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

#### Fuel Commitment Summary

(30) This report was presented by System Utilities, Prairieland Energy, Inc. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

#### Performance Metrics

(31) The University Office for Planning and Budgeting submitted the performance metric reports for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois Chicago, and the University of Illinois Springfield. Copies have been filed with the secretary of the Board.

These reports were received for record.

#### Secretary's Report

(32) The secretary presented for record changes to academic appointments for contract year 2024-25, new hires, resignations, notices of nonreappointment, and retirees rehired. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

University of Illinois System Fourth Quarter 2024 Investment Update

(33) The comptroller presented this report as of December 31, 2024. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board. This report was received for record.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Ruiz asked President Killeen if he would like to make any closing remarks. President Killeen extended condolences to the family and friends of former UIS chancellor Dr. Ringeisen. He welcomed Dr. McKinney to the Board. He then gave an update on the review process used for recommending the awarding of honorary degrees, which was requested by former Board chair Donald J. Edwards. President Killeen stated that the process for awarding honorary degrees is briefly described in the University of Illinois *Statutes* and said each university has appropriately adopted its own approach to the process. He said he asked each chancellor to review the selection process and approaches to honorary degree granting, which he said is ongoing. President Killeen indicated that the chancellors have engaged University counsel to collect procedural and historical information, and President Killeen briefly summarized the approach at each university. He said he will keep the Board apprised as this review continues.

President Killeen urged all in attendance to listen to the remarks Governor Pritzker made at the South by Southwest film festival, where he discussed Illinois' status as an engine of high-tech innovation and growth. He said Governor Pritzker was joined by Dr. Arvind Krishna, chief executive officer of IBM, in a panel discussion where they described the University System's role in establishing the University as a leader in

quantum computing. President Killeen remarked on the University's contributions to technical innovation and economic development. He commented on the generations of Americans that have made access to higher education and the promise and progress it provides a priority, and he said the system of higher education in the United States is a powerful engine that allows anyone from any background who desires a college education to pursue it. President Killeen said the University's job is to meet those students where they are, recognize the unique needs of each student, and optimize each student's potential. He expressed appreciation for the Board of Trustees and for the leadership of the chair.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ruiz thanked Dr. Gooch for hosting the meeting and wished her a happy birthday.

Mr. Ruiz announced that the Board is scheduled to meet in Urbana on May 22, 2025, and in Chicago for a meeting and annual Board retreat on July 16 and 17, 2025.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 12:01 p.m., Chair Ruiz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, the meeting adjourned. There were no “nay” votes.

JEFFREY A. STEIN  
*Secretary*

JESSE H. RUIZ  
*Chair*