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SC.15.06 Report on the November 13, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the Chicago campus

Chairman Kennedy convened the meeting of Wolcott, Wood and Taylor with Board Secretary Susan Kies calling the Roll.

The BOT went into Executive Session to consider:

- University employment and appointment-related matter
- Setting the price for the sale and lease of property owned by the University
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act

Open Session resumed following the Executive Session with remarks from Governor Pat Quinn. Governor Quinn's remarks covered a wide range of topics including sustainability and use of renewable energy sources, the IL MAP scholarship program where he noted more than half of the students provided with funds are minority students, the challenges of financing an education today, and the role UIC plays for the Hispanic citizens of IL.

Chairman Kennedy introduced Ms. Morgan Pirtle who sang the State song Illinois accompanied on the piano by Mr. Supasit Supawong.

UIC Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares welcomed BOT members and meeting attendees to the UIC campus using a video which included the engineering-art synergies demonstrated via the imaging capabilities for research on conditions such as depression using the Cave-2, as well as a vision statement from Dimitri Azar for the UIC College of Medicine.

Vice President Walter Knorr gave a financial report, highlighting the State's poor credit rating and including details about unpaid State vouchers, lower State appropriations to UI and Administrative costs of the University.

Professor Richard Dye, IGPA, presented the quarterly report on the State economy. This report demonstrated that revenues in the model growing slower than IL State government spending, the large State liabilities, and that the IL bond rates are the worst of all 50 US States. Prof. Dye's summary:

- IL is lagging significantly behind in the economic recovery seen in other Midwest states
- IL has a large structural financial deficit
- IL has huge liabilities from past deficits
- IL bond ratings are threatened by fiscal inaction

BOT committee reports:

- Trustee McMillan: Audit, Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee.
- Trustee Stroebel: Governance, Personnel and Ethics Committee. She included in her report that the UI Presidential search is on track stating it is anticipated that a new President will be known by the end of the semester.
- Trustee Koritz: University Healthcare Systems Committee. He noted a nursing strike was avoided and that plans are made for dealing with Ebola should it come to IL. Trustee Koritz stated that

Senates have approved the two proposals one, from UIUC and one from UIC, related to their respective plans for Colleges of Medicine, and that these will be discussed at USC in December. President Easter has been asked to study these proposals and to present to the BOT in March the findings. Trustee Koritz said that a conversation with Dean Cangellaris, UIUC College of Engineering revealed that in order for the UIUC College of Engineering to maintain its premier cutting-edge status, it must embrace Bio-engineering and have a College of Medicine. Trustee Koritz also noted and congratulated Chancellor Wise and Trustee McMillan who will serve on Governor-Elect Rauner's Transition Team. Chancellor Wise provided a correction to Trustee Koritz' statement saying that her campus Senate had approved preliminary endorsement of the COM and that several Senate Committees were currently studying this topic carefully. Trustee Koritz thanked Chancellor Wise for her correction.

- Trustee Hasara: Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Of particular note was receipt of the Taskforce Report on Open Access, and the development of a dashboard approach for future Provost's presentation of Academic Unit review and analyses, the data which will drive future decisions related to academic units. Trustee Hasara also noted the presentation by Vice-President Christophe Pierre on tuition and financial aid and the Diversity Awards received by UIC complimenting the UIC campus on these achievements.

Public Comment was received from:

- Prof Mary Jo Ladu – UIC who spoke to the needed strength of the UI Health Sciences Enterprise.
- Prof Catherine Vincent – UIC who endorsed the statements of Prof Ladu.
- Prof Rashis Bashir – UIUC Department Head of BioEngineering, who spoke on behalf of himself and Dean Cangellaris, UIUC College of Engineering (COE). Prof Bashir stated that the microelectronics revolution of the last century lead to the recognition that the UIUC College of Engineering is the most influential COE in the world. He requested Trustee's to reflect on Lincoln's standards which guide the UIUC campus to change the world. The overarching theme of the proposed new UIUC College of Medicine is to provide medicine of higher quality to more people at lower cost. This new College of Medicine will allow the UIUC College of Engineering to maintain itself as the leading COE in the world.
- Mr. Cary Shepherd spoke about coal use.

The BOT approved by voice vote Board items 001 through 013, with 009 revised. All passed unanimously.

The BOT approved by roll call vote Board items 014 through 023. All passed with some dissenting and some abstention votes.

The BOT then convened to Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, the BOT handled other old and new business. Chairman Kennedy announced that the next BOT will be on Thursday, January 15, 2015, in Chicago.

The BOT meeting was adjourned.

Details of the meeting can be found at: <http://www.bot.uillinois.edu/multimedia> and at: <http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/November-13-2014/>

Respectfully yours,
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