

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
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SC.22.18 Report on the July 21, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Urbana

Chairman Don Edwards called the meeting to order and began with a virtual vocal performance of State Song: Illinois by Ms. Toni Esker.

President Tim Killeen introduced guests and observers. Application interest is strong, class numbers will be like last year's enrollment. With the new academic year President Killeen wants to welcome new Trustee Joe Gutman who will begin next meeting. There are 3 new student trustees for this year. President Killeen highlighted how the system is evaluating and looking toward the future. He mentioned the Board has charged the system with recruiting faculty and have two plans for UIUC and UIC. UIS has had an academic reorganization and is working on their faculty recruitment plans. The targets for new faculty hires are 200 new positions at UIUC in three years, and 100 at UIC. The President stressed these are net additional faculty, not including backfilled positions. There are also strategies and targets to increase underrepresented faculty within the colleges and drive research discoveries that benefit the state of Illinois.

Chancellor Robert Jones provided a welcome and an update from Urbana. Chancellor Jones mentioned the importance of the Atkins Golf Center as an asset for the city of Urbana and community engagement. Chancellor Jones is excited to welcome Trustee Gutman to the board. Chancellor Jones discussed supporting system health innovation initiatives and propel Illinois to the forefront of health care in partnership with Carle College of Medicine. Chancellor Jones highlighted a new project at Illinois in partnership with the USDA for sustainable farming processed. Chancellor Jones also mentioned the new partnership with Hope Chicago, with about 40 students enrolling at Illinois in the fall as part of the debt-free support program. There is also a transformative program in East St. Louis with Jackie Joyner-Kersey to support development of students. Chancellor Jones also highlighted the 300,000-dollar investment in preventing violence in the community. Lastly, the Chancellor stated his excitement for the additions of USC and UCLA to the Big Ten conference and wished Provost Cangellaris well in his transition.

Paul Ellinger presented an update on capital budgeting and Public Private Partnerships. Campuses have presented updated 5-year capitol plans. Trustees commented about how process has become more professionalized.

Professor Rob Kar, USC, shared the University Senates Conference Annual Report. The report highlighted the importance of shared governance and the benefit of having a robust shared governance process. Prof. Kar outlined the 10 focal points that USC focused on this past academic year including: educational modalities, DPI shared governance, Covid-19, statues revisions, educational pipeline, tuition, legislative priorities, support of system excellence and branding, mentorship for mid-level faculty/underrepresented faculty, and accountability.

Chair Edwards thanked Professor Kar for his USC service this year and presented a token of appreciation. President Killeen also voiced his gratitude to Professor Kar and committed to the focal point of mentoring mid-level faculty in the coming year.

The four Board Committee reports provided background to various items on the action agenda for today.

Public comments were presented, for five minutes each. A staff member and graduate student spoke about increasing material support and perception of people with disabilities. They felt during Covid-19 there was more compassion and flexibility which caused them to be proud of the university, but there is less support at this time. The next comment was from a BSW in housing who described issues with his workplace.

The following action items were approved (items affected Urbana highlighted):

01. Resolution for Ricardo Estrada
02. Appoint Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana
03. Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff
04. Appoint Acting Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Chicago
05. Appoint Dean, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Urbana
06. Appoint Interim Dean, College of Education, Urbana
07. Appoint Dean, College of Education, Urbana
08. Appoint Dean, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago
09. Appoint Acting Dean, Graduate College, Chicago
10. Appoint Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago
11. Appoint Interim Dean, College of Health, Science, and Technology, Springfield
12. Promotions in Academic Rank and Change in Tenure, 2022-2023
13. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Business + Data Science, Gies College of Business, Urbana
14. Rename the Department of Public Administration, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College, Chicago
15. Rename the College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield
16. Rename the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield
17. Eliminate the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies, Center for State Policy and Leadership, Springfield
18. Amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*, Urbana

19. Appoint University of Illinois Banker in India for Its Liaison Office in New Delhi, India, and Its Branch Office in Bengaluru, India
20. Rename Stephen Douglas Hall, Chicago

Chair Edwards celebrated the accomplishment of all faculty awarded tenure and acknowledged this is a great accomplishment.

President Killeen closed with final comments highlighting the new DPI location in Springfield, IL. President Killeen thanked Provost Cangellaris for his service and dedication.

Chair Edwards thanked Provost Cangellaris on behalf of the Board of Trustees. And expressed that at the system level and campus level leadership is strong.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Submitted,
Chaya Sandler