

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
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SC.23.07 Report on the November 17, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Chicago

Chairman Don Edwards called the meeting to order and began with recognition of Veteran's Day and a moment of silence followed by an acoustic performance of State Song: Illinois by a UIC student.

President Tim Killeen introduced guests and observers. President Killeen presented highlights from the state tour of Illinois entitled- Partnering with Purpose. President Killeen noted demographics, funding diversification, learning modalities, and internationalization as important factors impacting the future of higher education. The Illinois Innovation Network was also discussed, with President Killeen emphasizing the research network activities throughout the state of Illinois. The system is also partnering with universities in neighboring nations including Mexico, and the newly formed binational Great Lakes Higher Education Consortium (GLHEC). Discovery Partners Institute extends the U of I System's reach internationally and provides support to achieving global shared missions. President Killeen ended his remarks with a personal note of excitement that there is momentum in impacting pressing issues in the world with our partnerships.

Dr. Javier Reyes, Interim Chancellor/Vice President welcomed the Board to UIC. Dr. Reyes noted multiple large grants awarded to UIC this past year. UIC has a new alignment in Student Affairs to serve students and support student success better. UIC will attempt to focus attention on the success of all students at UIC- international, Law, Medical, transfer, and four-year students. Dr. Javier Reyes also introduced UIC's CS+Design major and noted there were 300 applications, with equal gender representation in the enrollment in the program. There will be a delegation from Mexico on campus at UIC in late November, and a UIC delegation will go to Mexico in December. There have been leadership appointments in multiple professional schools at UIC, but are searching for Dean of LAS, and Dean of Business and Administration. UIC had a welcome for UIC's next Chancellor who will start in July, 2023.

Dr. Avijit Ghosh, Interim Executive Vice President/Vice President for Academic Affairs presented the FY 2024 request to the State of Illinois with an 11.7% increase over FY 2023. This increase is related to the operating costs to keep students in Illinois, inflation, and increases in hiring costs for faculty. Specifically, there are financial requests for additional funding to expand student mental health services and academic summer bridge support programs.

Professor William Maher presented a USC report about Faculty Roles in Academic Policy and Governance.

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

Public comments were presented, for five minutes each including comments about the lack of a 2% cost of living increase for UIC employees, and a student group representative asking for dedicated reproductive healthcare facility for UIC.

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

1. Amend Multiyear Contract with Head Varsity Coach, Men's Basketball, Chicago
2. Appoint Members to the Advisory Board, Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) in Springfield, Chicago
3. Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff
4. Appoint Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs
5. Appoint Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Vice President, University Illinois System
6. Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor and Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Chicago
7. Award Honorary Degrees, Urbana
8. Establish the Department of Comparative and World Literature, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana
9. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science + Bioengineering, The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana
10. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science + Physics, The Grainger College of Engineering, Urbana
11. Rename and Revise the Bachelor of Science in Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, Urbana
12. Reorganize the Library Instructional Services Program, University Library, Springfield
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14. Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Biochemistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana
15. Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana
16. Approve Requests for Operating and Capital Appropriations, Fiscal Year 2024

17. Approve Project Budget and Amend Professional Services Consultant Contract for School of Public Health and Psychiatric Institute Building Envelope Repair, Chicago
18. Approve Project Budget for Allen Hall, Upgrade Electrical System, Phase 2 and 3, Urbana
19. Purchase Recommendations
20. Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to Open Meetings Act

President Killeen closed with final comments and thanked the Board for approving the Requests for Operating and Capital Appropriations and approval of two system positions including Nicholas P. Jones. President Killeen also recognized Dr. Avijit Ghosh's service to the system.

Chair Edwards make final remarks welcoming Dr. Jones and Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda in the new year, and personal thanks to Dr. Avijit Ghosh.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.

Submitted,
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