

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
 Urbana Senate Observer
 (Final; Information)

SC.16.26 Report on the November 12, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the Chicago Campus

The meeting was formally called to order by BOT Chairman McMillan after an executive session which ran until about 9:40 a.m.

The school song was sung by Thair Thompson accompanied by Catherine Foreman.

President Killeen: gave introductions of university officers and various campus leaders present.

Report by Interim Chancellor Michael Amiridis (Chicago campus):

Key messages:

1. Gains, excellence and progress on various metrics the Chicago campus has achieved
 - a. The most recent *US News and World Report* rankings, UIC ranked 62nd among public universities moving up 20 spots among all universities in the nation.
 - b. Many UIC colleges and graduate/professional programs rank in the top 20 nationally – Occupational Therapy #4, Nursing #13, Pharmacy #14, Physical Therapy #16, and Public Health #17
 - c. UIC enrolled over 29,000 students, breaking previous enrollment records; UIC is Chicago's largest university; undergraduate enrollment increased 4.8%, and freshman enrollment increased 15%.
 - d. UIC implementing the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Agreements with various Illinois Community Colleges.
 - e. UIC Star Scholar program in partnership with the City Colleges of Chicago will guarantee associate degree graduates from the City Colleges the opportunity to receive UIC campus-funded scholarships toward bachelor's degrees at UIC.
2. An introduction and welcome was extended to Dr. Robert A. Barish, the much needed and awaited for VC for Health Affairs.

Report by Vice President/CFO Walter Knorr

- Budget impasse continues. 132 days for State without a budget.
- Gov Budget had reductions of \$209 million cut; 31.5% in GRF.
- Legislative budget had \$57 million cut; ~8.5% in GRF.
- State recently paid FY15 owed payments.
- Finished audit of OIG NSF on \$435 million in grant expenditures; only disallowed \$102,000 total.
- Moody's Aa3 rating for UI; IL State Baa1 (this is a very poor rating)
- State operating support remains pressured with growing-on-behalf payments.
- Now into successive years of delayed payments from state funds.
- MAP program remains at ~\$60 million for the year; this fall \$31 million paid by UI. Not paid yet from the State legislature; MAP equals 27.2% of student financial aid of a total of \$217,797,816 package for this year's aid to students; this affects more than 7,000 students in Urbana and ~8,000 students in Chicago.
- Benefit Tier II employees seen on the rise while Tier I employees declining
- Overall UI budget:
 - Urbana 45.6% of total budget
 - Chicago 46.8% of total budget
 - Springfield 2% of total budget

- University Programs (e.g. maintenance and Banner) 3% of total budget
- University Admin 2.6% of total budget.
- All state capital projects are frozen.
- Continued adjustment for the ACA.
- Significant unfunded pension liability
- COLA is negligible this year.

Faculty report given by Danilo Erricolo (UIC)

3 key areas of budgetary concern related to State budget impasse:

1. MAP – represents diversity and equality of opportunity; students apply directly to the state, and then credited with an award for their tuition when they register for classes. The award is given thru the IL Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) - \$60 million is a typical year.

- a. Percentage by groupings for different campuses receiving MAP funding:

Group of students	Urbana (%)	Chicago (%)	Springfield (%)
All	20	48	28
Black	40	50	50
Hispanic	48	63	44

2. Health Care services
 - a. Medicaid payments; many come from University Hospital Services Fund which is about to be exhausted
 - b. Also as a result, UI not receiving federal matching funds
3. High impact research programs and centers affected
 - a. Example: IL Center for Transportation (ICT)
 - i. \$30 million over 5 years
 - ii. 50 on-going projects
 - iii. 100 involved researchers
 - iv. Benefit/cost analysis suggested 20/1 for State of Illinois for each \$1 invested in ICT
4. Thank you for BOT advocacy for UI.

Report from President Killeen:

- 2% of total State GDP (i.e. GSP) related to activity from UI
- Advocacy for UI continues – hopes for budget resolution in January.
- Emphasizing the public good of higher education
- Resolution submitted to BOT requesting BOT members to sign an urging to end the State budget impasse with roll call vote – all signed and voted in favor of the resolution.

Distinguished Service Medallion presented to Roger Plummer; UIUC BS 1964 College of Engineering graduate. Retired as President of Ameritech’s Information Systems.

Committee reports:

- Audit, budget, finance and facilities committee: Trustee Cepeda (interim Chair)
- Governance, personnel and ethics committee: Trustee Fitzgerald, Chair
- University healthcare system committee: Trustee Koritz, Chair
- Academic and student affairs committee: Trustee Hasara, Chair
- Votes were taken on items to be voted on. See formal agenda at:
 - <http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/November-12-2015/>
 - voted to approve a negotiated agreement with Dr. Steven Salaita who will receive a lump-sum payment of \$600,000 from the university, the university will pay his attorney fees, and he will not join the UI faculty.

Next BOT meeting will be January 21, 2016 in Chicago. March 16, 2016 meeting will be in Urbana. Meeting adjourned ~11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Gay Miller, Senate Executive Committee Chair