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SC.16.28 Report on the March 2016 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the Urbana-Champaign Campus

Chairman McMillan convened the meeting at 8:00am with Board Secretary Susan Kies calling the Roll. The BOT immediately went into Executive Session.

Open session resumed at 9:30 am.

The Rip Chords performed the state song. Afterwards, they introduced themselves one by one.

President Killen introduced the University officers, official observers, and representatives of the campuses and the USC who were present.

President Killeen made comments about the progress with the Strategic Plan. The process is well underway and on track to provide a plan at the May meeting of the Board. A draft is available online, and a revised draft will be available soon. The working title is "The Public's University," and there are four "pillars" in the draft, each of which was outlined. Chairman McMillan praised the plan for putting a positive image of the university before the public.

Interim Chancellor Wilson welcomed the Board to campus. She noted that US News announced its rankings of graduate programs yesterday, and that the University did very well. Other developments on campus: Josh Whitman is the new Athletic Director, and Ms. Wilson hopes that Lovie Smith will be approved as the new football coach. Over 3,000 season tickets have sold since the announcement of his possible hire, and there has been a dramatic uptick in alumni giving.

Still more campus highlights: 38,000 applicants to UIUC this year, an all-time high; 5 faculty received Sloan Fellowships, more than most of our peer institutions; and Leah Matchett was named a Marshall Scholar. Ms. Matchett was introduced to the Board.

Vice President Walter Knorr gave a financial update. The University is now in its 255th day without a state budget, and thus without Medicaid payments and MAP grants. Mr. Knorr reviewed legislative efforts to get funding to the university. He reported that the University did a financing refunding with bonds. He reviewed the governor's proposal to reduce the state contribution to the university by 31.5% in FY2016. For FY2017 the governor has proposed recommends 21.8% reduction from FY2015 appropriation. He did propose funding MAP program at the same level as FY2015. The University will visit the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 17. Mr. Knorr reviewed briefly the University's finances, and changes in financing of the campuses and UA over the last several years.

President Killeen commented on the UA preparations for the presentation to the Illinois Senate on March 17.

Committee Reports

Trustee Koritz presented on Governance, Personal, and Ethics Committee. He recommended approval of all appointments on the agenda. At its last meeting the committee had a legislative update and reviewed a report about ethics training at the University, a report about FOIA requests, and a report on the under-reporting of violent crimes on the UIC campus. The last report argued that a media report claiming violent crime was under-reported at UIC was false.

Trustee Koritz also presented Committee on University Health Care System. He encouraged the Board approve the items on the agenda regarding the University Health Care System.

Trustee Cepeda presented on the Audit, Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee. The Committee heard reports from various University administrators at its most recent meeting. He recommended approval of the agenda items put forward by his committee.

Trustee Hasara reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. She recommended the approval of the agenda items put forth by her committee. They also met with and heard a report from the President's Task Force to Prevent Sexual Violence and Misconduct.

Professors Johnson and Ladu presented on running federal research funding of large research units with NSF and NIH grants.

There was no public comment. A union was not allowed to comment because of a policy disallowing unions to comment when their contract is under negotiation.

Voting on agenda items. All items that did not require a roll-call vote were approved by a voice vote.

A motion to approve all roll-call items in a single vote was approved. A vote by roll call was taken. All trustees present voted yes to all items, except that Trustee Montgomery abstained on items 26 and 27.

Vice President Pierre gave an update on the website focusing on the part of the site devoted to academic excellence, and the section in that part devoted to university data, which offers a "report card" on the University.

The BOT the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. Trustee McMillan invited members of the public to join the Board at lunch.

Details of the meeting can be found at: <http://www.bot.uillinois.edu/multimedia> and <http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/March-16-2016>

Respectfully Submitted,

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