

BOT May 31, 2012, met at University of Illinois Chicago
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Introduction

President Designate Bob Easter opened the meeting and mentioned key projects and accomplishments of all three campuses, including the acquisition of a major computer at UIUC, a grant at UIC, and plans for a student union at UIS. He remarked that the recent commencements of all three campuses bestowed 12,500 bachelors degrees, 6,000 master's degrees, and 600 professional degrees and certificates. At UIUC, half the graduates of that campus already have jobs and 20% will go to graduate school.

Pension reform was at the forefront of discussion. On this day it was being discussed in legislature in Springfield.

BOT retreat in the summer will be about where the University of Illinois wishes to go strategically.

Among the presentations made this day, the following is a summary of key points:

UIC Chancellor Allen-Meares (moved forward on the agenda)

Meares presented the Chicago campus dashboard report. From the various ranking bodies of schools, UIC has received the following: it ranks well for research, in fact moving forward two notches nationally (actual rank missing); it ranks 28 nationally for institutions of higher education; it ranks 11 in institutions under the age of 50; and it ranks 11 in the nation.

UIUC raised \$676 million for its Brilliant Futures Fund. Its "green" master planning has earned it recognition for greening an urban campus. A recent student achievement involved it's relatively new mock trial team that competed and advanced from regional to the national tournament, beating 23 other teams including one from the Urbana campus.

UIC student achievements include eight recent Fulbright scholarships, one Goldwater scholarship, Gilman International scholarships, and much more. Meares noted one outstanding female student athlete who took the school to finals in basketball.

Its VITAL program is an outreach to veteran students.

It has a college preparation program for high school students going into health professions. This past year it graduated 153 students from this preparatory program, and every one of these students was accepted into a university program in a health field.

UIC holds many special events each year, among them Meares noted an event to honor Ruston who was aide to MLK; the campus held conversations on diversity; and UIC hosted the 12th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in April.

While presenting information about UIC numbers of graduates, financed students, underrepresented numbers, etc., a member of the BOT noted that data was from 2006 and members should have newer information. Meares did note that UIC does very well at recruiting and retention of underrepresented students, but it is falling behind in attracting and retaining African-American students.

Committee reports

1. Audit, Budget, Finance — (very general)

2. Governance, Ethics – discussed gender issues; summer retreat; governance event to bring back best practices; OMA some discussion of procedure.
3. University Healthcare – \$6.8 million positive for med school; \$1.6 billion reduction to Medicaid program in the State directly affects UIC med school by millions, for example, by \$2 million for pharmacy and \$1 million for college of dentistry. Good things were said about the make-up of grads at the UIC med school, i.e., 60% of grads are minorities who get hired in State post graduation.

Kennedy asked how monitoring Medicaid reduction impacts on charity hospitals. Koritz said there is a complex list of exemptions. He said he doesn't know if UIC has the resources to cover severe reductions. The school is essential to the quality of life in the State (referring to the 60% minority grads that get jobs in the state). VP for Health Affairs Joe Garcia said reductions were dispersed broadly. It could have been a lot worse. He spoke to being efficient and building ties with other hospitals. The reduction could be catastrophe regarding the number of patients needing care under it. UIC is working to diversify its portfolio and reduce its dependency on Medicaid.

4. Academic and Student Affairs – Hasara
Hasara announced some renaming of schools, colleges, redesignations, etc., see BOT agenda for listing. She also said farewell to a student Trustee from UIUC who had served the university well.

UIUC academic excellence – university serves a large number of underrepresented students (consequently a high 49% of student in 2011 were Pell grant eligible).

Referring to a presentation made to the ASA committee on the UIC Student Success Plan, Hasara summarized:

- University goals to meet needs of diverse, low represented students — have to be very prudent about costs, financial aid. Student debt is below peer median because the university invests in its financial aid.
- UIC focuses expenditures on instruction and has worked to reduce administration (have needs for deferred maintenance, too, not presented here)
- The committee examined the impact of the university on the State – Looked at how many alums are employed and are donor prospects; graduation rates are comparable to peers; UIC is a large producer of graduate degrees; UIC invests heavily in doctoral students through grants and other financial support – they are well-funded but lag in students generally finding employment
- UIC diversity of students – UIC is at the top quartile of its peers but failing in African-American recruitment; diversity of faculty – 25% is “people of color,” so setting the standard currently; retention of diverse faculty – also working on.

Presentations

1. Dean Jerry Bauman, College of Pharmacy
Two campuses, Chicago and Rockford, total enrollment of students, residents, and fellows is 930; research themes are drug discovery (looking at plants useful to medicine) ... cancer, infections, neurologic diseases, women's health. These have strong enrollment

and are rated very high in the nation; high in diversity of students, fourth in nation; campuses also hold a high percentage of graduates getting jobs compared to peer group institutions.

2. VPAA Christophe Pierre – Recruiting Diverse Faculty

Spoke on efforts to recruit and retain diverse faculty at the University of Illinois. Underrepresented Tenure track faculty – growth is positive for all three campuses but higher at UIC and UIUC. African-American and Hispanic faculty have increased in Chicago and Urbana but less in Springfield.

This is the pool of PhDs from which to recruit for the entire nation: 776 African-American, 722 Hispanic, 54 American Indian. Recruiting is competitive.

An issue is foreign students cannot stay here to work so we lose diversity pools because of national policy. Another issue – Women faculty in science and technology fields – increasing numbers in PhD programs but not being hired on campuses. Don't know reason.

The university needs to increase minorities, women in science and technology, veterans, and people with disabilities. This is a complex issue involving who leaves, when/why, who gets attracted away from the University of Illinois to other institutions.

Overall – minority representation is increasing for the university as a whole. Emphasis must be on sustaining minority junior faculty, too.

3. Mareen Parks – Update on Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse (in wake of Penn State issues). Task Force charge is to draft letter for university-wide communication on the issue; review federal regulations; conduct review of policies and procedures at the University of Illinois; identify times when we bring minors to campus and need implement special procedures. All tasks charged have been accomplished.

Sexual Harassment Training – Notice has been sent to all employees at UIS, at other campuses the information is dispersed differently.

Forthcoming mandate: House Bill 3887 would expand the reporting of sexual abuse (such as is done in public schools) to make us responsible to report minor sexual abuse (suspected or otherwise). Continuing to look at mandatory training for awareness and a university umbrella policy.

4. VP Schook – Economic Development of University Related Organizations (UROs)

He chose to comment on two UROs: University of Illinois Research Park and Illinois VENTURES park.

Research Park is a success in economic growth; it's built a vibrant tech community. Illinois VENTURES is meant to train faculty in how enterprise works and help faculty learn how to start a company. It has created over 500 jobs and had a strong local economic development impact. Two examples of university and industry partnerships formed from Illinois VENTURES are Energy Biosciences Institute and Center for Nutrition, Learning and Memory. The initiative is helping to make Illinois a top destination for such innovative ventures. Plans in FY13 are to expand the initiative at UIC and UIUC.

Revenue and Expenses

1. Budget Indicators – Vice President Knorr

He said there are changing demographics in Illinois and the state is increasingly diverse but more people are moving out than moving into Illinois. Economy – have a higher unemployment rate at 9.1% compared to the nation, at 8.3%. There is a \$4.4 billion deficit in Illinois. The income tax increase was a step in the right direction but it doesn't solve the State's problems. Budget gaps will continue to grow.

- Pension underfunding is the worst in the nation.
- Health care (affordable health care act will feed huge numbers into Medicaid)
- Research and Development in US is 3% of gross national product but in many other countries it is 10% of GNP.

Good news:

- University of Illinois is a leader in the state in research and development.
- University of Illinois has an impact on long-term earning power in the state.

2. State Economic Report and Illinois Report by Rich & Merriman

Merriman provided a fiscal overview of the moment. Essentially, state economic conditions are improving but state problems are left unsolved. State spending is increasingly more on debt service.

Summarized: U of I state budgetary impact for 2012 could see an appropriation reduction of \$43.5 million; MAP reduction of \$15 million. The magnitude of state budgetary impact is that the university would have to raise tuition 15% to catch up to state budget problems.

Also noted, we're not subject by law to prompt payment by the State. Illinois compared to other Big Ten schools has the most reliance on the State.

Kennedy said if compare us to other states we need to drop our dependency by at least one third.

Merriman noted that the university has been able to retain its ability to repay its debt. We are strong this way and our credit rating is greater than the State of Illinois.

University selectivity is at 67% while the big ten median is 70%; as for matriculation the university is right on the big ten median.

3. Report from the University of Illinois Foundation, Micek, involves efforts to bring money into the university through campaigns directed at giving. Most gifts are earmarked and only 2% can be used to move around based on need. Universities continue to receive strong giving versus not-for-profits which have declined in number/amount of gifts received. The university continues to grow its donors. He noted that UIS experienced a decline in this regard. He noted that most donors of UIS are not alumni but friends of the region.

Consideration of Agenda Items and Voting

At this point in the day the meeting had run overtime and I had another meeting to attend. Susan M. Kies, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, however, wrote to inform me that the items considered during the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, May 31, 2012, were approved and posted on the Board of Trustees web page at the following link: <http://www.uillinois.edu/trustees/agendas.cfm>.