

University of Illinois Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013  
Senate Observer: Kathy Petite Jamison

- Chair Christopher Kennedy welcomed Patrick Fitzgerald as new trustee.
- President Bob Easter talked about the recent passing of a valued professor, Carl Woese.
- Nominations were taken for Chair of the BOT. Current chair Christopher Kennedy was nominated by James Montgomery. The BOT voted and approved the re-election of Kennedy.
- Nominations were taken for two Executive Committee members. Ed McMillan and Pam Strobel were nominated. The BOT approved their membership to the committee.
- The following incumbents approved for reappointment:  
Secretary, Susan Kies  
Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, Walter Knorr  
University Legal Counsel, Tom Bearrows  
Treasurer, Lester H. McKeever, Jr.
- Other nominations for Committees of the Board were approved (see BOT agenda materials).
- UIC Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares made the dashboard presentation for her campus, noting and congratulating top professorial work, research, and students. UIC awarded over 300 grants in past year; the social significance and impact of the work of these grants is most important (she did not name them). She said a new state-of-the-art facility for sciences will begin 2014. It will be a new, mile square health facility (to serve community). Construction has begun and will be completed by Fall 2013. Other projects: energy project, economic resilience event, urban education leadership program, chancellor outreach to local communities, i.e., China town, and more.  
This is 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of UIC as a combined whole, unified campus merging the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and the University of Illinois Medical Center.  
Chancellor Allen-Meares said the UIC Partnership with Illinois State Medicaid Agency, regarding the upcoming overhaul of medicaid in the state, hopes to save \$180 million in the first year. The plan is to take the savings from the overhaul to the people of the Illinois. UIC is one of only six states with university involvement/partnership in overhauling medicaid. Medicaid is a \$14 billion enterprise in the state. Using university research and clinical expertise UIC is helping organize a more effective running of the medicaid program.
- Ed McMillan reported on Audit, Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee with 12 items for consideration, among them proposed tuition, housing and fees increases for 2013-14 for all campuses (more to follow).

- Karen Hasara reported on Academic Student Affairs Committee. In recent business the committee discussed and approved academic tuition rates based on university policy that says that tuition changes must be held at or below cost of living increases.

VP for Academic Affairs Christophe Pierre reported the tuition rates increases for the three U of I campuses recommendation will begin Fall 2013. Important considerations for the university are to protect access and affordability, sustain academic quality and ensure the four-year locked in tuition rate for students. He said tuition was recommended to increase 1.7% on the three campuses. This matches the rate of inflation for past year. It is the smallest percent increase for UIS since 2001.

Proposed tuition increase at UIS - \$158 increase per year compared to UIUC - \$198.

Proposed fees increase UIS - \$109 per academic year for 6.1% increase compared to UIUC 1.0 % and UIC 1.5%. Increases in the library and information technology fees is the reason for larger increase at UIS. However, student fees at UIS is about 60% of that of the other two campuses.

Proposed Room and Board rates for undergraduate housing: UIS - \$480 increase at 4.9% increase compared to UIUC \$291 and 3.0%.

- Chair Kennedy introduced the agenda items up for a vote and all items on the agenda were approved, including increases in tuition, housing and fees.

- Next, roll call agenda – approved.

- Chancellor Allen-Meares presents the UIC dashboard report.

UIC is the primary provider of higher education in the Chicago area.

Hoping to increase Latino student population, and African-American.

- Presentation: Dean Peter Nelson, College of Engineering at UIC. The college is research intensive with approximately 150 research projects underway at present. The college has had consistent upward enrollment trends though it has received no increased funds to the program at the same time. Some 275 or more companies hire UIC engineering students. Internships – college statistics show that 100% of students who held internships while in school found jobs within six months from graduation. So, the college is working to increase the ability of its top students to receive internships through the college. The incentive: Every incoming freshman meeting a set criteria will receive a summer internship.

- Lawrence B. Schook, Vice President for Research presented on UILABS: The Future Today. The Gov. Pat Quinn was present for this presentation.

Gov. Quinn said a few words before Schook's presentation. He noted that U of I has more students/alums from China than most other institutions in the US. U of I has a long history with China going back to incentives from President Roosevelt.

The Governor also noted the erection and coming dedication of a veterans building at UIUC and an upcoming dedication at UIUC set for Lincoln's birthday.

Back to the presentation: Schook said UILABS is conceptually the idea to combine faculty, government and industry to address the grand challenges of society by

going beyond the typical restraints of the academic environment. It is the mission of a public land grant university.

How [to](#) accomplish these research ideas, especially among the three campuses: A structure of key ideas toward realizing these research goals involves focus on entrepreneurship, innovation and community, as well as on human resources already available and how to create and apply new knowledge (general summary).

Gov. Quinn commented that it's been said that what is needed most in the world is food and water. He encourages UILABS to focus on this as well as healing. This should be part of the mission of UILABS.

Gov. Quinn, as he left and greeted several trustees and the university chancellors, greeted Chancellor Koch who said she'd see him in Springfield, to which he commented to the Board about the importance of MAP grants. He said he would be back in Springfield soon regarding the grants.

- Vice President Christophe Pierre spoke on Enrolling and Graduating Underrepresented Students: The Role of the President's Award. He said each campus has a program in place to recruit, i.e., UIS has the Necessary Steps Mentoring Program for underrepresented students. In a twenty-year snapshot comparison through 2012, he showed the increases in underrepresented students for the three campuses. The Hispanic/African-American students combined grew 28% in undergrad enrollment at UIUC during this 20-year period. This is at a time when domestic campus enrollment grew only at 7%. The number of minority students is growing faster than nonminority students. At UIC, there has been a 23% increase, triple the domestic enrollment growth. He noted, however, that these numbers reflect complexity in their compilation because at the same time a number of the "majority grouped students" dropped. UIS showed 173% increase. African-American students have declined at all but the UIS campus where the population has increased. Hispanic growth alone was 646% at UIS, 72% at UIUC, and 55% at UIC. Trustee Strobel inquired into the large increase at UIS. Chancellor Koch noted this is a historic year for UIS, and the increase is in part due to financial assistance and where UIS recruits. Strobel asked if UIS recruits in Chicago. Chancellor Koch said yes.

In graduating its minority students, UIUC ranks first in comparison with the other Big Ten universities. UIC ranks six among comparative universities. For bachelors degrees conferred the increases are 58% African-American and 120% Hispanic at UIS; UIUC was up 49% African-American and 131% Hispanic; UIC 21% Hispanic and 219% African-American.

In summary, the President's Award Program (PAP) is one reason U of I has been able to strengthen graduating minority numbers. The award amount has increased and leads to greater success of the PAP. Funding for the award increased from \$12 million to \$17 million among the campuses. Enrollment of PAP students has also increased. [Among](#) students getting the PAP, three-quarters have ACT scores of more than 25.

Recruitment of minority students for PAP awards efforts were held last year in Chicago with about 700 people, and in Urbana with about 900 attending.

- David Merriman presented the State Economic Report and Illinois Report. Illinois Government Public Affairs (IPGA). The economy in the state continues to be positive.

Unemployment is on a slow downward trend. The biggest threat comes from the political “fiscal cliff” deal. We are less vulnerable [than](#) other states because Illinois does not get as much federal funding. Illinois is now seeing progress compared to two years ago when the outlook was dramatically glum. Still see significant yearly deficit of about \$2 billion/year. One of the biggest contributors to the deficit is state pensions. Credit markets – Illinois credit ratings, predicted negative outlook.

- Vice President/Comptroller Walter Knorr presented on Financial Indicators. Pell grants are safe for another year; American Opportunity Tax Credit extended another five years. State backlog of unpaid bills continues. The university received all its FY 2012 appropriation and all MAP funds from the state. The university billed the state for 85% of its FY 2013 appropriation and received 11% to date. No pension reforms have been enacted. The state’s five pension systems in FY 2014 will require a projected increase of over \$900 million; the state today owes the university \$502 million, the worst for yet. Good news is that tuition has been billed for the first half of the school year, and most of it has been received. Knorr gave an indepth account of university investments. More info is available through his office.

- Professor Joyce Tolliver, UIUC, made the Report from Faculty. She spoke on cross-disciplinary and cross-campus collaboration. Cross-disciplinary research, involving real-world problems, is multifaceted. Collaborative interdisciplinary research abounds at all three campuses. One example of programming aimed at such research is the Envisioning Future Excellence Initiative at UIUC. On the topic of cross-campus collaboration, she talked about team teaching and asked that everyone think about the possibilities. She noted that UIS is an example with its CAP program. Impediments to collaborations of research and/or teaching across campuses include whether co-research/publications count for less at tenure review. Also, the university needs to determine how faculty get paid for team teaching. Co-teaching benefist faculty, departments and campuses. Need infrastructure to build.

Solutions might be to revive a program for small seed grants awarded competitively to support collaborations. Additional considerations are to think about how physical space for faculty to come together for community building would enhance collaborative enterprises, and must think how to reduce costs for cross-campus travel. Some of this might be effectively accomplished by working “virtually”. Research funds are needed as well as encouraging/rewarding these teaching efforts.

- Public Comment - none

- Announcement of future meetings: Next BOT will be held Thursday, March 7, in Urbana; in May (date to be announced), in Chicago. Next board retreat will be held Wednesday, July 24, with BOT meeting on Thursday, July 25.