

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
Urbana Senate Observer  
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**SC.14.03** Report on the July 25, 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the University of Illinois Chicago campus.

(10:00 am) The meeting began, as usual, with a performance of the state song.

Chairman Kennedy began with opening comments, including thanks to other members of the Board for organizing the retreat on health affairs.

President Easter introduced university officers and other guests. He reported on events in Springfield – a flat, not declining state appropriation.

Trustee Hasara introduced the three new student trustees, who were formally inducted as new members of the Board.

Chancellor Allen-Meares gave welcoming comments from UIC and highlighted a few news items from her campus, faculty accomplishments, and an overview of its strategic planning process.

Trustee McMillen gave a report from the Audit and Budget committee.

Trustee Hasara gave a report from the Academic and Student Affairs committee. She announced that VPHA Joseph Garcia was leaving the university, and that Jerry Bauman would be appointed as Interim VPHA.

Trustee Strobel gave a report from the Governance and Personnel committee. This included a report on new policies for the rehiring of retirees.

Trustee Koritz gave a report from the Hospital and Health Affairs committee.

Board actions:

President Easter's term of appointment was extended.

Dean appointments were approved for Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, School of Labor and Employment Relations, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the College of Media.

Approved members of the Athletic Board, appointments to the Center for Advanced Study, and tenure and promotion candidates.

A number of new and revised degree programs were approved.

Repair plans for the Pennsylvania Avenue Residence Halls were approved.

The three chancellors gave campus dashboard reports. Chancellor Wise's report featured research accomplishments. Research funding is benchmarked against peer universities, most of which have medical schools. Texas and Berkeley are truer peers, in that sense. We compete well for federal R&D, less well for corporate and foundation funding. NSF funding is very strong. The number of patents is high relative to peers. The number of start-ups is trending upwards. She concluded by mentioning a few highlights and new grants, including \$25 million from the Gates Foundation.

Bryan Becker from the university hospital gave a report on financial, health care quality, and patient satisfaction performance at the hospital.

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(1:30) After lunch, the meeting was entertained by the UIC Summer Jazz Camp band.

Graduates Jamie Kelleher and Tory Cross gave a presentation on the Illini 4000 for cancer, a student-run nonprofit raising funds for cancer research.

Dean Michael Mikhail gave a presentation on the College of Business Administration at UIC.

VPR Larry Schook gave a presentation on UI LABS. Its first major project is an initiative on advanced manufacturing. They have put together a strong consortium to apply for a \$70 million Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation grant, to be matched by \$70 million in raised funds.

VP Finance Walter Knorr gave a presentation on the university's financial situation. The state just sent in \$60 million in overdue payments. We still have a \$120 million receivable from the last fiscal year, 2013. Our credit rating with Moody's has been downgraded and is "under watch," partly because the state rating keeps going down. Our GRF state funding for next year is flat; any increases in state funding are going into SURS. There is no capital bill for next year (2014).

Loren Taylor gave a presentation on the UI Alumni Association.

Tom Farrell gave a presentation on the UI Foundation. Fundraising is up sharply at Urbana, partly but not entirely because of the \$100 million Grainger gift.

Outgoing USC chair Nicholas Burbules gave a report on the state of shared governance at the university.

There was a closing Public Comment from the UIC student government on housing scholarships for homeless students.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicholas Burbules