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SC.15.16 Report on the July 23, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the Chicago Campus

The meeting began as usual with a performance of the state song, "Illinois."

Board Chairman Edward McMillan welcomed President Timothy Killeen to his first solo meeting with the Board.

Chancellor Michael Amiridis welcomed the Board to UIC and gave a brief presentation on his campus.

VP Walter Knorr provided an overview of university resources. He noted the ongoing budget impasse. A bill to cut university funding 8.5% (\$57 million) was vetoed by the governor. There will be no 2016 capital bill. No progress on pension reform. Total unfunded liability of public pensions is \$105 billion. The lack of a state budget has delayed university budget planning. About 20% of the state appropriation from the last FY has not yet been paid (\$114 million receivable). VP Knorr traced the decline in state GRF support from 2002 to the present.

USC Chair Donald Chambers gave a presentation on the accomplishments of USC over the last year. He noted the "vigorous" health of shared governance at the University of Illinois. He noted two recent resolutions on promoting campus excellence. The USC oversaw the revision of Statutes and General Rules; created a new set of Bylaws for the USC; and produced a white paper on principles of shared governance. He closed by offering his thoughts on building the university as a learning community. At the conclusion of his comments, Chairman McMillan and President Killeen presented him with their thanks and a gift.

President James Moore from the UI Foundation presented a report. The "Road Map Plan" is intended to double fundraising and to support the university strategic plan. To advance, fundraising needs to work closely with alumni relations and media relations and "branding." The groundwork is being laid for the launch of the next major campaign. Urbana fundraising is up almost 14%.

President Loren Taylor from the UI Alumni Association presented a report. He talked about the importance of "Illinois Connection" as an advocacy group for the University of Illinois. He announced the creation of a new University of Illinois Welcome Center in Alice Campbell Hall, to be completed in time for the sesquicentennial.

Trustee Karen Hasara welcomed the appointments of the three new student members of the Board: Jaylin D. McClinton (Urbana); Jauwan Hall (Chicago); and Dominique Wilson (Springfield).

The Board approved the appointments of the following Deans from Urbana: Jeffrey Brown, Dean of Business; Janice Slater, Dean of Media; Vikram Amar, Dean of Law; and Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, Dean of the Graduate College.

The Board approved the affiliation agreement with Carle to establish the "Carle Illinois College of Medicine."

The Board approved various Urbana academic programs, faculty and staff appointments and promotions, an application fee increase from \$60 to \$75 for international students at Urbana, and approved repair and capital budgets for the College of Engineering, Turner Hall, and Veterinary Medicine. The Board approved the transfer of the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH) from the College of LAS to the office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

Respectfully Submitted
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