

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

URBANA SENATE OBSERVER

(Final; Information)

SC.20.08 Report on the November 14, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Chicago

**Overview**

Chairman Donald Edwards started the meeting with a moment of silence for veterans, in honor of Veteran's Day.

UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis provided an update of news and events from his campus. He emphasized their growing rankings and their significant impact on the city of Chicago.

President Tim Killeen offered a presentation, "Empowering Extraordinary." Total system enrollment is over 89,000, on its way to 93,000 by 2021. He highlighted the system strategic plan, and progress toward fulfilling it. "This is the most dynamic university system anywhere to be found."

Vice President/CFO Avijit Ghosh presented the financial report for FY 19 to the Board. The total budget, with payments on behalf, is over \$6 billion. This represents a \$378 million increase, bringing the budget back closer to its condition before the state budget crisis in 2016.

Executive Vice President Barbara Wilson summarized the 2021 budget request. The five year tuition freeze has been accompanied by student growth and growth in financial aid (123% over ten years). Institutional support is greater than state and federal aid. 60% of undergrads at Urbana pay less than full tuition and fees. Now we need to grow the faculty to meet student demand. We are below the faculty numbers from 2009.

The 2021 budget request is \$697.4 million, an increase of \$75.3 million (+12%). This includes a request for \$10 million for new faculty hires, plus about \$50 million for a 2% salary program and 2.25% CMER. There is a separate capital request of \$725.5 million. This includes money for two major Urbana projects: a new DRES building and Information Sciences.

**Public Comments**

An NPR reporter from UIS asked the Board to change the policy requiring reporters who work for the university to act as mandatory reporters when presented with information on Title IX violations. The head of the Better Government Association also spoke to the same issue. The Director of the ACLU Illinois spoke to the same issue.

**Board Resolution on Sexual Misconduct (not available beforehand)**

In short, the Board endorsed the recommendations of the system Task Force report, and directs that the recommendations should be adopted “as expeditiously as possible,” consistent with processes of shared governance and collective bargaining.

**Personnel Decisions Affecting Urbana**

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Susan Martinis, Urbana

Multiyear Contract with Director, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Josh Whitman, Urbana

**Curricular Decisions Affecting Urbana**

Establish the Bachelor of Science in Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

Rename the Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science, School of Information Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media, College of Pine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, College of Pine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

**Construction and Renovation Decisions Affecting Urbana**

Approve Project Budget for Renovation, Altgeld Hall and Replacement, Illini Hall, Urbana

Approve Project Budget and Amend Professional Services Consultant Contract for Parking, Central Campus Parking Structure(s), Urbana

Approve Project Budget for Energy Conservation Project, Laboratory Facilities, Urbana

Approve Project Budget and Amend Professional Services Consultant Contract for Illinois Field, Baseball Training Center, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana

Submitted,  
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