

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
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SC.22.11 Report on the March 17, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Urbana

Chairman Don Edwards called the meeting to order and began with a virtual violin performance of the state song, "Illinois," performed by Noah Kublank.

President Tim Killeen introduced guests and observers. He discussed that we have made progress with Covid-19 through the hard work of our faculty and staff. President Killeen discussed during the listening tour across Illinois, citizens voiced needs and that there is a role for a public university system in closing the equity gaps. President Killeen noted there are many initiatives to support access to higher education including "Access 2030" with a goal to increase URM student graduates by 50% build on on-going efforts. Each university will create its own plan: readiness, retention, and graduation/success. Innovative online and distance education efforts in both our rural and urban areas of the state will provide opportunities for those who lack access. The President highlighted the INN digital ecosystem initiative in Cairo, IL as an example of an underdeveloped community. Also, in Illinois there are disparities in access to health care across the state which can be impacted by the new health diagnostic services provided to two neighborhoods near Midway Airport. President Killeen also discussed investing with a mission-aligned strategy.

Chancellor Robert Jones provided a welcome and an update from Urbana. We are in a new normal that we learn to live with Covid and any new variants, but we know better than to tempt fate, so we are continuing to monitor the virus. Chancellor Jones shared some campus highlights including 14 new faculty elected to the AAAS, and 3 faculty to the National Academy of Engineering. Chancellor Jones reviewed the commission of a portrait of Albert Lee and celebration of his impact to black students at Illinois. Chancellor Jones reviewed that the most Illini Success report was released and found 75% of graduates who have found a first destination did so in the state of Illinois. Chancellor Jones shared appreciation of President Killeen for sharing the results of his five-year review and thanked his staff for working together as a team to bring a bold vision to the university.

Chair Edwards presented the Award the Board of Trustees' Distinguished Service Medallion to Dedra Moody Williams.

Professor Fisher, USC, shared a presentation entitled "Online & Hybrid Education: What have we learned?" to improve student satisfaction of online learning. Professor Fisher highlighted that the system has engaged in online innovation since the 1990's.

The four Board Committee reports provided background to various items on the action agenda for today.

Public comments were presented, for five minutes each. One graduate student speaker discussed creation of limits for Department Chair remarks about situations where someone breaks the law. Proposed a compliance officer that professors or other employees could contact if there is a claim of impropriety.

The following action items were approved (items affected Urbana highlighted):

4. Appoint Member to the Athletic Board, Urbana
5. Revise the University of Illinois System Family and Medical Leave Policy
6. Revise the University of Illinois System Victims Economic Security and Safety Act Policy
8. Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, 2022-2023
9. Appoint Dean, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana
13. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana
14. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Food Science, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana
15. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana
16. Establish the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Health, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana
27. Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

28. Eliminate the Master of Science in Plant Biotechnology, Professional Science
Master's Concentration, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental
Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

President Killeen closed with final comments and reflection of the violence and disregard for human life in Ukraine and campus leaders are reaching out to those affected by the violence.

Chair Edwards shared words from President Killeen about the war in Ukraine previously shared with the university stakeholders and asked that the Board reflect on the impact to students from Ukraine, Russia and countries surrounding Ukraine taking in refugees from the war. Chair Edwards noted the Men's Basketball team earned the first Big Ten season Championship since 2005 and play in the NCAA tournament tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Submitted,
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