

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
URBANA SENATE OBSERVER  
(Final; Information)

SC.22.13 Report on the January 20, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Chicago

**Overview**

Chairman Donald Edwards started the meeting with past virtual performance of the State song, *Illinois*, from the January 2021 Board meeting and gave an update about the student singers.

There was a Special order of Business to elect a chair of the Board. Chairman Donald Edwards was re-elected as chair. Mr. Estrada and Ms. Holmes were elected to the Board's Executive Committee. Mr. Knot was re-elected as Secretary, Dr. Ellinger was re-elected as comptroller, Mr. Bearrows was re-elected as University Counsel.

UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis provided an update of news and events from his campus. He emphasized the strategic plan and some recent research awards.

Dr. Ellinger presented the financial report for FY 21 to the Board. He discussed the costs of FY 21 in relation to the pandemic and ongoing Covid mitigation efforts. He also discussed the University's credit rating being upgraded from A1 to A3.

Dr. Burbules on behalf of the University Senates Conference gave a presentation on faculty response to the pandemic.

There were several committee reports:

Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities: The committee discussed the renovation of the Undergraduate Library as well as the costs of Covid-19 testing kits.

University Healthcare System: The committee discussed the impact of Covid-19 as well as research into the pandemic and transplant surgeries.

Governance, Personnel, and Ethics: The committee discussed the background check policy and they also received a legislative update.

Academic and Student Affairs: The committee discussed tuition, fees, and housing. There was a presentation by Dr. Ghosh about tuition, fees, and room and board rates.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Clay Ward discussed his opposition to the Undergraduate Library renovation project.

Ms. Liz Rathburn urged the Board and University to end the agreement between the Central Intelligence Agency and the University of Illinois Chicago.

**Personnel Decisions Affecting Urbana**

Dr. Uretz J. Oliphant was appointed as Interim Dean of the Carle College of Medicine, effective January 21, 2022.

**Curricular Decisions Affecting Urbana**

Approved: PhD in Design for Responsible Innovation

**Construction and Renovation Decisions Affecting Urbana**

Approved: Project budget and design for the Undergraduate Library renovation.

Approved: Renovation of Noyes 219 and 250.

**Financial Decision Affecting Urbana**

Approved: 1.8% tuition increase for Illinois resident undergraduate students, 1.5% and 2.5% for non-resident and international students.

Approved: \$26 increase in student fees and assessments.

Approved: Increase of 1.8% for student housing.

Submitted,  
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