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(Final; Information)

**SC.17.15** Report on the May 11, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System held at the University of Illinois at Springfield

The meeting was formally called to order by BOT Chairman Koritz after an executive session which ran until shortly after 10 a.m.

Chairman Koritz opened the meeting with comments about commencement ceremonies and what a wonderful experience to participate in these ceremonies.

The UI State song Illinois was performed by four singers at UIS.

Chairman Koritz installed new Trustee Donald Edwards by reading the obligations of UI Trustees.

Chairman Koritz announced current committee reassignments. Jill Smart is BOT liaison to alumni association; Tim Koritz is BOT liaison to Foundation.

President Killeen gave introductions of university officers and various campus leaders present.

Chancellor Koch (UIS) welcomed the BOT with comments about current UIS circumstances:

- UIS is working hard for a great freshman class in a competitive environment.
- Several important leadership searches in recent past, including new UIS Provost Dennis Papini.
- New agreement with new collective bargaining unit at UIS.
- New student Union – ribbon cutting Sunday January 14, 2018 at 2 p.m.; expect to have BOT meeting then at UIS.
- New Shakespeare garden.
- Prof. Scott Day awarded teaching research scholar award.
- UIS baseball team has been having a record breaking year – 31 wins so far this season and they are number 3 seed in their conference.
- This Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> commencement; largest commencement in the 47 year old University.

President Killeen's comments key points from Pillar 3 of Strategic Framework:

- Healthy future for IL
- A bedrock commitment to help drive our state to a better future.
- Relentlessly student centered; call ourselves The Public University.
- IPAC provides for predictable funding and our commitment to the State of Illinois in exchange for tangible metrics.
- Developing human capital – focusing on our faculty.
  - Incubator of world-class talent; enrollment now exceeds 80,000.
  - 623% increase in Latina/o enrollment. See [www.uillinois.edu](http://www.uillinois.edu) for the dashboard with lots of details on UI performance.
  - Investing in faculty and staff; highlighted Elizabeth Kosmetatou (UIS); Cynthia Oliver (UIUC); Robert Liden (UIC); Bijay Singh (UIUC); Luisa DiPietro (UIC).
  - UI is a magnet for World-class talent.
  - UI system is number 5 in employment in the state of IL, behind CPS, and Walmart among others ahead of us.
  - UI Health is largest public hospital in Illinois.

- If IPAC is approved, \$48 million of III will go to underrepresented groups of students;
- Faculty head-hunting initiative in the works (headline in today's NG; have to invest in new faculty; new President's Distinguished Faculty Recruitment Program – 10-15 star or rising star hires; start up inducements for facilities – no salary components.

Financial Report by Vice President/CFO Walter Knorr:

- No change in the State Budget situation - impasse continues.
- No additional funding beyond the \$351 million bridge funding.
- On April 6<sup>th</sup>, house approved \$86.5 'lifeline appropriations' from Education Assistance Fund and \$287 million for MAP; approved by house but not by the Senate; Grand Bargain still percolating.
- Financial Audit approved on March 28, 2017.
- S&P rating downgraded to A with negative Outlook.
- Moody's investors service (Aa3) we are under a warning and have 30 days before they take action. Likely will have an action for the state of IL by end of May.
- Continued advocacy for University and IPAC.
- CMS announced no change in plans for healthcare benefits plans.
- UIC hospital finished in March with positive balance for FY17; always a need to stay on top of receivables.
- Deferred maintenance over \$2 billion since 2016; made some dents but really suffering on this front.
- Big Ten University Credit Rating; we are tied with Rutgers with the lowest rating; his is a warning situation; Aaa rating goes to IN, PU (Purdue), and UMI.
- Payments on behalf (POB) represent a large percentage because of our state paying for pensions and healthcare. We are the only state in the Big Ten that receive this component which skews the metrics in many ways. The POB are considered an operating expense from the State's perspective.
- Our liquidity for spendable cash and investments – we are close to the median in the Big Ten. Purdue has largest cash balance (more than 400 days on hand).
- Total Direct debt - \$1.6 billion on the books.
- Net tuition per student: we are below median for large publics; higher in this metric is MI State, Penn State, OSU, U IA, U MN, IN, PU, U MI, Rutgers.

BOT Committee Reports:

- Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee: report given by Trustee Ramon Cepeda
  - Received Compliance Audit Report ending March 31, 2017.
  - Recommend to full BOT all items coming from ABFF on today's agenda.
- Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee: Trustee Patrick Fitzgerald, Chair; report provided by Student Trustee Nathan Hoffman (UIS).
  - Report received from Lindsey Anderson. See:
    - <http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/May-11-2017/>
- University Healthcare System Committee: Trustee Timothy Koritz, Chair
  - Could not meet so no report.
- Academic and Student Affairs Committee: Trustee Jill Smart
  - Reviewed routine appointments, new degrees, no old or new business and no presentations at the meeting.
  - Special presentations for Student Trustees. New student trustee Karina Reyes.
    - One voting student; students serve term of one year beginning July 1.
    - Recognized to say goodbye and provided certificates to: Colin Schumock (UIUC) and Nathan Hoffman (UIS) who were in attendance.

- Comments from Student Trustees:
  - Schumock (UIUC) – thank you for being able to serve; helped him to understand how large public university operates; been wonderful senior year; learned much; goal to become a faculty member somewhere; his Dad is Prof at UIC and great to have gone with Dad on bring your child to work day; he will be at Yale this next year; gave speech to freshman this past year and encouraged them to take chances; will teach President Killeen how to tie a bow-tie.
  - Hoffman (UIS) – great honor to serve; thanked UI admin; proud of UI leadership; learned something from every BOT member; what he learned the most from serving on BOT was leadership and he has evolved over time and he has had leadership experiences this year.

USC Chair, Kathy Novak – introduction for USC Presentation on education for our students:

- Presentations from Kathy Novak (UIS):
  - Teaching diversity and inclusiveness in the classroom. People with disabilities are the largest minority culture in the US.
- Presentations from Benet DeBerry-Spence (UIC):
  - UIC has high levels of minority faculty for tenure track, tenured and non-TT faculty.
  - Hispanic-Serving Institution – new \$5.3 million grant – PI – Dr. Aixa Alfonso.
- Presentation from Harley Johnson (UIUC):
  - New fall 2018 Gen-Ed Requirement on minority studies requirement – Ron Bailey, Head of Dept of AA Studies and also from CORE (Committee on Race and Ethnicity).
  - Diversity training for UIUC search committees: Wendy Heller (Head of Psychology dept and chair of DRIVE committee (
  - Dean’s Diversity Lecture Series – 7 lectures and available online.

Public Comments to the BOT: no requests.

Consideration of Agenda Items and Voting: See details of the agenda items for the meeting and various approvals: <http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/May-11-2017/>

There are two votes taken:

1. Regular voice vote: items 1-16 on the above agenda; all passed with no oppositions.
2. Regular roll-call agenda vote: items 17-30 on the above agenda; Jim Montgomery notes item 22 is a project was from an AA firm and an alum; item 29 he recuses himself. All others pass without opposition or comment.

Final comments by President Killeen - greatly appreciates support of BOT.

Final comments from Chair Koritz – again thanks for commencement support from BOT members.

There was no Old or New Business from BOT Trustees.

The next BOT meeting will include the BOT retreat and be on July 12 (retreat) and July 13 (regular BOT meeting), 2017 in Chicago.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gay Miller, Senate Executive Committee Chair