

MINUTES
Board of Trustees of Illinois State University
May 5, 2018

Donahue: It's 9:02 a.m. and I will now call the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University to order. Please note for the record that the notice of today's meeting was posted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the public has been notified of the date, time, and location of the meeting.

Board secretary Louderback is not physically here today; therefore, I have asked Trustee Churney to call the roll. Before Bob proceeds with the roll call I want to remind everyone that in accordance with Illinois statute 5ILCS120/7 if a quorum is physically present at the location of an open meeting, the majority of the board may allow a member to attend the meeting by audio or video conference if the member is prevented from physically attending the meeting either because of physical illness, employment purposes, or a family or other emergency. If you are joining the meeting by audio conference, when your name is called please indicate the reason for joining the meeting by this method. Trustee Churney, would you please call the roll?

The following members were present:

Trustee Churney
Trustee Dobski
Trustee Donahue
Trustee Jones (participating by phone because of work)
Trustee Louderback (participating by phone because of family)
Trustee Rauschenberger
Trustee Rossmark (participating by phone because of work)
Trustee Schaab

A quorum was declared.

Donahue: Thank you Trustee Churney. Can I have a motion and second to permit those board members joining us by audio conference to officially attend and participate in today's meeting? Trustee Churney so moved and seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger. Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as all members voting aye.

Also present for the public session were:

President Larry H. Dietz
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jan Murphy
Vice President for Finance and Planning Dan Stephens
Vice President for Student Affairs Levester Johnson
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Jana Albrecht
Board Legal Counsel Jane Denes
Board/University Liaison Brent Paterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Donahue: You have before you the agenda for today's meeting. I will note that items on today's agenda are discussion topics only, no action will be taken by the board at this meeting. As a reminder, this is a public meeting and it is being recorded, and minutes of the meeting will be made available to the public after review and approval by the board. Could I have a motion and second to approve the agenda? Trustee Dobski so moved and seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger. Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as all members voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donahue: Next on the agenda is Public Comments. The Public Comments procedures can be found on the Board of Trustees website. Is there anybody signed up to give public comments? Seeing that no one has indicated an interest in making a public comment today, we will move forward with the meeting.

Good morning everyone and thank you for attending the special meeting. Today's meeting is to provide discussion on resolutions proposed to be voted on at the May 11 meeting as well as an update on certain university outreach

activities. So, we will get started with the first agenda item, which is a discussion item on update of costs for 2018-2019. President Dietz, will you lead us on this conversation?

2018-2019 TUITION, FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD DISCUSSION

President Dietz led trustees through a handout of graphs, charts and scenarios for proposed tuition, fees, and room and board increases for the upcoming school year that range from no increase to a four percent increase. Provost Murphy, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Albrecht, Vice President for Student Affairs Johnson, and Vice President for Finance and Planning Stephens responded to questions and inquiries from trustees about the scenarios. An additional handout provided comparison information on rates charged by out-of-state schools that are competing for Illinois students.

Trustees expressed frustration that Illinois State University continues to receive the least amount of state funding per student of any of the state universities. There was discussion of involving alumni, elected officials who are ISU alumni, and the media in an effort to change the status quo and obtain more funds for the University.

Other discussion centered on differential tuition funding, the historical timeline for tuition/fees/room and board increases, the optics of a tuition increase, and proposed increases compared to what other public universities have approved.

After further discussion the trustees asked administration to draft a resolution that includes a 3.75 percent tuition increase and a .54 percent increase for fees for incoming students for the 2018-2019 school year.

UNIVERSITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Illinois State University is engaged in numerous outreach activities every day at all levels of the University. A brief summary of outreach activities originating from Media Relations, Governmental Relations, and the President's Office was shared with trustees. The document by no means reflects all that staff in these offices and Vice President's offices do on a daily basis.

The Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning is engaged in an effort to attempt to capture the activities of faculty, staff and students participating in community engagement and service learning activities and finding it difficult to account for these activities. University outreach is similarly difficult to account for all that is happening. Faculty in education are interacting with teachers, administrators and school boards across the state. Faculty engaged in research are interacting with government officials at all levels. Students are engaging with businesses, agencies, and areas of government through class projects, internships, student organizations, and personal contact.

Discussion included targeted messaging as well as blanket messaging of the University's stories, its successes, the challenges it faces, and ways in which the targeted audiences can help. Suggestions included a campaign targeted at elected officials to seek fair funding of the University and a change in the funding formula for higher education. Trustees discussed using a consultant to specifically craft and market the messages, possibly early next year. President Dietz will present a timeline for the consultant hiring process at the July Board of Trustees meeting.

JULIAN HALL RENOVATION FOR CYBERSECURITY

At a previous meeting trustees learned of the plan to convert the parking area under Julian Hall for the cybersecurity program. It has been determined that the most fiscally responsible approach is to convert approximately one-third of the available space to address current needs with the option to convert the entire space at a later date. The approximately 6,000 net useable square feet of space at the north end of Julian Hall parking area will be transformed to create three classrooms, two collaboration spaces, and restrooms to comply with applicable building codes and the Illinois plumbing code. Building infrastructure improvements, furniture, fixtures, and technology equipment are included in the projected costs of \$3.5 million. A grant from State Farm Insurance will provide \$1 million toward the project with the remaining \$2.5 million coming from University funds. Trustees will be asked to vote on a resolution for the renovation at the May 11 meeting.

MILNER PLAZA WORK

Due to unsafe working conditions, approximately 35,000 square feet on the first floor of the Library under Milner Plaza, has been closed to public access since summer 2009 and a large volume of library books and artifacts have

been stored off-site. In July 2016, the Board approved \$1.95 million for repairs to Milner Plaza as part of a larger project at Milner Library. In preparation to issue a request for proposals for the work on Milner Plaza additional examination of the area was conducted to determine the amount of deterioration of the plaza deck infrastructure. The results were much worse than anticipated. Thus, it will take an additional \$3.35 million to properly complete the plaza deck repairs and \$1.25 million to address the need to utilize high-density document shelving on the first floor of Milner. The project includes the repair and replacement of the Milner Plaza Deck, repairing interior first floor areas damaged by water infiltration over the years, providing enhanced structural integrity to the first floor in preparation for high density document shelving, and the purchase/installation of high density shelving components. The total costs of \$5.25 million for the project presented today reflect an actual bid received by the University and verified by an objective third party contractor.

The resolution to be voted on at the May 11 meeting would ask for authorization to spend an additional \$4.6 million which along with the already-approved \$1.9 million would bring the total project expenditure to \$6.5 million.

President Dietz summarized past efforts to address the water leakage problem and assured trustees that this project would be a true, comprehensive solution and not a bandage solution.

Trustee Donahue asked how this would affect the University's yearly capital request for a new library. Provost Murphy said that Interim Dean of Libraries Shari Zeck is overseeing a library master plan that calls for renovation of the current space rather than demolishing the current library and seeking capital dollars for a new library.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Trustees agreed to a board work session on July 27 following the regular Board of Trustees meeting where trustees could learn more about the university's financials, programs, places, people, and technology.

Trustee Dobski said he sits on the Foundation Board and would appreciate having a document from administration with talking points that he can use at the June Foundation Board meeting to help drive the message home to the board members, many of whom are ISU alums.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Trustee Donahue asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Churney so moved and was seconded by Trustee Louderback.

Motion made, seconded, and vote recorded as all members voting aye.

The meeting adjourned around 11:12 a.m.