Pursuant to notice, a special meeting was called by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, and the meeting convened at 9:08 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2017, in the Large Dining Room of the Stone Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas. The following members of the Board were present:

    MG (Ret) Randal Thomas, Chair
    Hon. J. Phil Gilbert, Vice Chair
    Mr. Joel Sambursky, Secretary
    Dr. Shirley Portwood
    Dr. Marsha Ryan
    Ms. Amy Sholar
    Ms. Naomi Tolbert

    The following member was absent:

    Mr. Ryan Johnson

    The Executive Secretary reported and the Chair determined that a quorum was physically present.

    Also present for the duration of the meeting were Dr. Randy J. Dunn, President; Mr. Lucas Crater, General Counsel; and Ms. Misty Whittington, Executive Secretary of the Board.

    Chair Thomas announced that the Board would start by holding an executive session meeting. At the conclusion of the executive session meeting, the Board meeting would be in open session. The open session would begin sometime after 5:00 p.m.
At approximately 9:09 a.m., Trustee Ryan moved that the Board go into closed session to consider pending, probable or imminent court proceedings against or on behalf of the Board; and information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The relevant sections of the Open Meetings Act Statute that allow for the closed session are 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1), and (11). The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Sambursky. The motion carried by the following recorded vote: aye, Hon. J. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky; Ms. Amy Sholar; Maj. Gen. Randal Thomas; Ms. Naomi Tolbert; nay, none.

At approximately 8:42 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Ryan and seconded by Trustee Sambursky to end the closed portion of the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Chair Thomas explained the procedures for the public comment and question portion of the Board’s agenda.

Dr. Kathleen Chwalisz Rigney, SIUC Faculty Senate President, made her presentation to the Board. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to see additional candidates on campus and for the members’ service. Dr. Chwalisz reviewed that at the prior Board meeting on behalf of the faculty she asked the Board to seek a strong and visionary leader for the campus. She reviewed that recent campus sessions with candidates proved exciting to learn of new ideas regarding options to address fiscal woes other than only further cuts. She offered the faculty’s support in forming SIU Carbondale’s vision through shared governance with the new chancellor.
Mr. Johnathan Flowers, SIUC Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) President, made his presentation to the Board. He shared his views regarding student constituency body representation and participation. He asked the Board to recognize the importance of student participation in shared governance on the campus and to restore what he viewed as diminished confidence in the administrative structures of the University system. In addition, he expressed a need for the student constituents to be included regarding the selection of the new SIUC chancellor.

Regarding Board Agenda Item A, “Matter Regarding Chancellor, SIUC,” Chair Thomas reported that much progress was made, and the Board had nothing to report at the time.

Chair Thomas announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting would be held July 13, 2017, at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Trustee Sholar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tolbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p. m.

Misty D. Whittington, Executive Secretary