

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
MAY 30, 2018

Pursuant to notice, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University convened at 10:01 a. m., Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, 801 North Rutledge, Springfield, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chair Amy Sholar. The following members of the Board were physically present:

Ms. Amy Sholar, Chair
Hon. J. Phil Gilbert, Vice Chair
Mr. Joel Sambursky, Secretary
Mr. Tom Britton
Mr. Luke Jansen
Dr. Shirley Portwood
Dr. Marsha Ryan

The following members were absent:

Mr. Sam Beard
MG (Ret) Randal E. Thomas

Also present for the duration of the meeting were Mr. Luke Crater, General Counsel; and Ms. Misty Whittington, Executive Secretary of the Board. Dr. Randy J. Dunn, President; Dr. Carlo Montemagno, SIUC Chancellor; Dr. Randall Pembroke, Chancellor, SIUE; and Dr. Jerry Kruse, Dean and Provost, SIU School of Medicine; were present for a portion of the meeting.

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

The Chair stated that there would be a Public Questions and Comments portion available at the day's meeting.

Dr. Jonathan Bean, SIUC Faculty Senate, spoke to the Board. He provided an update on the active role the Faculty Senate had taken in the SIUC reorganization process. He stated the Faculty Senate was working collaboratively with the Chancellor to revitalize the academic programs and increase enrollment and retention rates. Faculty in several disciplines had voted favorably for the Chancellor's program changes which merge departments into schools as well as some faculty-driven plans which retain departments and still foster interdisciplinary synergy -- proposals that received overwhelming faculty support. He reported that in several other areas, faculty votes were opposed or split on the plans presented to them. In those cases, the Senate encouraged faculty and administration to work together. Dr. Bean reported that overall, the committee work was a sign of faculty commitment to restructuring, be it administration or faculty-led. He noted the group should have recommendations for approval, disapproval, or modification of the current school plans when the full Faculty Senate meets in July. He noted that the Faculty Senate was performing a rigorous review, and it hoped the administration and Board would carefully consider the feedback of faculty as restructuring moves ahead.

Dr. Marcus Agustin, SIUE Faculty Senate, spoke to the Board. He thanked the President and Chair Amy Sholar for their commitment to the advancement of all units in the SIU system and for opening communication toward a fair and equitable system funding allocation. He reported that at a May 3, 2018, SIUE Faculty Senate meeting, it approved a resolution that urged the SIU Board of Trustees and the Illinois General Assembly to revise the current SIU system governance and funding structure. A primary goal of the resolution was to request the entities to support and invest in a university that

has been fiscally responsible with taxpayers' dollars and has been successful in its goal of achieving growing global recognition and academic prominence. He reported that the Illinois House Committee on Higher Education approved House Resolution 1051 for the Illinois Board of Higher Education to conduct a "study in regards to the governance structure of the Southern Illinois University system." He observed that a resolution that proposes an independent entity to conduct such a study would be a positive step toward having an equitable and fair governance and funding structure. Dr. Agustin noted that SIUE had experienced tremendous growth since he was hired as an assistant professor in 2001. He attributed success, in part, to having a hard working enrollment management team and a faculty committed to providing dynamic academic programs that were of high interest to prospective students. He noted the campus had developed programs that address regional and state needs.

Mr. Clay Awsumb, SIUC Graduate and Professional Student Council, made his presentation to the Board. He noted he was an alumnus of SIUE and a current graduate student at SIUC. He expressed gratitude for the decision to not deviate from the course of action on how the Board would determine funding of its entities. Introducing unnecessary budgeting challenges on a short-term would not be easily mitigated. Mr. Awsumb expressed that the President's decision to endorse the summary evaluation and subsequent determination of funding appropriate for SIUC by SIUE leadership demonstrated poor judgment. He expressed concern that it was inappropriate to allow one element to evaluate and determine the merits of another element, and what should be a collaborative operative should involve interaction of all parties. He went on to say that the conflict enveloping SIU harmed all parties in the SIU system. Lastly, he asked

that the Board make a formal and public statement in support of the SIU system, its structure and purpose and to charge the President to coordinate with trustees, system leadership and campus leadership in developing strategic initiatives and goals for the SIU system and its parts.

Ms. Elizabeth Cheek, SIUC Civil Service Council, made her presentation to the Board. She provided a copy of a survey and the results that was sent out to the Civil Service staff on the SIUC campus. She reviewed some questions and responses of the survey as follows: 1) Are you opposed to splitting the SIU System? 88.17% yes, 12.2% no. 2) Do you feel the funding reallocation between SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville was approached appropriately during the April 2018 Board of Trustees meeting? 90.7% no, 9.3% yes. 3) Are you opposed to a funding reallocation between SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville if a fair assessment was made and it was based on a gradual transition? 65% no, 35% yes. 4) Should a neutral party be utilized to recommend a future appropriation formula between SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville? 88.58% yes, 11.42% no. 5) Are you fearful of losing your employment if the appropriation percentage shifts away from SIU Carbondale? 60.85% yes, 39.53% no. 6) Do you feel your opinion is valued in your University environment? 81.47% no, 18.92% yes.

Dr. Stephen Kerber made his presentation to the Board. He noted that he co-chairs the Welfare Council of the SIUE Faculty Senate and is the University archivist. He noted that the SIUC campus was in trouble and reviewed that key environmental factors that facilitated Carbondale's growth during the 1960s and 1970s had disappeared. He observed that unrecognized and unaddressed environmental change in Illinois higher education had decimated Carbondale's enrollment. Dr. Kerber reported that the members

of the Board could require the creation of a reimagined institution in Carbondale filling a distinctive new niche capable of surviving in very changed circumstances. Dr. Kerber expressed support for President Dunn as one who cared deeply for each campus in the SIU system, and he suggested that President Dunn was under criticism because his message was unwelcome. He noted that the School of Medicine and SIUE deserved to be encouraged for fulfilling their potential. He urged the Board to demonstrate political courage by treating the two universities as equals and by initiating data-driven decisions regarding the budget.

Ms. Gretchen Fricke, SIUE Staff Senate, made her presentation to the Board. She thanked Chair Sholar and President Dunn for their positive efforts in support of the reallocation request. She noted that news reports from southern Illinois were disheartening especially with claims that Chair Sholar and President Dunn were serving their own interests. She reported that SIUE had been steadily representing the St. Louis metro east area in southern Illinois. Under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Hansen, SIUE went through a series of tough cuts that proactively protected the stability of the university and SIUE is thriving. She noted that according to the SIU System dashboard website, SIUC had double the number of employees as SIUE, but SIUE is housing, teaching, and advising approximately the same number of students. Ms. Fricke expressed that she expected the Board and President would support a discussion of more equitable funding, and she found the hostility regarding the budget reallocation discussion was demoralizing. She reported that SIUE had evolved from a community campus to a metropolitan campus with students from all regions of Illinois, the nation, and 58 other nations. Ms. Fricke noted

that SIU is one system comprised of very different campuses, and it was the Board's job to consider what was best for the system as a whole.

Ms. Sha-Donna Woods, SIUE University Staff Senate, made her presentation to the Board. She noted she is an academic advisor at SIUE. She reported that in 2012 when she was hired, she was proud to join the SIU system which had been educating Illinois residents for over 100 years. As a new advisor, she was told that she should expect to receive no funds for professional conferences or professional development but it was rumored that SIUC colleagues received funds for such development. More seasoned colleagues told her SIUE was the stepchild of the system and that such a disparity was natural. She noted that SIUC needing to borrow \$30 million from SIUE's reserve funds in 2017 was quite a blow. Ms. Woods expressed gratitude for Chair Sholar and President Dunn who had responded to the growing contempt on the Edwardsville campus that their concerns and well-being were just as important as those on the Carbondale campus. She expressed concern that Chair Sholar and President Dunn were being maligned by the Carbondale campus because of their fair treatment of the Edwardsville campus.

Mr. Collin VanMeter made his presentation to the Board. He observed that the campuses seemed more divided than ever before. Mr. VanMeter noted the conversations regarding the budget reallocation were important and were long overdue. He observed there was a lack of empathy from both sides. Further, he observed that the system was changing and the shared view about what was important needed to change as well. He urged the Board to find a way to stabilize the system and not go further into

turmoil and discord. The Board must show it supports every member of the system, not just one member.

Dr. Kathleen Chwalisz, SIUC Faculty Senate, made her presentation to the Board. She stated that during the prior month members of the Carbondale community spoke against the funding reallocation proposal, and the objections were to the timing of the proposal and the timing of the reallocation. Dr. Chwalisz noted that as co-chair of the SIUC Faculty Senate Budget Committee, the Faculty Senate had been operating under the assumption that a consultant was going to be engaged to look at the system funding model as was decided at the March Board retreat. She noted that WSIU's release on the prior day of the recording of the March Board retreat verified that the discussion had been left at a planned engagement of a consulting group. She further noted that President Dunn mentioned that he had been meeting with SIUE constituency groups for months about the reallocation, but the Carbondale campus was not aware about the long standing history and efforts on SIUE's part. Dr. Chwalisz stated that SIUC was committed to the SIU System and valued SIUE's role in the system. She reported that SIUC appreciated and recognized SIUE's success, and they did not begrudge SIUE a bigger share of funding if indicated by the independent consultant's review. She noted the concern was about the process, and the President should have had the campuses work together to address the issues to promote a healthy system in which all would thrive and feel valued. She went on to say that instead the SIU system was divided and the campuses were pitted against each other unnecessarily.

Dr. Nancy Lutz, SIUE University Planning and Budget Committee (UPBC), gave her presentation to the Board. Dr. Lutz noted she was an assistant professor in

anthropology at SIUE. She reviewed that the UPBC was tasked with oversight and its membership included faculty, staff, student government, and the Dean's Council. The SIUE Budget Director and Chancellor also participate as members. She reported that in recent years the campus had maintained excellent fiscal stewardship even in the era of lack of funding. SIUE has been an excellent steward of its own resources and also a good partner of the SIU system. She reported that unfortunately SIUE's share of the system's appropriation did not meet the needs of the campus. She went on to say that it was time that all partners receive an appropriate financial share. She thanked and expressed her support of President Dunn, Chair Sholar, as well as the other members of the Board for their consideration of the issues, for their leadership of the system, and their representation of the system to the legislature.

Dr. David Johnson, SIUC Faculty Association, made his presentation to the Board. He stated the SIU system offered real benefits when there is real cooperation. The Medical School has key ties to both Carbondale and Edwardsville which would make it separate from Carbondale and Edwardsville, but the SIU system would only flourish if its leaders were committed to making the system work. All system leaders must work for and be seen working for what is best for the system as a whole. He noted that if leaders promote one campus over the other or are more interested in power struggles then the SIU system would fail. Dr. Johnson reviewed recent restructuring activities on the SIUC campus. He noted results had been mixed. Six schools were approved, and three schools were voted down. He observed that most of the eight schools yet to be voted on would not be approved by the faculty. He offered that if the Chancellor stayed with his first plan to seek approval of all 20 schools he proposed, the Board would be presented

with hard choices of whether to choose to agree with faculty or support the Chancellor. He stated there was a better way for SIUC, and gave the Chancellor credit for holding back on his school proposals in order to work with faculty who are proposing alternatives.

Mr. Toussaint Mitchell, SIUC Undergraduate Student Government, made his presentation to the Board. He urged the Board to work together because SIUC was not doing as well as it should be. He expressed concern that some Board members would let one school flourish and let another other school suffer. He hoped the SIU System could be saved and stated that the focus should be about the students. He noted that SIUC was a great school, but students would not attend universities where the administration was not living up to what was needed for the students. He urged the Board to consider what was best for the SIU system.

Mr. Johnathan Flowers, SIUC Graduate and Professional Student Council, made his presentation to the Board. He expressed confusion for Carbondale's strong response over President Dunn's contempt for the Carbondale campus and community. Mr. Flowers pointed out that Carbondale wanted accountability for President Dunn, but it did not take responsibility for the role it played in pushing the system to this point. He spoke of time wasted on the Carbondale campus for the reorganization that brought the system to its current state. Mr. Flowers reported that no one had held the Carbondale campus accountable and the Board should do so.

Ms. Mackenzie Rogers, SIUE Student Body, made her presentation to the Board. She stated the most important individuals were the University's students, and that she spoke on behalf of the nearly 14,000 students on the Edwardsville campus. She asked that the Board be just and fair when making the decisions for all students. She

stated that high level education would help students with their future endeavors. SIUE and SIUC students have the ability to change the world. If due to limited funds students are not given the opportunities and ways to learn to better serve, then SIU is not fulfilling its responsibility. She urged the Board to consider and support the reallocation.

Next, Chair Sholar thanked Student Trustees Sam Beard and Luke Jansen for their service on the Board. She noted that the day's meeting was their last scheduled Board meeting, and Sam Beard was not able to attend. She stated that the Board appreciated their active participation on the Board and that they had done a great job representing the students. The Chair presented Luke Jansen with a certificate of appreciation.

Next, Trustee Ryan nominated Mr. Tom Britton to serve as the Board's representative on the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gilbert. Hearing no further nominations, Trustee Ryan moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gilbert. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote to close the nominations. The motion to elect Trustee Britton to serve as the Board's representative on the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board passed by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Mr. Luke Jansen; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky; Ms. Amy Sholar; nay, none.

Mr. John Charles, Executive Director for Governmental and Public Affairs, reviewed components of legislation proposed regarding Southern Illinois University.

Trustee Jansen sought clarification about House Resolution 1051 which included that the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) would conduct a study in

regards to the governance structure of the Southern Illinois University system. Mr. Jansen inquired whether the resolution included the study of budget allocation. Mr. Charles answered in the affirmative. Mr. Jansen inquired whether the IBHE had done such a study before for other universities. Mr. Charles responded that the IBHE had not performed such a study of which he was aware.

Secretary Sambursky inquired about whether there had been any study performed regarding House Bills 5859 and 1294 for the 50/50 allocation to the SIUC and SIUE campuses contained in the proposals. Mr. Charles responded that there had not been a study and that the legislation did call for an equal distribution to SIUC and SIUE of state funds.

Trustee Britton asked if IBHE registered in favor or opposition at the hearing held on any of the proposed legislation. Mr. Charles responded that no one took a position on any of the legislation, including the SIU system.

Vice Chair Gilbert expressed concern that House Bills 5859 and 1294 were contrary to the *Southern Illinois University Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* where the budgets are developed by the Chancellors and are reviewed by the Office of the President. He noted the legislation took that away from the SIU system head, and he spoke to his opposition of the legislation.

Chair Sholar noted that a certain amount of state funding was not guaranteed to the University. The University would continue to follow a similar budget process; however, the legislation would take the allocation decision out of the hands of the University.

Trust Britton inquired whether the University of Illinois had any strictures placed on its appropriations. Mr. Charles responded it did not. Mr. Charles went on to say the proposed legislation was unprecedented. Trustee Britton inquired if any other Illinois universities had such restrictions placed on its budgets. Mr. Charles responded that no other universities had such restrictions.

Secretary Sambursky verified that there had been no analysis performed for the proposed 50/50 funding split legislation. Mr. Charles verified that no analysis was performed. Secretary Sambursky recalled that information discussed at the March Board retreat included that cost structures of campuses were complicated with a number of considerations, and he did not believe the proposed legislation to be reasonable without any analysis performed. He expressed disappointment that some have said that Carbondale affiliated trustees would not even consider a budget reallocation because that was not the truth. He reviewed that at the March Board retreat the Board members agreed to get an analysis for a fair funding model and have continued to say so.

Trustee Britton remarked that he had not had anyone at Carbondale say to him that they do not think an allocation should be considered for Edwardsville. He recalled from the SIUC Civil Service survey results reported to the Board earlier that 65 percent of SIUC Civil Service employees did not think it was unreasonable to consider a different allocation for SIUE based on a study that had clear credibility by an impartial body. Mr. Britton stated that he would not support a bill that would take from the Board the ability to determine its own financial future.

Trustee Ryan added that she had not met anyone on the Carbondale campus, community, or on the Board who had said to not perform the study. She noted it was disconcerting to have been painted unwilling to make a reallocation or look at data.

Secretary Sambursky encouraged the public to listen to the March Board retreat audio recording posted online. At that meeting there was unanimous consent of the Board to have reallocation discussions.

Vice Chair Gilbert remarked that at the March and April Board meetings he publicly expressed support for SIUE to receive more funding. He reviewed that the process would need to be done in a measured way where everyone has a voice at the table collaboratively, with enough notice given to SIUC so the campus can adjust to it.

Trustee Jansen expressed agreement with previous comments that he was not comfortable with having the state determine funding; however, the University would need to follow the results of the study and not deviate from it.

Trustee Portwood noted that she did not like the legislation to decide the distribution for the University and wanted to see study results.

Chair Sholar observed that it had taken 20 years to have the discussion of reallocation, and she was concerned about the timeline. She agreed that a study was appropriate and she was not opposed to gathering data but she did not want to delay the discussion too long. Trustee Portwood expressed agreement.

The following item was presented:

**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, HB5859 and HB1294 are identical pieces of legislation currently pending in the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the legislation proposes to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act, providing that, beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, when money appropriated to the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University by the General Assembly is allocated for the Carbondale campus, an equal amount must be allocated by the Board for the Edwardsville campus, effective July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at each of its locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes Southern Illinois University is an economic catalyst for the central and southern Illinois region dependent upon state support; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges continued state financial support is a fundamental tenet of the partnership between the state and public universities such as SIU and the critical importance of such funding; and

WHEREAS, in light of such partnership, the Board deems that it is most effective, and in the best interest of its institutions, for the University itself to determine the appropriate funding levels for its campuses rather than an inflexible allocation prescribed by legislation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University opposes HB5859 and HB1294 and urges the General Assembly not to pass such legislation; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

Amy Sholar, Chair
Board of Trustees of
Southern Illinois University
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Trustee Britton made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion carried by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Mr. Luke Jansen; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky; nay, none. Ms. Amy Sholar abstained from voting.

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WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at both SIUC and SIUE; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that both SIUC and SIUE are economic catalysts for the central and southern Illinois region dependent upon state support; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges continued state financial support is a fundamental tenet of the partnership between the state and public universities such as SIU and the critical importance of such funding for both campuses; and

WHEREAS, in light of such partnership, the Board deems it appropriate for the two campuses to receive equal funding to effectively fulfill their missions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University supports HB5859 and HB1294 and urges the General Assembly to pass such legislation; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

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Trustee Portwood made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Secretary Sambursky. The motion did not pass by the following recorded vote: aye, none; nay, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Mr. Luke Jansen; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky. Ms. Amy Sholar abstained from voting.

The following item was presented:

**RESOLUTION OF
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, HB5860 and HB1293 are identical pieces of legislation currently pending in the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the legislation proposes to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act, providing that on the effective date of the amendatory act, the terms of office of the members of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall terminate and the Board shall be reconstituted, with 7 new members to be appointed as follows: 3 appointees shall hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville campus, 3 appointees shall hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale campus, and one appointee must not have attended Southern Illinois University at all; and the two (2) student members shall both be voting members of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at each of its locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the positive impact the University offers by fulfilling its critical missions in the central and southern Illinois regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the ability to fulfill those unique missions is granted by the powers and duties established within the Southern Illinois University Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the unprecedented challenges facing institutions of higher education across the state, including SIU; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is important that its membership consists of those who have experience and familiarity with, and affinity for, the University to help guide it through challenges and fulfill its unique missions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University supports HB5860 and HB1293 and urges the General Assembly to pass such legislation; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

Amy Sholar, Chair
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Mr. Charles spoke to the legislation to reconstitute the Board. A discussion was held about the legislation containing a provision to eliminate the voting rights for a student trustee. It was determined that the legislation had a late amendment to include that both student trustees would have voting privileges.

Trustee Britton expressed concern that legislation reconstituting the SIU Board of Trustees would not solve its problems and he expressed opposition to the bill.

Trustee Jansen noted that he was conflicted about part of the legislation that included having a third party not tied to any campus which may bring a fresh perspective to the Board.

Secretary Sambursky reviewed that the current Board makeup had three SIUE affiliated trustees, three SIUC affiliated trustees, and Vice Chair Gilbert was a graduate of the University of Illinois. With the exception that the legislation proposed each student trustee would have a vote, the current Board makeup was similar to what was proposed.

Trustee Portwood expressed her opposition to the legislation and noted the legislation could allow a trustee to be considered as a third party but live in the region of one of the campuses. She went on to say a person does not have to hold a degree from a campus to be strongly tied to it.

Chair Sholar pointed out that the legislation would give both students voting rights and was in favor of the legislation for that reason.

Secretary Sambursky noted that the University of Illinois had three student trustees and inquired about whether that university would be in favor of its three student trustees having voting rights. Mr. Charles reported that the University of Illinois had the same procedure as did Southern Illinois University where one student trustee had voting rights.

Trustee Ryan expressed concern that the legislation would eradicate the Board until such a time that a new Board could be appointed at a critical juncture the University needed to conduct business.

Trustee Britton made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Jansen. The motion did not pass by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Luke Jansen; Ms. Amy Sholar; nay, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky.

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WHEREAS, the legislation proposes to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act, providing that on the effective date of the amendatory act, the terms of office of the members of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall terminate and the Board shall be reconstituted, with 7 new members to be appointed as follows: 3 appointees shall hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville campus, 3 appointees shall hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale campus, and one appointee must not have attended Southern Illinois University at all; and the two (2) student members shall both be voting members of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at each of its locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the positive impact the University offers by fulfilling its critical missions in the central and southern Illinois regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the ability to fulfill those missions is granted by the powers and duties established within the Southern Illinois University Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that institutions of higher education across the nation, including those in Illinois, face more challenges than ever before in the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in the face of so many complex challenges, the Board underscores that an abrupt change in its composition, filling it with members unfamiliar

with the purpose and duties of the University, will cause disruption and decline of the institutions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University opposes HB5860 and HB1293 and urges the General Assembly not to pass such legislation; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

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Vice Chair Gilbert made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion passed by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky; nay, Mr. Luke Jansen; Ms. Amy Sholar.

The following item was presented:

**RESOLUTION OF
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WHEREAS, HR1051 is a Resolution currently pending in the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution urges the Illinois Board of Higher Education to conduct a study in regards to the governance structure of the Southern Illinois University system and the feasibility and viability of becoming two distinct universities with separate boards of trustees as outlined in HB1292; the practicability of maintaining a single board of trustees with membership outlined in HB 1293; and whether an appropriation that

recognizes student enrollment as outlined in HB 1294 will be an equitable distribution of state funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at both SIUC and SIUE; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the positive impact its campuses offer by fulfilling their critical missions in the central and southern Illinois regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges continued state financial support is a fundamental tenet of the partnership between the state and public universities such as SIU and the critical importance of such funding for both campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the unprecedented challenges facing institutions of higher education across the state, including SIU; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the ability to fulfill those unique missions is granted by the powers and duties established within the Southern Illinois University Management Act; and

WHEREAS, in light of such partnership, the Board deems it appropriate to analyze the funding of the two campuses and the Board and governance structure of the University system to ensure it continues to effectively fulfill its missions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University supports HR1051 and urges the Illinois House of Representatives to pass such resolution; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor and the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

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Vice Chair Gilbert verified that the IBHE had not done such a study for another university. Mr. Charles noted that the IBHE would perform the study whether they would have that expertise in house or if they would need to contract to an external agency for assistance. Chair Sholar inquired about whether there would be any cost for the study to the University. President Dunn remarked that the cost was unknown but they should not assume there would not be a cost to the University as it could be billed back to the University if the IBHE needed to hire external consulting help.

Vice Chair Gilbert expressed concern that there was not enough detail contained in the legislation and it could be problematic.

Trustee Jansen expressed agreement that more information should be included in the legislation but he was supportive of reviewing an IBHE study to be part of the data to be considered.

Trustee Ryan inquired whether the IBHE was an appropriate party to perform a study.

Chair Sholar remarked that such a study would be a data point to be considered along with others. She did not feel more information would be harmful.

Secretary Sambursky inquired whether the results of study would be advisory or if it would be a mandate. Mr. Charles reviewed that the legislation provided that the study would become a public report. The legislation did not direct any further action.

Trustee Ryan inquired whether the IBHE study could be taken by a body and imposed on SIU. Mr. Charles noted that the University could recommend or oppose such action to the legislature.

Trustee Britton reviewed that the IBHE was an advisory Board and the SIU Board of Trustees was a governing board. He noted that he would support the legislation if it also included a study of the University of Illinois system. If not, he would need to oppose the legislation.

Secretary Sambursky expressed agreement that viewing the study as a data set could be helpful, but he was not convinced that the IBHE was the most qualified entity to conduct such a study because he did not know enough about them. He expressed concern that the material was complicated to sift through for those performing a study, and he would abstain on the item.

Trustee Ryan inquired that since House Resolution 1051 included House Bill 1294 would language be revised. Mr. Charles stated that the IBHE would look at the issue contained in House Bill 1294. The IBHE would not offer support or opposition.

General Counsel Crater expressed agreement that House Bill 1294 was referenced but it did not mean the Board was supporting it, it was only a piece of the study.

Trustee Jansen made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Portwood. The motion did not pass by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Luke Jansen; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Ms. Amy Sholar; nay, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Marsha Ryan. Mr. Joel Sambursky abstained from voting.

The following item was presented:

**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, HR1051 is a Resolution currently pending in the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution urges the Illinois Board of Higher Education to conduct a study in regards to the governance structure of the Southern Illinois University system and the feasibility and viability of becoming two distinct universities with separate boards of trustees as outlined in HB1292; the practicability of maintaining a single board of trustees with membership outlined in HB 1293; and whether an appropriation that recognizes student enrollment as outlined in HB 1294 will be an equitable distribution of state funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at each of its locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the positive impact the University offers by fulfilling its critical missions in the central and southern Illinois regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the ability to fulfill those missions is granted by the powers and duties established within the Southern Illinois University Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the unprecedented challenges facing institutions of higher education across the state, and SIU in particular; and

WHEREAS, in the face of so many complex challenges, the Board underscores that an abrupt change in its composition or university structure, as well as creating a prescriptive funding allocation, will cause disruption and decline of the University and hinder its ability to fulfill the University's missions and overcome challenges as charged in the Southern Illinois University Management; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University opposes HR1051 and urges the Illinois House of Representatives not to pass such resolution; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor and the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

Amy Sholar, Chair
Board of Trustees of
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Trustee Britton made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Ryan. The motion did not pass by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Marsha Ryan; nay, Mr. Luke Jansen; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Ms. Amy Sholar. Mr. Joel Sambursky abstained from voting.

The following item was presented:

**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, HB5861 and HB1292 are identical pieces of legislation currently pending in the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the legislation proposes to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act, abolishing the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University; provides that the part of Southern Illinois University associated with the Carbondale campus, except the School of Medicine, shall be known as Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and shall be under the governance and control of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; provides that the part of Southern Illinois University associated with the Edwardsville campus, along with the School of Medicine, shall be known as Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and shall be under the governance and control of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; and makes corresponding changes in various acts; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at each of its locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the positive impact its campuses offer by fulfilling their critical missions in the central and southern Illinois regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that each campus is positioned and equipped to excel in meeting their unique missions; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that the University currently fulfills those missions with a decentralized model such that separation of campuses would be possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates that if the system is split into independent campuses, cost savings would be realized in eliminating salaries of system leadership; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University supports HB5861 and HB1292 and urges the General Assembly to pass such legislation; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

Amy Sholar, Chair
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Trustee Jansen stated that he did not have enough information to make a decision as to whether or not the legislation was fruitful idea. Chair Sholar expressed agreement.

Trustee Ryan spoke to concerns contained in the legislation which included moving the School of Medicine to the SIUE campus which would prohibit the School of Medicine to serve its primary function of serving communities in the southern part of the state with a focus on family practice. She went on to say the move may affect the Physician Assistant Program and Med Prep Program which assists students from

underrepresented populations with disadvantaged backgrounds to prepare them to be accepted into medical school and provide care for that part of the state. She expressed concern that the mission of the Medical School could be compromised, and she noted her surprise that the Medical School was part of the legislation.

Trustee Portwood made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Britton. The motion did not pass by the following recorded vote: aye, none; nay, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky. Mr. Luke Jansen and Ms. Amy Sholar abstained from voting.

The following item was presented:

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WHEREAS, the Board affirms the University's proud tradition of student access, inclusiveness, and success at each of its locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the positive impact the University offers by fulfilling its critical missions in the central and southern Illinois regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board declares that as a unified system with multiple campuses and locations it is better equipped to fulfill those missions; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the unprecedented challenges facing institutions of higher education across the state, and SIU in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that it is better positioned to overcome those challenges, and with greater efficiency, as a unified system; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University opposes HB5861 and HB1292 and urges the General Assembly not to pass such legislation; and

THAT this resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly, and the sponsors of the respective legislation.

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Vice Chair Gilbert made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Secretary Sambursky. The motion passed by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Tom Britton; Hon. Phil Gilbert; Dr. Shirley Portwood; Dr. Marsha Ryan; Mr. Joel Sambursky; nay, none. Mr. Luke Jansen and Ms. Amy Sholar abstained from voting.

At 11:43 a.m., Trustee Jansen made a motion to take a recess for the executive session portion of the meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Secretary Sambursky. The executive session meeting was moved to the Lincoln Conference Room and the location change was duly posted.

At 12:29 p. m., Vice Chair Gilbert moved that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of considering 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), (11). The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Britton. The motion carried by the following recorded vote: aye, Mr. Tom Britton, Hon. J. Phil Gilbert, Mr. Luke Jansen, Dr. Shirley Portwood, Dr. Marsha Ryan, Mr. Joel Sambursky, Ms. Amy Sholar; nay, none.

Trustee Jansen moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was duly seconded by Secretary Sambursky. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Joel Sambursky, Secretary