

Board Meeting
January 15, 2015

AWARD HONORARY DEGREES, URBANA

Action: Award Honorary Doctorate Degrees

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Senate of the Urbana-Champaign campus has recommended that honorary degrees be conferred on the following persons at Commencement Exercises on May 16, 2015:

Ralph Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences and Chair, National Research Council -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Science

Ralph Cicerone received his Ph.D. in 1970 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where his advisor was the esteemed Sidney A. Bowhill, director of the Aeronomy Laboratory (1962-1987). Dr. Cicerone's contributions in research have focused on atmospheric chemistry and climate change, and his leadership has led to changes in national and international environmental policies.

Dr. Cicerone's research career began at the University of Michigan, where a Distinguished University Professorship in Atmospheric Sciences was created in his honor in 2007. He continued his research at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California, San Diego in 1978 and became the head of Atmospheric Chemistry Division at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in 1980. In 1989, Dr. Cicerone was named the founding chair of the Department of Earth System Science at the University of California, Irvine where he later served as the Dean of the School of Physical Sciences (1994-1998) and Chancellor (1998-2005). In 2001, he led the National Academy of

Sciences study of the current state of climate changes, requested by President Bush. Dr. Cicerone was elected the 21st President of the National Academy of Sciences and the Chair of the National Research Council in 2005. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. He is a foreign member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Korean Academy of Science and Technology, Academia Sinica, the Real Academia de Ciencias, and the Royal Society. Dr. Cicerone has been awarded numerous honorary degrees from universities, including George Washington University and North Carolina State University.

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Science

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey received her M.D. at Harvard Medical School in 1979 and an MBA in Health Care Administration in 1986 at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. Her contribution as President and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) during the past decade has improved the health of the most vulnerable populations in the nation, including children, youth, and the very old. In her capacity as President of RWJF, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey oversees an endowment of more than \$8 billion which is used to fund more than \$400 million per year in projects focused on health and wellness. Prior to joining RWJF, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey was the Sylvan Eisman Professor of Medicine and Health Care Systems and Chief of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey is the author of several books and numerous journal articles and is the recipient of multiple awards and honors including the Distinguished Service Award from the National Medical Fellowships, the Beacon Award from the Althea Gibson Foundation, the Alonzo Smythe Yerby Award from Harvard School of Public Health, and Forbes Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the World. She is a fellow of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and is a member of the American Clinical and Climatological Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey has been awarded numerous honorary degrees from universities, including Colby College, Baylor School of Medicine, Syracuse University, Pennsylvania State University, and Brown University.

It is important to note that Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey is the Commencement Speaker for the 2015 Commencement Ceremonies.

Timothy Nugent, Director Emeritus – the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

Timothy Nugent received his M.S. in Health Sciences and Physical Education in 1948 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His ground-breaking work and tireless advocacy have changed the world for persons with disabilities and he continues as an inspirational Emeritus Professor in the College of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Nugent's 38-year career as the founder and Director of Rehabilitation Education Services at the University of Illinois is filled with research, education and service programs that led to innovative breakthroughs for persons with disabilities. For example, the program which he founded at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1948 was the first and only program for many years in the country to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. Many students with disabilities can attribute their college success to the academic support programs and inclusion initiatives he created on campus. Dr. Nugent founded the National Wheelchair Basketball Association in 1949 and served as Commissioner for the first 25 years. He also founded Delta Sigma Omicron, a national rehabilitation service fraternity. For example, he was a leader in the development of architectural accessibility standards, public transportation, adaptive equipment, and recreation activities for people with disabilities.

During his career, Dr. Nugent received multiple awards and recognitions including the President's Public Personnel Award from President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Distinguished Service Award from President Bill Clinton. Dr. Nugent has also received the Lincoln Laureate, the Chancellor's Medallion from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the 10th Annual Henry B. Betts Award from American Association of People with Disabilities and was honored with a 'Tim Nugent Day' Proclamation by Governor James Thompson. Dr. Nugent has received honorary degrees from Springfield College in Massachusetts and the Mount Mary College in Wisconsin.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois concurs in these recommendations.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs recommends approval.

The President of the University concurs.