

Board Meeting
January 19, 2012

DESIGNATE CONFERENCE ROOMS IN UIC STUDENT CENTER WEST,
CHICAGO

Action: Approve Designating the Michèle M. Thompson Conference Rooms A, B, and C in UIC Student Center West

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago recommends the designation of the Chicago Rooms A, B, and C in the UIC Student Center West, located at 828 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, as the Michèle M. Thompson Conference Rooms A, B, and C in recognition of her distinguished service as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University of Illinois. These rooms have been the primary meeting rooms for Board of Trustees meetings on the Chicago campus.

Of particular importance to UIC in this designation is the public acknowledgment and tribute to Dr. Thompson's unwavering integrity, intelligent thoughtfulness, and deep sense of fairness during her tenure as Secretary to the Board. Dr. Thompson's fondness for the UIC campus is likely attributable to her service as chief of staff for the committee that studied and recommended the consolidation of the Medical Center and the Chicago Circle campuses in the early 1980s, which later in a progressive and bold move, merged to create the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Through her role as Secretary, Michèle M. Thompson has provided support, advice, guidance, and inspiration to the Board of Trustees, four University Presidents, and five UIC Chancellors. As she prepares to retire from the University of Illinois after nearly thirty-five years, Dr. Thompson will be remembered for her consummate graciousness and generosity--in patience, spirit, and dedication to the well-being of the University of Illinois. Of note, and for the record, Dr. Thompson's 24-hour/7-day work week in pursuit of perfection can only be matched by the equal graciousness and generosity of her husband, Dr. H. Woods Bowman.

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 President of the University concurs.