

Board Meeting
July 14, 2005

RESOLUTION CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR CONSENSUS REGARDING
CHIEF ILLINIWEK

Whereas, at its meeting on June 17, 2004, the Board of Trustees adopted the “consensus resolution” calling for a consensus conclusion regarding Chief Illiniwek;

Whereas, at its meeting on September 9, 2004, the Board of Trustees adopted the “heritage policy” that specifies that in implementing a consensus solution,

“...it shall be the policy of the University and the Urbana-Champaign campus that the State’s heritage and its American Indian culture and traditions shall be preserved, affirmed, and publicly celebrated.”

Whereas, the June 17, 2004, resolution of the Board of Trustees called for the consideration and approval of guidelines to aid the process of reaching a consensus conclusion;

Whereas, the board, after much consideration and review, has formulated several guidelines to serve as a framework for further discussion leading to a consensus conclusion;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees believes that a consensus conclusion that follows these guidelines will lead to a solution that is in the best long-term interest of the University;

Whereas, these formulated guidelines are presented here and include the following:

1. Seek consensus.
2. Preserve tradition and heritage in concert with the board’s heritage resolution.
3. Retain the names “Illini” and “Fighting Illini.”
4. Recognize the diversity of Illinois’ American Indian culture, past and present.

5. Engage American Indian involvement in our efforts.
6. Reflect the University's core values of excellence, integrity, and respect.
7. Recognize the significant opportunities that University events, venues, and forums provide to educate and inform our community and the public about American Indian culture, history, and heritage.

Further Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees wishes to adopt these guidelines for use as a framework for reaching a consensus conclusion regarding Chief Illiniwek.