DESIGNATE LABORATORIES, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, CHICAGO

Action: Designate the Illinois Tool Works Laboratory Namings, College of Engineering and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: Gift and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

The Chancellor at Chicago has recommended the naming of two laboratories in the Science and Engineering Laboratories West (SELW) building, located at 900 West Taylor Street, and two laboratories in the Science and Engineering Laboratories East (SELE) building, located at 950 South Halsted Street, in recognition of Illinois Tool Works’ (ITW) $1,170,000 gift commitment. This gift will provide the majority of funding necessary to renovate the four laboratories, including demolition, construction, furniture, equipment, and professional services. The deans of the two colleges have agreed to provide the funding from the ITW gift funds; the remainder of funding is available from institutional funds operating budgets of the Colleges of Engineering and Liberal Arts and Sciences at Chicago. The proposed labs and names are: ITW Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory, Rooms 1223 and 1227, SELW (used by the College of Engineering); ITW Fluid Mechanics Laboratory, Room 3279, SELE (used by the College of Engineering); ITW Heat Transfer Laboratory, Room 3280, SELE (used...
by the College of Engineering); and ITW Organic Chemistry Laboratory, Room 3030, SELW (used by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

The four spaces that the renovation will affect are currently used as laboratories in which ongoing classes are held, mainly for undergraduate students. The spaces will be used for the same purposes after renovation. Renovation of all three engineering labs will be done immediately, during the summer 2010 semester, so they can be reoccupied by the fall semester and cause no disruption of class schedule. Similarly, the Liberal Arts and Sciences lab construction will occur in 2011 and be completed by fall 2011.

Illinois Tool Works, Inc., is a 98-year old company headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, that manufactures a range of industrial products and equipment and has operations that include 825 subsidiaries and joint ventures in 56 foreign countries on six continents. The corporate philanthropic arm of ITW is the ITW Foundation. The gift to the Chicago campus for lab renovations ranks as one of the ITW Foundation’s largest ever single gifts.

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.