

Board Meeting
July 23, 2009

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR RICHARD M. SCHOELL

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the contributions of Richard M. Schoell as Executive Director for Governmental Relations and Director for Federal Relations on the occasion of his retirement from the University.

Over the past 22 years, Rick Schoell has represented the University to all levels of State Government, especially the legislature, and to the Federal Government. Beginning his service to the University as Director for Federal Relations in 1987 and becoming Director for Governmental Relations in 1989, Rick Schoell has interpreted the interests, concerns, and needs of the University to myriad elected officials and their staffs for all of his years with the University of Illinois.

His experience as Director of the Washington, D.C., office of the Illinois General Assembly, where he was responsible for monitoring and evaluating Federal legislation and communicating with the Illinois Congressional Delegation and the Illinois General Assembly, provided excellent background for his assignments at the University.

As a representative of the University, Rick Schoell has been a reliable and trusted resource to members and staffs of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, members and staffs of the Illinois General Assembly, and statewide officers and agencies.

As a senior policy advisor and strategist, Rick has identified and analyzed legislative and governmental issues of importance to the University, advising University

presidents and chancellors about plans and strategies to meet the University's objectives at the State and Federal levels of government. He has also consistently provided the larger University community with information, analysis, advice, and commentary on matters of State and Federal interest and policy.

In addition, Rick has generously lent his skills and experience in service to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the Council on Research and Technology, the Institute for Illinois, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Rick Schoell has assisted the members of the Board of Trustees in his capacity as advisor, and facilitated their understanding of both State and Federal issues affecting higher education and specifically the University of Illinois as well as helped them interpret the University's goals to elected officials at all levels.

Rick Schoell's tenure at the University has been characterized by unwavering dedication, admirable diplomacy, and earnest consensus-building. Further, his warmth, good humor, steadfast calm, and friendly demeanor are deeply appreciated by the Board of Trustees and many others at the University.

The President and other administrative officers, faculty members, students, and staff join with the Board of Trustees in this statement of gratitude to you and extend best wishes to you and your wife, Rebecca, and your family.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given you as a permanent reminder of the Board's respect and affection.