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ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RICHARD D. RINGEISEN AS CHANCELLOR, SPRINGFIELD, APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, AND APPOINTMENT AS CHANCELLOR EMERITUS

Action: Accept Resignation of Richard D. Ringeisen as Chancellor, Approve Employment Agreement, and Appointment as Chancellor Emeritus

Funding: State, Institutional, and Gift Funds of the University

Richard D. Ringeisen, who has served as Chancellor and Professor, Mathematical Sciences Program, for the Springfield campus since April 1, 2001, has communicated his intent to resign as Chancellor effective October 31, 2010. Chancellor Ringeisen has presided over significant growth of the campus as exemplified by the addition of facilities including: The Recreation and Activities Center (TRAC), Founders Hall, University Hall, the development of the campus Quadrangle, the addition of the Emiquon Field Station, and the new Peoria Center in downtown Peoria. During his tenure as Chancellor, the campus’ academic offerings expanded to include more courses in the fine arts, a new general education curriculum, and in addition, the College of Business and Management achieved accreditation. Further, following his arrival in 2001 to fall 2009, the number of faculty members increased from 170 to 211, and the student enrollment increased 16 percent, from 4,288 in fall 2002 to 4,961 in fall 2009.
President Ikenberry recommends that the Board accept Dr. Ringeisen’s resignation as Chancellor effective, October 31, 2010. Dr. Ringeisen will relinquish all employment rights, including tenure and the University will honor the agreement to provide a one-year paid administrative leave, as set forth in President Stukel’s January 30, 2001, letter of offer to Ringeisen.

It is hereby resolved that the Board accepts Dr. Ringeisen’s resignation as Chancellor, and approves the appointment as Chancellor Emeritus.

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.