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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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UI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

Doug Beckmann has been appointed as interim president of the University of Illinois Alumni Association by the Executive Committee of the UI Alumni Association Board of Directors. Beckmann is a retired Senior Associate Vice President for the Office of Business and Financial Services (OBFS) at the University of Illinois. During his 25-year career with the University, he was responsible for administering business and financial operations across the University System, developing and implementing plans consistent with the University's strategic plan and objectives, and advising University officers and campus officials on financial matters and investment practices. A search is in progress for a permanent president of the UI Alumni Association.

UI Alumni Association and University leadership have been continuing discussions about how the organization can best fit into and support the University's advancement model and how to best serve our alumni. Proposed models are currently being discussed, and the UI Alumni Association Board of Directors will need to approve any changes.

UI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS

The UI Alumni Association Board of Directors met January 13 in Urbana. President Tim Killeen, Urbana Chancellor Robert Jones, UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis, UIS Chancellor Susan Koch and UI Foundation President & CEO Jim Moore all attended. Members of the Board and University leadership discussed the future role of the UI Alumni Association. The next Board of Directors meeting will be **June 9** in Chicago.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

The UI Alumni Association and President Killeen are hosting a dinner for a select group of alumni and the University of Illinois Caucus – a bipartisan coalition of state legislators who are U of I graduates or parents of students or alumni – on **March 28**. University officials and alumni will have the opportunity to speak about University issues with the UI Caucus members.

Students from the University of Illinois System's three universities (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield) will unite in Springfield on **March 29** to meet with legislators for University of Illinois Student Day at the Capitol. Illinois Connection – the legislative advocacy network of the University of Illinois Alumni Association – coordinates this annual event, in partnership with and the Office of Governmental Relations, to bring students together to deliver a unified message to lawmakers on behalf of the University. Students will meet with their elected representatives to encourage funding support for the University of Illinois and higher education in general.

President Tim Killeen will be joining in this effort to reach out to legislators. Alumni Day at the Capitol will be **May 10**, held in conjunction with the Springfield Board of Trustees meeting. A Sesquicentennial Celebration reception at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum will follow; legislators will be invited to attend.