

Board Meeting
May 17, 2007

INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, URBANA

Action: Approve Appointment of Interim Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement, Urbana

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Steven T. Sonka, as Interim Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$250,000 beginning June 1, 2007.

Dr. Sonka retired from faculty service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and was named Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Soybean Industry Endowed Chair in Agricultural Strategy Emeritus, by the Board effective January 1, 2003. With approval of the current proposed appointment, Dr. Sonka will reverse his retirement decision in order to return to full-time active status. He will be appointed at the rank of Professor of Agricultural and Consumer Economics on indefinite tenure on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time (non-salaried).

The position of Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement and Institutional Relations was created in November 2002 in order to further emphasize and advance the institution's public engagement mission and our relationships with external

constituencies. This position updates that title and the portfolio of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement will include implementing the elements of the campus' strategic plan involving public engagement, e.g., the Washington and Chicago strategies and building relationships with Illinois community colleges. It will also include oversight for campus programs and interactions with a broad scope of Illinois stakeholders and external partners who seek to utilize the University's intellectual and knowledge assets for cultural, economic, and community development. The Vice Chancellor will work with colleges and other campus units to develop and promote opportunities for engaging faculty and students with critical cultural, economic, and social issues.

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.

This recommendation is made with the advice of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The President of the University concurs.

STEVEN T. SONKA

Education

Iowa State University, Ames, B.S., 1970; Ph.D., 1974

Professional or Other Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Agriculture, 1975-79, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture; 1979-83, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture; 1983-95, Professor of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture; 1991-2002, Professor of Business Administration, College of Commerce and Business Administration; 1995-2002, Professor of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Economics (ACES); 1996-2002, Soybean Industry Chair in Agricultural Strategy, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of ACES; 1996-2002, Director, National Soybean Research Laboratory, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of ACES; 2003-date, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Soybean Industry Endowed Chair in Agricultural Strategy Emeritus, College of ACES; 2003-05, Interim Assistant Dean, College of ACES; 2005-07, Visiting Director, Office for Technology Research Initiatives, College of Business