

Board Meeting
May 17, 2007

REDESIGNATE THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNANCE TO THE CLINE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY, COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the Center for the Study of Democratic Governance to the Cline Center for Democracy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana recommends for approval a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to redesignate the Center for the Study of Democratic Governance to the Cline Center for Democracy.

This proposal seeks to name the center in recognition of the financial contribution of Richard G. and Carole J. Cline. The Cline family provided the Center's founding endowment as well as playing an instrumental role in translating the vision of the Center into a concrete organizational structure. The Center for the Study of Democratic Governance was given temporary status by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in 2004. With confirmation of the funding and the primary objective of enhancing the scope of its activities, the Center is prepared to pursue permanent status in 2008.

The proposed Cline Center for Democracy promotes rigorous study and open dialogue through the following activities:

- To stimulate integrative thinking about how democratic values and principles can be better realized in the operations of government;
- To disseminate findings and conclusions to inform real-world debates about political reform;
- To generate a stream of highly motivated, broadly trained and ethically aware civic leaders for the 21st century;
- To better understand how authoritarian regimes can be democratized and how new democracies can be strengthened;
- To enhance our understanding of how democratic forms of government, in concert with various public and private institutions, can provide the means to pursue a set of just and equitable ends that are essential to societal welfare; and,
- To perpetuate an appreciation for the role that democratic forms of government must play in balancing the need for order and stability while allowing for the freedom and individuality that is necessary for the pursuit of “life, liberty, and happiness.”

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 University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University concurs. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.