DESIGNATE THE G. STEPHEN AND KATHLEEN IRWIN LEARNING CENTER AUDITORIUM, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Designate the G. Stephen and Kathleen Irwin Learning Center Auditorium, College of Medicine

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the naming of the Learning Center Auditorium in the College of Medicine West Tower, 1863 West Polk Street, in recognition of Dr. G. Stephen and Kathleen Irwin’s gift towards the renovation of the space, their multi-million dollar commitments to the University and their significant advocacy and volunteerism for the College of Medicine.

The College of Medicine Learning Center Auditorium opened in August 2014 as a 220-seat auditorium with connectivity technology that promotes interaction, communication, and collaboration resulting in the formation of dynamic new cohorts of learners, regardless of geography. Its innovative technology removes the physical barriers between students, clinicians, and scientists in the pursuit of advanced understanding of medical knowledge and clinical applications.

In 1977, Dr. G. Stephen Irwin graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, obtaining his degree in Clinical Medicine. Dr. Irwin practiced orthopedic surgery at McLean County Orthopedics, Ltd., in Bloomington,
Illinois. He is a member of numerous medical societies including the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the Illinois Orthopedic Society, and the Mid-America Orthopedic Society. Dr. Irwin is a founder and former practitioner at the Center of Outpatient Medicine in Bloomington.

Mrs. Kathleen Irwin studied anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago and received a degree in nursing from Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. She is a former registered nurse and practice manager at McLean County Orthopedics in Bloomington, Illinois.

Dr. and Mrs. Irwin have contributed gifts to the Department of Orthopedics to complete the Dr. Riad Barmada Professorship, established charitable trusts through their estate to fund endowed scholarships, and made a major gift to support the renovation of the Learning Center. Dr. Irwin is a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Foundation and the Irwins are both Foundation Members.

Dr. Irwin has served on the UIC Medical Advancement Council, the University of Illinois College of Medicine Thought Leaders, and the UIC Chancellor's Campaign Committee. Dr. and Mrs. Irwin are also recognized as University of Illinois College of Medicine Root Society members.

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 President of the University concurs.