

Board Meeting
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APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR CHANCELLOR SYLVIA MANNING

To Sylvia Manning

As you prepare to retire from the University of Illinois, the Board of Trustees wishes to salute you for your accomplishments and express its deep appreciation for your contributions as Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago and earlier as the University's Vice President for Academic Affairs.

As Chancellor of UIC, you will be remembered for your insistence that the campus be accessible and responsive to a diverse group of students, and that it be an institution known for outstanding research as well. For articulating this vision for UIC and for nurturing the development of this dual mission you have ensured a vital future for UIC. During your tenure as Chancellor, UIC advanced to the ranks of the top 50 universities nationally in receipt of federal research funding. At the same time, undergraduate graduation rates increased and UIC students achieved distinction in competition for awards such as Rhodes, Fulbright, Gates-Cambridge, Goldwater, and Truman scholarships.

Outreach to the city of Chicago for cooperative ventures has been a hallmark of your service as Chancellor. Your support for a wide variety of collaborations with the city has been remarkable. In 2002 the Richard J. Daley Library became the

repository of the papers of the late Mayor Daley. Since that time you have encouraged other elected officials to choose the Daley Library as the site for the preservation of their papers. In 2005 you hosted the first of the annual Richard J. Daley Urban Forums for the study of issues facing urban leadership.

The face of the Chicago campus changed during your service as Chancellor. The impressive south campus has added a new dimension of community to the UIC campus. Always mindful of creating a warm and welcoming environment for students, faculty, and staff you oversaw the creation of two recreation centers on the campus and the installation of James Turrell's "UIC Skyspace," now a noted example of public art in the city of Chicago. Also, the College of Medicine Research Building, the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, and the Walter Payton Liver Center enhanced the research and teaching excellence of the medical center.

Earlier, as Vice President for Academic Affairs, you helped to orchestrate two historically significant initiatives for the University: the inclusion of the former Sangamon State University as the Springfield campus of the University and the introduction of U of I Online, the first effort to deliver University of Illinois courses online. Further, through your close collaboration with faculty members and faculty governance bodies you guided important changes in policy affecting faculty responsibilities that were geared to contemporary needs of faculty members and the University. In addition, your work with the Illinois Board of Higher Education assisted the articulation of issues facing all of higher education in Illinois.

These are but a few of the myriad achievements that form your legacy to the University of Illinois.

At this time the University, the Board of Trustees, the President, faculty members, students, and staff extend warm wishes to you and your family. We also express deep appreciation to you for thirteen ~~twelve~~ years of dedicated and inspired leadership for the benefit of the University of Illinois.