

Board Meeting  
November 14, 2007

DESIGNATE THE ROBERT J. VICKREY, M.D., AUDITORIUM IN THE UIC  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, ROCKFORD

**Action:** Approve Naming of the Robert J. Vickrey, M.D., Auditorium in the UIC  
College of Medicine, Rockford

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago recommends naming the auditorium at the UIC College of Medicine at Rockford (located at 1601 Parkview Avenue), the Robert J. Vickrey, M.D., Auditorium. The Miller Group Charitable Trust has pledged \$450,000 to honor University of Illinois Trustee, Robert F. Vickrey. In recognition of Mr. Vickrey, the donor has requested that the auditorium be named in honor of Trustee Vickrey's son, Robert J. Vickrey, M.D. The gift will be used to support the renovation and construction of an addition to the building which houses the UIC College of Medicine at Rockford.

The existing auditorium was built in 1975 as part of the tower addition to the campus. It is located just inside the present main entrance to the College, off the main lobby. As part of the new building addition at the Rockford campus, the auditorium will be renovated with new chairs, carpeting, and stage curtains to make it more attractive and comfortable. State of the art audio/visual equipment will be installed to enhance the function of the space and provide a better learning environment for the students and an improved teaching facility for the faculty. The auditorium will continue to seat

350 people. The space will be a focal point adjacent to the new building, a place for active and stimulating discussion that will be used by various internal and external groups. Groundbreaking for the new building is anticipated in 2008. The auditorium renovation is part of the construction phase, which is expected to last 18 to 24 months.

Trustee Vickrey has been a member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees since 2001 and was recently reappointed for another term. He is Vice President of the *News Tribune*, in LaSalle, Illinois, which is owned by Miller Group Media. He is in his 40<sup>th</sup> year with the company. His son, Robert J. Vickrey, M.D., is a 2002 graduate of the UIC College of Medicine at Rockford, and resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

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 recommends approval.