

Board Meeting
September 8, 2005

RESOLUTION TO ADD EIGHTH GUIDELINE FOR CONSENSUS PROCESS
REGARDING CHIEF ILLINIWEK

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has established a process by which it will seek a consensus conclusion to the matter of Chief Illiniwek;

Whereas, at its meeting on June 17, 2004, the Board of Trustees adopted the “consensus resolution” and said it would “consider and approve guidelines pursuant to which a consensus conclusion will be based,” and on July 14, 2005, the Board of Trustees after much consideration and review adopted a set of seven guiding principles to frame a solution in the best long-term interests of the University;

Whereas, three weeks later, on August 5, 2005, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) issued a policy regarding use of Native American imagery that was directed to 18 member institutions, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

Whereas, portions of the NCAA policy take effect on February 1, 2006;

Whereas, the board believes the guidelines it adopted to aid the consensus process would be strengthened by the addition of the following eighth guideline:

8. Recognize the University’s goals of having high integrity athletic programs, winning teams and athletes who are successful students and who have the opportunity to compete at the highest levels.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts this eighth guideline for use with the existing seven guidelines as a framework for reaching a consensus conclusion regarding Chief Illiniwek.