

Board Meeting  
September 8, 2005

ROLL CALL

APPROVE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE UIC PAVILION DURING  
CHICAGO STORM SOCCER AND WNBA PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL GAMES, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the UIC Pavilion During Chicago Storm Soccer and WNBA Professional Women's Basketball Games, Chicago

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The UIC Pavilion hosts concerts, UIC sporting events, meetings, festivals, and corporate, civic, and cultural events. Available for rental throughout the year, the Pavilion's varied programs are attended by UIC students, faculty, and staff as well as the greater metropolitan Chicago community. Consistent with these uses, on July 1, 2004, the University entered into a three-year agreement with Chicago Indoor Soccer Club LLC (Chicago Storm Soccer) for the 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007 seasons. Similarly, on May 5, 2005, the University entered into a three-year agreement with the Chicago Women's Basketball Operations LLC (WNBA Professional Women's Basketball) for the 2006, 2007, and 2008 seasons for use of the UIC Pavilion venue as their home locations. Approximately 20 games per team will be played at the UIC Pavilion. The agreements with both teams are standard license agreements which provide for building use, concession agreements, ticket sales, security, and related

operational considerations for home games each season. It is expected that the vast majority of attendees at these professional sporting events will not be UIC students, but instead will be individuals from the greater Chicago metropolitan area.

The Chicago Storm Management, with the support of the WNBA management, sought legislation to amend the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 (the Act). The University was advised of the legislation after it was introduced in the Senate. The Act prohibits the sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages in any building belonging to or under the control of the State, except as otherwise specifically authorized. As a result of the Chicago Storm's efforts, both houses of the Illinois General Assembly passed a bill amending the Act and approving the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages in the Pavilion during the Chicago Storm and WNBA home games played in that facility. The amendment places certain restriction on the time period during which these may be sold both before and during those games. That bill was signed by the Governor as Public Act 94-382 and became effective July 29, 2005.

The Act has been similarly amended in the past to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages in facilities owned by the University. Amendments enacted in 1980 and 1987 allowed for the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages to participants in conference or convention type activities and to participants in cultural, political, or educational activities taking place in State university facilities where faculty and/or staff of that university are active participants in those activities. In addition, the University successfully sought a 2002 amendment to the Act allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages at UIUC's Memorial Stadium during the Chicago Bears' games. In each

instance, approval of the Board of Trustees for the sale of alcoholic beverages, consistent with the Act and its amendments, was sought and obtained.

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, with the support of the Chancellor at the Chicago campus and appropriate administrative officers, recommends and seeks approval by the board to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at the UIC Pavilion in accordance and consistent with the recent amendment to the Act.