AMEND THE GENERAL RULES CONCERNING UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE [ARTICLE I, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (d) AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH (j)]

Action: Amend Article I, Section 2, Paragraph (d) and Article III, Section 7, Paragraph (j) of The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure

Funding: No Funding Required

Revisions are proposed to Articles I and III of The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure to clarify the administrative responsibilities of the Vice President for Technology and Economic Development. The position of Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Relations was created as a University officer by the board at the July 20, 2000, board meeting to serve as advisor to the president and the board on technology commercialization and economic development. The board appointed David L. Chicoine to this position on July 12, 2001. The appointment item adopted by the board provided that the position have direct authority over the University's major offices and entities involved in technology commercialization. At the May 15, 2003, board meeting a change in the title of the position to Vice President for Technology and Economic Development was adopted.

The proposed revisions to Article I of the General Rules are reflective of changes to the position description for the Vice President for Technology and Economic Development. Other proposed revisions clarify the responsibility of the Vice President
for Technology and Economic Development and the relationship between the responsibilities of the Vice President for Technology and Economic Development and of the respective campus vice chancellors for research regarding technology management and commercialization. These revisions are important to continue to advance the fulfillment of the University’s role in and responsibilities for fostering growth in Illinois’ high-technology sector through innovation and technology commercialization and related economic development activities and to capture advantages of intercampus coordination, while recognizing and supporting campus individuality and strengths.

The proposed revisions incorporated into Article I and Article III are attached to this item and incorporated herein.

The University Senates Conference has been consulted on the proposed revisions to Article III.

The Vice President for Technology and Economic Development concurs.

The President of the University recommends approval.

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.