

Board Meeting  
March 16, 2016

NAME THE GLENN NETTO HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER,  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT ROCKFORD, CHICAGO

**Action:** Name the Glenn Netto Health and Wellness Center, College of Medicine at Rockford

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the naming of the health and wellness facility, Room A146, in the College of Medicine at Rockford in recognition of the late Glenn Netto, M.D. Ms. Rosie Netto and Ms. Alice Netto, sisters of Dr. Netto and former physical education teachers committed to health and wellness in the Rockford community, have contributed philanthropic gifts in his memory that fully fund the renovation costs of the space.

In 2015, the Rockford regional campus leadership completed a strategic planning process with the support and feedback of various stakeholders including faculty, staff, students, community leaders, and our partners in healthcare. Feedback resulted in several key initiatives that are being implemented; one such initiative was to improve the student campus experience through promoting a healthy, balanced lifestyle. To this end, on March 2016, the College will open the health and wellness center, which will be free of charge for faculty, staff, and students and operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The center is a 1,525.53 square feet athletic facility, which will be managed in partnership with the YMCA of the Rock River Valley.

Dr. Glenn Netto passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 13, 2014. Dr. Netto was raised in Rockford, IL, and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1980 and completed his residency in internal medicine at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center and Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1983, Dr. Netto joined a large multispecialty medical organization, Rockford Clinic, where he practiced primary care general internal medicine. In 1994, he was named Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, teaching second-, third-, and fourth-year medical students in history taking, physical diagnosis, and clinical medicine. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in 1997, and he was named Interim Chairman of the Internal Medicine Department in 2007.

During his tenure at the College of Medicine, he was the recipient of numerous honors: twice awarded the Golden Apple for excellence in teaching, the Distinguished Teaching and the Distinguished Service Award, and the Leonard Tow and Gold Humanism Award for outstanding professionalism. To commemorate the love and respect of his students and peers, the College of Medicine at Rockford established an endowed fund in 2014 for an annual student award known as “The Glenn D. Netto Humanitarian Award”. The first award will be given in the spring of 2016 and the award

fund continues to actively receive contributions from Dr. Netto's former colleagues and students.

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 concurs.