

Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 19, 2016

Board Meeting
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ROLL CALL

AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT

Action: Approve Settlement of Case (*Coleman, et al. v. Board of Trustees, et al.*)

Funding: Self-Insurance Fund

The University Counsel recommends that the Board approve a settlement payment of \$375,000 to fully and finally resolve all claims brought by Amarah Coleman, Alexis Smith, Taylor Tuck, Nia Oden, Sarah Livingston, Taylor Gleason, and Jacqui Grant in *Coleman, et al. v. Board of Trustees, et al.* (United States District Court, Central District of Illinois). This sum will be distributed among the plaintiffs and includes payment of fees to the plaintiffs' counsel, reflective of legal costs incurred by them. The plaintiffs, former student-athletes in the women's basketball program at the Urbana-Champaign campus, filed a four-count Complaint on July 1, 2015, asserting numerous claims, including discrimination and civil rights violations, and seeking in excess of \$10.0 million in damages. The settlement of this matter in no way constitutes an admission of wrongdoing on the part of the University.

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 Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller concurs.

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Interim Vice President, University of Illinois recommends approval.

The President of the University concurs.