

Board Meeting
November 9, 2006

RESOLUTION FOR DAVID L. CHICOINE

For 35 years David L. Chicoine, a native of South Dakota, served the University of Illinois with superb skill, and sensitivity; a tenure characterized by singularly impressive accomplishments. Beginning as a rural economic development advisor in the University of Illinois Extension for western Illinois based in Macomb and a graduate student, and advancing to Professor of Agricultural Economics and Professor in the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, department head, then dean in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he came to know the college intimately and was able to link its achievements with the needs of myriad external audiences--true to the tradition of Land Grant universities. In return, he garnered remarkable support for the college from the Illinois General Assembly, agricultural organizations, corporations, and community groups.

As the University's Vice President for Technology and Economic Development he brought his ample experience in developing relationships with State and Federal Government, corporations, and not-for-profit organizations and his background as an economist to bear in defining the position. With economic development as a goal, he transformed the University's technology transfer offices and led Illinois VENTURES in assisting faculty members to commercialize their research and to form start-up firms. In a thoroughly collegial manner, he played a significant role in the burgeoning growth of

the research parks in Urbana and Chicago. Vice President Chicoine was the University's spokesperson in all matters of technology based economic development.

Throughout his years at the University of Illinois he selflessly provided help whenever asked and wherever his knowledge and good spirit were needed. This was exemplified in his willingness to take on new jobs such as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and to volunteer when needed, as evidenced by his service of more than a decade as Faculty Representative to the NCAA and the Big Ten Athletic Conference for the Urbana-Champaign campus.

Dr. Chicoine and his wife, Marcia, gave dedicated, nurturing service throughout the University. For this, and their friendship, the Trustees are deeply appreciative. We will miss their warmth and energetic support of the University and we wish them our best as they begin new roles as President and First Lady of South Dakota State University, their alma mater.

For his many years of distinguished leadership and his dedication to the University's missions, the members of the Board of Trustees, the President, faculty, students, and staff express profound gratitude to David L. Chicoine.