

Board Meeting
September 12, 2013

RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOENGINEERING, COLLEGE OF
ENGINEERING AND COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO

Action: Rename the Department of Bioengineering in the College of Engineering and College of Medicine

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President of the University of Illinois recommends the renaming of the Department of Bioengineering in the Colleges of Engineering and Medicine at the Chicago campus as the Richard and Loan Hill Department of Bioengineering. Richard and Loan Hill recently pledged a gift of \$6.5 million to the Department of Bioengineering. This \$6.5 million pledge is in addition to previous gifts of more than \$2.3 million that Mr. and Mrs. Hill have made to the College of Engineering at the Chicago campus.

By helping to support the establishment of endowed chairs, professorships, fellowships, and new program initiatives, this recently pledged gift will help position the department to achieve preeminence among U.S. departments of bioengineering through the enhanced recruitment and retention engendered by the elevated visibility and reputation afforded by a named endowment. Aligning with and building on existing departmental and institutional strengths, these funded positions will facilitate leading-edge, multidisciplinary research that can generate revolutionary and translational

discoveries; foster students who will define the future of health care; leverage the department's geographic position by creating partnerships with Chicago's major academic medical centers and its nascent biotechnology business base; and enhance recruitment and retention efforts, resulting in the elevation of the department's reputation and visibility.

Founded in 1965, the bioengineering program at the Chicago campus is one of the oldest in the country and the first department at Chicago to span the colleges of Engineering and Medicine. Currently, twenty core faculty members and more than seventy adjunct faculty members from across campus are affiliated with the Department of Bioengineering.

Richard S. Hill graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1974 with a bachelor's degree (bioengineering) and earned an MBA in 1981 from Syracuse University. Mr. Hill received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2008. He served as the chief executive officer of Novellus Systems, Inc., from 1993, as well as the chairman from 1996 until 2012, when Novellus Systems, Inc., merged with Lam Research Corporation. Mr. Hill was the first chair of the Advisory Board for the College of Engineering at Chicago and served in that position for ten years; he continues to serve as a board member today. He is the immediate past chair and a current executive committee member of the University of Illinois Foundation Board of Directors.

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 with this recommendation.