

The discussion held in executive session has not been approved for release to the public and has thus been deleted from these minutes.

Press Proof (Not for Publication)

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

September 11, 2008

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Pine Lounge, Illini Union, Urbana, Illinois, on Thursday, September 11, 2008, beginning at 9:05 a.m.

Chair Lawrence C. Eppley called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the board were present: Mr. Devon C. Bruce, Dr. Frances G. Carroll, Mr. David V. Dorris, Mr. Lawrence C. Eppley, Mr. James D. Montgomery, Dr. Kenneth D. Schmidt, Mr. Niranjan S. Shah, Mr. Robert Y. Sperling, Mr. Robert F. Vickrey. Governor Rod Blagojevich was absent. The following nonvoting student trustees were present: Mr. D. Craig McFarland, Springfield campus; Mr. Paul D. Schmitt, Urbana-Champaign campus; Mr. James A. Winters, Chicago campus.

INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OFFICERS AND SENATE OBSERVERS

President B. Joseph White was present and, at Mr. Eppley's request, introduced the following university officers and senate observers who were also present: Dr. Richard H.

Polish language and literature, and announced the opening of the UIC High School, and UIC Day, an event planned to introduce people to the Chicago campus. He also told the Board that the Chicago campus was recently the site of an exhibit of the Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Memorial. Further, he announced that a plaque would be placed at 912 South Wood Street on campus to mark the location of the Chicago Cubs first home field.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Mr. Eppley stated that there were three people who had requested time to address the Board today. He stated that each would be given five minutes for remarks. Mr. Eppley then asked Mr. Terry Townsend to begin his comments.

Mr. Townsend stated that he was an alumnus and a retiree of the Urbana campus and that on behalf of those who had been students in the 1960s and 1970s at Urbana he thanked the Board for an earlier Board's adoption of a resolution in 1965 to develop compensatory programs for underrepresented groups on campus, including Project 500. He noted that at the same time the University's two campuses in Chicago, the Chicago Circle campus and the Medical Center campus, also created special educational opportunity programs for such students. Mr. Townsend stated that these programs were a factor in enlarging the Black middle class in the United States. He said that these programs helped to triple the enrollment of minority students in the University and that this year marks the 40th anniversary of Project 500 and the Medical Opportunity Program which helped to increase access to the University for minority students. He

recalled that at the start of Project 500, 261 students were arrested for disturbing the peace, which was misrepresented in the newspapers. He stated that the students in Project 500 were students with high potential, which was developed at the University. He concluded his remarks with the comment that these special efforts were necessary because the University's previous policy of non-discrimination had become a problem for access.

Mr. Raymond Morales spoke next and said that he wanted to set the record straight about why he came to the University. He said he wanted to develop cures for diseases. Mr. Morales then stated that he had been removed from his lab and that he had a right to be dissatisfied with the status of the College of Medicine. He said that the Urban Health Program was not well run and that there is too little discussion of discrimination at the University. He stated that the country has a debt to pay to minority groups. Further, he was critical of the small number of Latino faculty members in the College of Medicine and commented that racism persists at the University.

Mr. Roberto Martell, Jr., spoke next, introducing himself as a junior in political science and as President of Students for Chief Illiniwek. He stated that in a referendum eight out of ten students voted to reinstate Chief Illiniwek and that the Board has ignored that vote. He criticized the treatment of the matter concerning the Chief Illiniwek tradition and said that the students had been betrayed. He stated that the Board was shameless and arrogant to ignore the students' vote concerning Chief Illiniwek. He added that Chief Illiniwek was a positive symbol and that the Board had bowed to political pressure in ending the Chief tradition, and that the Chief should be reinstated.