

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
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APPROVE APPOINTMENT, CHANCELLOR EMERITA AND RESOLUTION,  
CHICAGO

Action: Approve Appointment, Chancellor Emerita and Resolution

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Board of Trustees appointed Paula Allen-Meares to a five-year term as Chancellor and Vice President of the University of Illinois at Chicago effective January 15, 2009, and later extended her term by a year, through January 14, 2015.

As Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois, Dr. Allen-Meares is to be admired for her dedication and many contributions to the Chicago campus.

In recognition of her distinguished service as chancellor, the President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the title Chancellor Emerita of the University of Illinois at Chicago for Dr. Allen-Meares, effective January 16, 2015.

Dr. Allen-Meares' efforts to foster support of faculty research and create commercialization opportunities through programs such as the UIC Chancellor's Innovation Fund in partnership with Illinois VENTURES have forged new partnerships with individuals and other organizations, reinforcing the campus' position as a top research institution. She expanded research opportunities for faculty by establishing the

Collegiate Professorship Program and nominating faculty for prestigious National Academies. Further, the Brilliant Futures Campaign concluded its eight-year effort under her tenure and exceeded its campus goal.

During her tenure as Chancellor and Vice President, she expanded research opportunities for students by creating the student success initiative and updated the Chicago campus' core mission from "access to excellence" to "access to excellence and success." To further support students, UIC became an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and is on the cusp of becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

As Chancellor and Vice President, she has increased the number and quality of intellectual conversations on campus through the Chancellor's Lecture and Event Series. She worked tirelessly to bring the Obama Presidential Library to the Chicago campus and has created interest and excitement surrounding this possibility. The master plan was approved by the Board of Trustees and led to significant improvement of the Chicago campus environment, including renovation of 73 percent of the classrooms and completion of the Curtis Granderson Stadium and Memorial Grove. She was instrumental in campus growth and development that has led the Chicago campus to be seen as a venue for important national and global events. The Chicago campus also became greener and more sustainable.

Under Dr. Allen-Meares' guidance, the campus has truly become a global leader. Since she became Chancellor 159 new agreements with excellent international

institutions from around the world were established and the Chicago campus global ranking improved.

As Chancellor and Vice President, she will also be remembered for having the resolve that the campus be accessible and welcoming to a diverse group of individuals. In following through with this vision, she created a friendly environment and opened a dialogue that encourages faculty, students and staff to learn from each other. Under her leadership, the campus established the formal Office of Diversity. In partnership with the Deans and faculty, the Cluster Hire Initiative was established.

Her contributions to the University of Illinois are a lasting legacy and we are very grateful for her dedication to the campus and 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.