

Resolution 2014-9F-815

**The Undergraduate Student Government acknowledges
Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares prior to the Conclusion of her tenure as Chancellor**

**The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: November 12, 2014**

Chief Sponsor:

1. President Jacob Schulz

WHEREAS, Dr. Paula Allen-Meares will serve her last day as Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago and Vice President of the University of Illinois on January 15, 2015,

WHEREAS, Since January of 2009, Chancellor Allen-Meares has remained dedicated to increasing diversity, research and innovation within the UIC Campus,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Allen-Meares has spearheaded many initiatives including but not limited to the following:

- Chancellor's Discovery Fund for Multidisciplinary Pilot Research Projects,
- Chancellor's Supplemental Graduate Fellowship Program,
- Global Learning Certificate Program,
- UIC National Academies Committee Initiative,
- Chancellor's Lecture and Event Series,
- Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Awards,
- Chancellor's Cluster Initiative to Increase Diversity and the Interdisciplinary Culture at UIC, and
- Chancellor's Innovation Fund, Chancellor's Initiative in the Humanities

WHEREAS, under the Chancellor's leadership, our university has achieved high rankings on a global scale,

WHEREAS, UIC was recently ranked in 13th place worldwide and third among U.S. Universities by Times Higher Education's listing of the 100 top institutions under 50 years old,

WHEREAS, the Chancellor charged the UIC community with developing a Student Success Plan in order to increase retention rates, improve the quality of our classrooms and enhance the overall UIC student experience,

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has charged a group of UIC Faculty, Staff and Students with the responsibility of providing recommendations on how to enhance the undergraduate experience and enrollment, retention, and graduation of African American students at UIC,

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has provided leadership for an initiative for UIC to become the possible site of the Barack Obama Presidential Library,

WHEREAS, under the Chancellor's leadership, the UIC Hispanic undergraduate student population increased to 26.4%, making UIC an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution,

WHEREAS, under the Chancellor's leadership, UIC was ranked as one of the nation's top 25 LGBTQ Friendly Campuses by Campus Pride and the Huffington Post,

WHEREAS, under the Chancellor's leadership, UIC has expanded the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program,

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has provided funding to enhance advising and career services for students,

WHEREAS, during the Chancellor's tenure, she oversaw many capital and infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to:

- The Curtis Granderson Baseball Stadium
- Renovations to Lincoln and Douglas Hall
- Mile Square Health Center
- Chicago Circle Grove Memorial

WHEREAS, the Chancellor created the Lecture and Event Series in an effort to promote cultural awareness and bring light to social and political issues that affect the UIC community,

WHEREAS, the work that Chancellor Allen-Meares has completed has proven to be beneficial for UIC's undergraduate students,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government recognizes the Chancellor's service and dedication to the UIC community,

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government thanks Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares for her service and wishes success as she moves forward with her future endeavors.