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URBANA—University of Illinois President B. Joseph White will recommend to the University's Board of Trustees that Interim Chancellor Richard Herman be the permanent chancellor of the U. of I. at Urbana, he announced Tuesday.

White's decision and pending approval of the Board at its May 19 meeting brings to a close a ninemonth national search.

Herman has served as interim chancellor since June 2004.

"Richard Herman stepped up and did a superb job in the interim role," White said. "Members of the Board and I agree that he has the right combination of intellect, abilities and passion to make a great university even greater."

Board of Trustees Chair Lawrence C. Eppley said that Herman faced tough competition in a search that has been followed widely.

"Richard earned this opportunity, our confidence and our support," Eppley said. "He brings enthusiasm, inclusiveness, a 'can do' attitude and a vision for sustained excellence to the university. He topped a field of very talented finalists whose caliber should make all of us feel great about the stature and prominence of our alma mater."

"I have been awarded a trust I will not break," Herman said. "I promise the leaders of this great university, the students, faculty and staff and the people of Illinois that I will always give my highest and best effort and my highest and best judgment.

"To be chancellor is to always remember that learning, teaching, knowing, discovering, growing, contributing is—plain and simple—the most about the quality of one's ideas, not the volume of one's voice."

Herman, 63, came to the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1998 to be provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs—the campus's chief academic officer. From 1990 to 1998, he was dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the University of Maryland, College

Park. He was chair of the Department of Mathematics at Pennsylvania State University from 1986 to 1990.

As provost and then as interim chancellor, Herman has participated nationally in several "bigpicture" issues. He is a leader in national discussions of how to transform public research universities and the land-grant mission, first articulated in the mid-1850s, to meet the needs of the 21st century. In the National Council on Competitiveness and the National Innovation Initiative, Herman is active in mediating between the academic world and the national business community to maximize the contributions that research universities can make in preserving and extending U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

Herman has played a role in discussion of national science policy with a stress on positioning the sciences to meet the emerging needs of society. His experience in science and education policy includes four years on the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, including two years as its chair. He also served six years as chair of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics, which advocates for mathematics research and education.

He is on the Carnegie-Mellon University Mellon College of Science Advisory Board and is a member of the Observatories Council, the Management Council of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy Inc., associated with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Ariz.

Herman graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1963 and earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Maryland in 1967.

Herman is a mathematician concentrating on mathematical physics and operator algebras. His research was supported by the National Science Foundation, NATO and the National Defense Education Act. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi honorary societies; he received an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship.

Dr. Herman and his wife, Susan, are active in Champaign-Urbana civic life. Mrs. Herman helped found the local arts council and he is on the boards of the United Way and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. The couple has three children and five grandchildren.

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Reporters/editors and news directors: More information about Richard Herman and the search for a new chancellor is available at www.uiuc.edu/newchancellor.

Previous chancellors: Jack Peltason, 1967-77; William P. Gerberding, 1978-79; John E. Cribbet, 1979-84, Thomas E. Everhart, 1984-87, Morton W. Weir, 1987-93; Michael Aiken, 1993-2001, and Nancy E. Cantor, 2001-04.