

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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October 20, 2009

Christopher G. Kennedy, Chair  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
University of Illinois

Dear Chairman Kennedy and Members of the Board:

I write to inform you of my resignation as Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, effective October 26, 2009. I agree to forego my retention incentive that would have been due June 30, 2010.

It has been the great privilege of my career to serve for 11 years as both Provost and Chancellor and I am proud to say that there is much to celebrate over that period of time. We continue to demonstrate world-class accomplishments. Last week the Accreditation Review Committee of the Higher Learning Commission was on campus and noted our tremendous progress in a number of directions. Three weeks ago at Foundation Weekend it was announced that we just completed a record-setting year in fund-raising. Just five days ago, we celebrated a wonderful gift from Jorge Paulo Lemann to create an institute of Brazilian studies. And, in May, we graduated our first class of Illinois Promise students, demonstrating that we take seriously our mandate as a state land-grant university to provide access to deserving students without cost being a barrier.

Ours is a great institution with its brilliant and hard-working faculty and staff, and its smart and ambitious students, and I plan to continue to contribute to ensuring the bright future of the University of Illinois.

Thank you for the honor to serve the University. I have enjoyed every minute, in fact, every nanosecond.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard'.

Richard Herman  
Chancellor

c: Stanley O. Ikenberry  
B. Joseph White