UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
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RESOLUTION 32-3

On Changing the Name of the Institute for Public Affairs
and Changing its Administrative Location to the Office of the Provost

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is constructing the Abraham Lincoln Presidential
Library and Museum (Library and Museum) in Springfield with support from the
state, the city of Springfield, the federal government, and private gifts and
contributions; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) has been asked to develop
administer, and deliver academic programs and activities in partnership with the
new Library and Museum; and

WHEREAS, UIS undertook a planning process funded by planning grant from the
Illinois Board of Higher Education, which culminated in a proposal to house the
new programs and activities associated with the Library and Museum in the
Institute for Public Affairs (IPA), to rename the IPA the Abraham Lincoln
Presidential Center for Governmental Studies (Presidential Center), and to change
its administrative location to the Office of the Provost; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for
Governmental Studies, with the addition of the new programs and activities
associated with the Library and Museum, will result in an appropriation in Fiscal Year 2003 of almost $2 million to cover the cost of the new programs and activities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield approves: 1) changing the name of the Institute of Public Affairs to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies, and 2) changing the administrative location of the Presidential Center to the Office of the Provost.
Proposal to Change the Name of the Institute for Public Affairs to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies and to Change Its Administrative Location to the Office of the Provost

Introduction. The State of Illinois is constructing the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Library and Museum) in Springfield with support from the state, the city of Springfield, the federal government, and private gifts and contributions. The establishment of the library and museum is the culmination of a deep commitment on the part of the people of Illinois to honor the life and the vision of Abraham Lincoln. His years in Illinois helped shape and nourish his subsequent contributions to public service and strengthen the democratic tradition in this country and abroad.

The University of Illinois at Springfield’s (UIS) Institute for Public Affairs (IPA), which has been a 15-year partner with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in identifying, compiling, and publishing Lincoln’s Legal Papers, was asked by Governor George Ryan to propose and plan a number of academic programs and activities that can be carried out by a public policy research and service center to be affiliated with the Library and Museum and administered by the University of Illinois at Springfield. The planning efforts were funded by a one-year planning grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The planning process included a steering committee and subcommittee structure. The steering committee was made up of the chairs of the subcommittees who were individuals with expertise in the types of programs being planned. Eighty-five individuals served on planning subcommittees.

The culmination of the planning process is a proposal to rename the Institute for Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Springfield the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies (Presidential Center) and to change its administrative location to the Office of the Provost.

As proposed the renamed public affairs unit will house eight new public affairs and education programs and activities, all of which will be affiliated with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. It will also house an expanded Lincoln Papers Project, an existing partnership effort with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and existing units of Institute for Public Affairs. The new programs will include a number of fellowship and grant programs, a UIS academic internship program affiliated with selected UIS degree programs, a Lincoln Leadership Academy, an annual Public Policy Summit, a Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series, a Public Policy High School, a Summer Institute for High School Teachers, an Abraham Lincoln Institute for Literacy in America and an Institute for Technology in Public Service.

Because the addition of new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library programs and activities will broaden the types, scope, and reach of the activities and services currently provided by the Institute for Public Affairs and almost double its size, the proposal
includes moving the administrative location of the renamed Presidential Center to the Office of the Provost.

With the renaming will be an appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2003 budget of almost $2 million to cover the costs of new programs and activities. Additional appropriated and gift funds are expected to be provided in future years for the new Presidential Center, as well as renaming the College of Public Affairs and Administration to become the Abraham Lincoln College of Public Affairs and Administration (AL College). To fully implement all Presidential Center and AL College proposed activities and programs an annual operating budget of $4 million is anticipated.

The Public Affairs Tradition at UIS

For over 30 years, the mission of the University of Illinois at Springfield has included a strong commitment to public affairs. UIS now has an unprecedented opportunity to focus its commitment to public affairs by partnering with the library/museum to broaden the range of educational, research, and cultural programs available to both state and national citizens. UIS’ contributions to the partnership will enrich and expand the full potential of the library by making it a national resource rivaling that of any other presidential library in the country.

Public affairs is integral to the identity of UIS and is regarded as a major institutional strength. The UIS Vision Statement identifies public affairs challenges for the future that will solidify UIS as a preeminent public affairs resource in the country. These challenges include 1) building the strengths of the Institute for Public Affairs; 2) infusing the ideal of education for citizenship into the curriculum and campus life and preparing students for world citizenship; and 3) becoming “a nationally recognized leader among campuses located in state capitals, both for the quality and usefulness of our research and service activities and for the distinction of our approach to education for citizenship.”

The current UIS Institute for Public Affairs (Institute) is a primary vehicle through which the campus carries out its public affairs activities. Strategically located in the Illinois state capital, the Institute’s mission emphasizes government. The Institute identifies and addresses issues of public policy, promotes governmental effectiveness, engages in citizen education, and contributes to the dialogue on matters of significant public concern. Its focus on government is historical as well as contemporary.

The accomplishments of UIS’ Institute for Public Affairs have been noteworthy and well regarded at both the state and national levels, with its success reflected in both the breadth and depth of its outreach and research capabilities. The Institute received over $15 million in external grant and contract activity carried out in FY01 and, among institutes and centers working with state government, it is nationally recognized for the quality of its current partnerships and contracts with state government. The Institute benefited in reputation when it was chosen to host LINKS, a conference focusing on public policy held in a state capital each year. Its well-received publications include Illinois Issues magazine, the Roster of State Government Officials, and State Politics and
A New Name and a New Partnership:  
The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies

In recognition of the new partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, UIS proposes to rename the Institute for Public Affairs the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies. The adoption of Lincoln’s name will help the Institute realize its mission and vision, and Institute faculty and staff will draw on the legacy of Lincoln’s leadership when addressing the public policy issues of the day and preparing students and future leaders for the challenges of tomorrow.

The new name will create both visibility and identity for the Institute. By its renaming name, the Institute will strengthen the link between Lincoln’s accomplishments on the national and international public affairs stage, as well as the importance of his experiences in Springfield before his presidency in shaping his outlook on public service.

The name Lincoln will also associate the renamed Presidential Center with a man whose own career is a hallmark of commitment to public service – providing students with a symbol of what UIS most wants them to learn. His leadership as a lawyer and statesman in Illinois and as president of the United States models the leadership skills, attributes, and ethics that the campus most wants to pass on to the future leaders and citizens it serves.

Although symbolic, the renaming of the Institute to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies is important to the Institute’s efforts at expansion, growth, and attainment of national distinction. In Lincoln’s tradition of commitment to public affairs, the new partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will allow UIS to expand its public service activities even further, and will transform the Institute and elevate it to the highest ranks among such centers in the nation.

The renaming and new partnership relationship with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will allow for the creation, administration, and funding of the following new programs and activities.

- **Lincoln Leadership Academy**  
  To help prepare a small, select, highly capable cadre of emerging leaders within the state of Illinois.

- **Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series**  
  To establish a lecture series aimed at addressing issues confronted by Lincoln in his lifetime but that are of continuing relevance to contemporary American society.
• Public Policy Summit To support periodic, timely discussion of emerging public policy issues.

• Presidential Library Staff Internship Program To provide post-baccalaureate, one-year full-time internships with the library and museum staff.

• Lincoln Dissertation Support Awards To provide dissertation support for students from throughout the country working on projects related to the presidential library and museum.

• Lincoln Short-Term Grant Program To offer short-term awards to visiting scholars seeking to use the resources of the library and museum.

• Lincoln Research Fellows To provide extended support for senior scholars seeking to use the resources of the library and museum.

• Summer Leadership Program for High School Students To provide a summer residential leadership institute for high school students.

• Summer High School Teacher Program To provide a summer institute for public and private high school teachers under the leadership of UIS’ Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies.

• Lincoln Papers Research To continue work on the Lincoln Papers, initiated 15 years ago under a partnership between UIS and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

• Literacy Initiative To advance Lincoln’s ideals by providing leadership toward establishing Illinois as a model for literacy in America.

In addition to these programs, the campus hopes to establish endowed professorships and to expand its graduate assistantship and doctoral research associate positions in conjunction with Presidential Library activities.

In view of the addition of these programs, as well as other public policy initiatives underway in the Institute, the campus envisions that within five years the renamed and
expanded Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies will be an even stronger voice and participant in shaping public policies, improving governmental effectiveness, and developing the competence of citizens and the capacity of communities for democratic governance in Illinois. Its activities will include public affairs research, analysis, leadership development, training, technical assistance, and service, all of which will produce results that are relevant, accurate, and credible.

A New Administrative Location within the Office of the Provost

Currently the IPA is administratively located within the Division of Academic Affairs, with several of its units housed in the College of Public Affairs (the IPA Central Office, the Office of Policy and Administrative Studies, the Center for Legal Studies, the Illinois Legislative Studies Center, the Survey Research Office, and the Graduate Public Service Internship Program) and several of its units housed directly in the Provost’s Office (Institute Publications, Illinois Issues, WUIS/WIPA, and the Television Office). The Executive Director reports to the Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Administration on matters related to units located within the College, and to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on matters related to units in the Office of the Provost.

UIS is proposing to house the new the Presidential Library and Museum in the renamed Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies, along with existing units of UIS’ Institute for Public Affairs, in the Office of the Provost. The current IPA units that are housed in the Office of the Provost will remain there. Further discussion will occur as to which units housed within the College will remain in the College and which will be relocated with the Presidential Center to the Office of the Provost. The Presidential Center’s executive director will report directly to the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The executive director of the Presidential Center and the dean of the College will work closely with the vice chancellor for development to identify and cultivate endowment and gift support.

The addition of new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library programs and activities will broaden the types, scope, and reach of activities and services beyond those currently provided by the Institute for Public Affairs. The additional programs and activities will almost double its size. Location of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies in the Provost’s Office will enable the renamed unit to more effectively administer its broadened and elevated responsibilities. Further it will better enable it to carry out a campus-wide mission that both draws upon and supports the cross-college, multidisciplinary, and applied research, educational, and service endeavors of the Presidential Center. It will recognize the fact that many of the new initiatives are closely linked to academic departments in colleges other than the College. For example, the high school student and teacher initiatives, the Literacy Institute, and the UIS ALPLM Internship Program will all have very close ties with the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the College of Public Affairs and Administration.
A new presidential center advisory board made up of the presidents and chancellors of other universities in the state (or their designees), as well as leaders from the public and private sectors and nationally recognized scholars in governmental affairs, will be established by the Provost in consultation with the Presidential Center’s executive director. The advisory committee will be advisory to the provost and the executive director.

The IPA’s past accomplishments and successes will be immediately transferrable to the Presidential Center. Further, the Presidential Center with its connection to Lincoln and its affiliation with the new Presidential Library will bring instant visibility and name recognition to the new initiatives, as well as existing efforts. Staff of the new and existing programs and activities will be able to draw upon each other’s expertise, networks, and ideas so that they can learn from each other and stimulate each other to be creative, innovative, and responsive. Existing IPA staff can help new staff acclimate to UIS and its business and administrative systems. Putting the new and existing staff together under one administrative umbrella will result in greater economy of shared staff and resources.

Within the Presidential Center, as programs are developed and funding is provided the new and existing units be combined within the equivalent of divisions or institutes organized around four functional areas: research and scholarship; leadership and public policy education, literacy, and technology in public service. The four institutes are the Abraham Lincoln Institute of Public Policy Research and Scholarship, the Abraham Lincoln Institute for Leadership and Public Policy Education, the Abraham Lincoln Institute for Literacy in America, and the Abraham Institute for Technology in Public Services.