

**President Bowman's Charge
To the *Educating Illinois* Task Force**

For almost seven years, *Educating Illinois* has been our guide for success. The five core values - Individualized Attention, Public Opportunity, Active Pursuit of Learning and Scholarship, Diversity and Innovation – enumerated in the plan have been our foundation. As we prepare to celebrate the University's Sesquicentennial, we must carefully consider our strategic plan to ensure it continues to build upon our accomplishments and to guide us successfully through the challenges of the future. As you re-examine *Educating Illinois*, I ask that you consider the following:

- Do the core values remain reflective of the type of institution Illinois State is and the type of institution it desires to be in the future? If not, what changes are necessary and why?
- Do the goals, actions, and indicators remain reflective of the University's aspirations and objectives? What needs to be added to the plan? Is there anything that needs to be removed?
- What are the University's highest priorities in order to achieve these goals?

It is imperative that the Task Force seek participation and guidance from the entire University community as it considers these questions. Your work must, at its completion, represent the whole University's view.