



Illinois Reform Commission

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SIXTH ILLINOIS REFORM COMMISSION MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN PEORIA TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

Bradley University Students Demonstrate Support for Cleaning Up Government

CHICAGO (March 26, 2009) – Bradley University will host the sixth meeting of the Illinois Reform Commission (IRC) on Monday, March 30, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Bradley University's Hartman Center Theater, 1501 West Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL.

The Commission will hear testimony addressing government structure. Topics will include an examination of whether reform efforts can be furthered through changing the way congressional and state legislative districts are drawn, decentralizing Springfield's power structure, recalling elected officials, and setting term limits.

Bradley University students are also expected to offer testimony.

"Illinois politics has shifted from the integrity of President Lincoln to being the subject of Saturday night skits week after week due to our corrupt officials. We must bring the political atmosphere of Illinois back to the reputation we once had many years ago and create a system that benefits democracy and not the politically powerful," says Justin Green, a junior international studies major at Bradley University, one of the students organizing campus activities to draw attention to the IRC meeting.

"I am glad the Illinois Reform Commission has come to Bradley University," says Brad McMillan, executive director for the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service. "Our university has a history of producing ethical public servants. We desperately need to clean up Illinois politics to restore the people's trust in our state government."

The following expert witnesses will address the Commission during the meeting:

- Alexi Giannoulas, Illinois State Treasurer
- Dr. John S. Jackson III, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University
- Professor Christopher Z. Mooney, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois
- Professor James D. Nowlan, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois
- Steven Rauschenberger, former Illinois State Senator, President of the United Republican Fund

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About the Illinois Reform Commission:

The Illinois Reform Commission was established to examine government practices and re-evaluate its processes in order to clean up our state's government. This 15-seat Commission includes professional expertise and experiences in business, law enforcement, government, education, military, and not-for-profit community groups. The Commission is to submit recommendations for legislative reform to Governor Patrick Quinn by April 27, 2009.

Members of the public and media are invited to attend. For more information about the Commission, please visit <http://www.reformillinoisnow.org/meetings.php>.

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