

student, faculty, and professional teams of designers. In 1990 President George H. W. Bush awarded research professor and alumnus Marvin Camras the National Medal of Technology, the highest honor bestowed by the President for technological achievement. Camras held more than 500 patents and was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame as the “Father of Magnetic Recording.” The Camras scholarships launched by IIT in 1996 to attract the best and brightest high school students to careers in engineering are named in his honor.

II. Mission

“To advance knowledge through research and scholarship, to cultivate invention improving the human condition, and to educate students from throughout the world for a life of professional achievement, service to society, and individual fulfillment.”

The school envisioned more than 100 years ago when the progenitor of IIT was created continues today to offer a bold intellectual agenda for a changing world. Educating the women and men who will become tomorrow’s leaders is fundamental to IIT’s mission.

While IIT’s core mission entails education and research, the university also recognizes its importance to the life of the historic Bronzeville neighborhood in Chicago where its Main Campus is located. As one of the major anchor institutions in this neighborhood, IIT plays a key role in the area’s economic renewal.

III. Academic Governance

A. The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is charged with final responsibility for the operations of IIT. The Board assesses the performance of the university and its president to assure that IIT serves the public interest in its chosen range of activities. The Board assures the prudent management of IIT’s finances, leads in providing the resources needed to carry out the university’s objectives, protects the university from undue external pressures, and functions as a bridge between IIT and the outside community. The Board is composed of prominent business, industrial, community, and professional leaders who place their time, talents, and resources at the disposal of the university. The names of the members of the Board of Trustees are listed in major university publications.

B. Academic Administration

Responsibility for carrying out resolutions of the Board of Trustees and for implementation of its policies is placed upon the President and those to whom the President may delegate responsibility. The Provost administers the academic-related support services through the academic unit heads and other administrative officers. Objectives of the academic administration include creating and supporting an outstanding community of faculty and students, providing a working environment that facilitates scholarly achievement, and planning the long-range development necessary for IIT’s continuing progress.