Restoring Trust in Government

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There has been extensive press coverage about the things that have gone wrong in government on all levels. Reports of unethical conduct have led to a good deal of public cynicism about government. Overlooked in all of the bad publicity, however, is the fact that there are a number of good people in government with high ethical standards. Bringing together members of our college communities and individuals who have served in government for an exchange of ideas can be an important first step toward restoring trust in government.

Schedule of Events

9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00-10:10 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

10:10-11:00 a.m. Keynote Address: "Being Ethical While Serving in Government Is Possible"

The Hon. Mark W. Schwiebert

Mayor of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, 1989-2009

11:00-11:50 a.m. Panel Discussion: "What Will It Take to Restore Trust in Government?"

Mark Boozell

Government Policy Advisor, Dykema, and former Chief of Staff for Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar

Karen E. Dean, Ph.D.

Professor of History and Political Science, Illinois College

James D. Nowlan

Senior Fellow, University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs and Adjunct

Professor of Public Policy, Knox College

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-2:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

2:00-3:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: "What Can We Do to Improve Ethical Standards in

Government?"

Student leaders from ACI Colleges and Universities

NOTE: All sessions will be held in the Elmhurst College Science Center.