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Former Illini Football Player Simon Cvijanovic and the University of Illinois Reach Agreement

The University of Illinois and former Fighting Illini football player, Simon Cvijanovic, have reached an agreement to resolve all potential claims arising from Cvijanovic's participation in the Illinois football program. Negotiated through University Counsel and Cvijanovic's attorneys, Dan Kotin and Bob Geimer of the Chicago law firm Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, the agreement provides financial support to allow Cvijanovic to address his current and any future health issues. Cvijanovic received a one-time payment of \$250,000 to compensate for injuries and medical expenses he sustained during his time as a football player at Illinois. The negotiated agreement is final and did not require Board of Trustees approval. The settlement was paid with funds from the University's self-insurance plan.

With new leadership in place for the athletic program and the football team, the University has demonstrated a commitment to the health and well-being of all Fighting Illini student-athletes. "The health and welfare of our student-athletes is a priority for us – both while they are on campus and in the years after they graduate," said Chancellor Robert J. Jones. "We want to ensure that they have outstanding educational experiences at Illinois and that they leave here prepared to lead lives and careers of impact. We sincerely hope this agreement helps Mr. Cvijanovic resolve any continuing health concerns and lets him focus on his future goals and aspirations."

"As a proud alumnus of the University of Illinois, I am pleased to see necessary administrative changes have been made in efforts of prioritizing player safety," said Cvijanovic, a 2015 graduate, and four-time varsity letter winner. "I am hopeful that these actions and outcomes will nurture a wholesome, positive educational experience for all students on all campuses in our future."

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