

Board Meeting
January 15, 2009

AUTHORIZE ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
GLOBAL CAMPUS TO PURSUE ACCREDITATION

Action: Authorize Actions Required for the University of Illinois Global Campus to Pursue Accreditation including Clarification of Mission, Creation of an Academic Policy Council, Appointment of Academic Staff, and Granting Bachelor and Master Degrees

Funding: No New Funding Required

At its November 13, 2008, meeting, the Board of Trustees authorized and directed the President and administration to seek accreditation of the Global Campus by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in order to enable Global Campus to extend quality, accessible, affordable higher education to qualified individuals, often in partnership with community colleges.

To fully implement the Board's directive and enable Global Campus to pursue accreditation successfully, the following actions are recommended:

1. Clarify Global Campus's mission as follows:

The University of Illinois Global Campus serves society and transforms lives by educating qualified students with excellence, via the Internet, through high-quality bachelors and masters degree programs, certificates, and professional development courses.

2. Create the Academic Policy Council of the Global Campus to provide faculty oversight of Global Campus educational programs. The Academic Policy Council will exercise legislative functions in matters of educational policy affecting Global Campus. The structure of the Academic Policy Council, including its composition, shall be provided for in a constitution. The constitution and any amendments thereto shall be formulated and approved based on the principles listed in Article II., Section 1 of the University of Illinois *Statutes*.
3. Authorize the Chief Executive of the Global Campus to recommend to the President and Board of Trustees appointments of qualified individuals to serve as members of the academic staff.
4. Assign the President of the University, by authority of the Board of Trustees, the responsibility for issuing diplomas conferring degrees to students completing programs of the Global Campus, based on the recommendation of the Academic Policy Council.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller concur with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.