# University of Illinois Alumni Alliance Update

## University of Illinois Board of Trustees

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## University of Illinois Alumni Alliance

- Founded 1873
- Independent 501(c)3
- Governing board of 20
- Chair Steve Van Arsdell
- President Jen Neubauer
- Mission
- Function to oversee services that benefit alumni engagement at a system level specifically:
  - Alumni legislative advocacy
  - Communications
  - Affinity programs
  - Life Member Investment Fund



- Metrics for success
  - Successful advocacy efforts
  - Production of university specific magazines
  - Alumni participation in Alliance programs, services
  - Fund performance
- Aspirational vision
- Frequency of meetings
  - Minimum of 2 meetings per year; Executive Committee meetings as needed
  - Chair and President hold weekly conference calls
- Board communication
  - Monthly updates to entire Board
  - As needed

### **Illinois Alumni Association**

- Founded 2018
- Advisory board of 25-30
- Chair Pat Basu, '00 ENG
- Chief Alumni Relations Officer Associate Vice Chancellor Jen Neubauer
- Mission To rebuild engagement for the alumni community of UIUC

### • Function

- Assess current engagement efforts
- Develop, recommend model for alumni engagement
- Develop mission, vision, by-laws, organizational structure
- Serve as advocates and ambassadors for Illinois
- Metrics for success
  - Establishment of mission, vision, by-laws, organizational structure
  - Recommend offerings for renewed alumni engagement
  - Strong partnership between board volunteers and UIUC alumni engagement professionals



#### Aspirational vision

- Provide innovative alumni engagement programs and services
- Establish a metric for baseline alumni engagement
- Establish metrics by which to judge the success
- Articulate the efficacy of robust alumni engagement to university administration
- Enhance the quality of programs and services
- Serve as a model for best practice
- Re-establish Illinois as a nationally known alumni relations program
- Realign alumni club program
- To be recognized #1 alumni organization in the country
- Frequency of meetings
  - 3 meetings in 2018
- Communication
  - Monthly reports to Alliance Board and Vice Chancellor Barry Benson
  - As needed