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AFFIRM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO'S MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) mission statement guides UIC's strategic planning and operations at all levels of the institution, serving as its governing benchmark for the past decade.

The statement reflects UIC's commitment to shared governance and broad stakeholder input, and upholds the institution's place as an urban public research university; its relationship to its constituencies and their communities; and its commitment to providing the broadest access to intellectual excellence. In April 2006, after campus-wide deliberation, the mission statement, along with the vision and guiding values, was ratified by the Faculty Senate.

In preparation for reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission UIC's mission statement was endorsed by President Timothy L. Killeen in January, 2016. As a next step in the reaccreditation process, a formal review and official vote adopting UIC's mission by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees is required.

Mission

UIC provides the broadest access to the highest levels of intellectual excellence. UIC's mission is:

- To create knowledge that transforms our views of the world and, through sharing and application, transforms the world.
- To provide a wide range of students with the educational opportunity only a leading research university can offer.
- To address the challenges and opportunities facing not only Chicago but all Great Cities of the 21st century, as expressed by our Great Cities Commitment.
- To foster scholarship and practices that reflect and respond to the increasing diversity of the U.S. in a rapidly globalizing world.
- To train professionals in a wide range of public service disciplines, serving Illinois as the principal educator of health science professionals and as a major healthcare provider to underserved communities.

THEREFORE, the President of the University of Illinois recommends that the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois endorse the mission statement for the *University of Illinois at Chicago*. The UIC statement provides an aspirational vision to ensure continued academic and scholarly excellence at UIC as a leading urban public research institution of higher education. The mission statement also is consonant with the newly developed strategic framework for the broader University of Illinois system.