

Board Meeting  
July 25, 2019

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISCOVERY PARTNERS INSTITUTE

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois enthusiastically supports the groundbreaking initiative that the university is launching commonly known as Discovery Partners Institute (DPI). DPI is a collaborative, interdisciplinary research and education institute located in Chicago that is focused on enhancing the state's economic development by creating solutions to grand challenges and growing Illinois' workforce.

The Institute will foster dynamic public-private partnerships with industry, governmental, nongovernmental, and community-based agencies as well as other universities in the state and around the world. Through these partnerships, faculty and students from all three universities in the University of Illinois system and partner universities will participate in research and education that develops new technologies, seeds opportunities for entrepreneurship, and drives solutions to address societal grand challenges. This research model also connects students to coursework as well as career opportunities after graduation that will help keep talent in Illinois and will provide new ways to revitalize the state's economy. Another benefit will be increased collaboration of faculty within the University of Illinois system, as well as with experts from other institutions, all working together to produce research with wide-ranging benefits.

In order to help shape this exciting initiative, led by the University of Illinois system, faculty from all three universities have engaged in a robust process of

shared governance for more than a year. The deep commitment and efforts of faculty leaders of all three university senates and of the University Senates Conference have been crucial to the formation of DPI as a temporary institute.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the University of Illinois Board of Trustees supports this temporary institute to be called the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI), and
2. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the mission of DPI to establish collaborative partnerships that address 21st century societal grand challenges, promote entrepreneurship, build social equity, and educate the next-generation workforce, and
3. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the primary goal of DPI to conduct purpose-driven research and education that will have tangible results that stimulate the state's economy and workforce development, and
4. THAT the Board of Trustees supports DPI in its alignment with the U of I system's Strategic Framework, which emphasizes a world-class education for students that includes experiential learning; research and scholarship with global impact; a healthy future for the state of Illinois; and the promotion of a preeminent destination for the best students and scholars, and
5. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the DPI academic program offerings that are likely to include: cross-university course offerings; internships; and student exchange programs; and
6. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the four foci of DPI, namely: Computing & Data; Environment & Water; Food & Agriculture; and Health & Wellness, and
7. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the four cross-cutting themes of DPI, namely: Culture & Society; Entrepreneurship & Technology Transfer; Education & Workforce Development; and Public Policy, and
8. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the DPI guiding principles of inclusivity; transparency; ethics and accountability; and engagement with the local community, and

9. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the dedication of DPI to build partnerships to connect top faculty and students with leading companies, and to build relationships with leading international universities to promote knowledge and cultural exchange across borders, and
10. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the DPI organizing efforts that have incorporated over 130 faculty and staff in working groups and faculty advisory groups, and another approximately 1,000 faculty and staff serving as “experts” to one or more working groups, and
11. THAT the Board of Trustees supports the process of robust shared governance that has included administrative leaders at all three universities, the senates at all three universities, and the University Senates Conference, which has been pivotal in shaping this temporary institute, and
12. THAT this Resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the leadership of the University of Illinois community.