APPROVE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Action: Approve University of Illinois System Strategic Framework
Funding: No New Funding Required

As discussed at the March 13, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting, Board Chair Edward L. McMillan issued a directive letter to then President-Designate Timothy L. Killeen to formally begin a visioning process for the University of Illinois system that would establish a University of Illinois system strategic framework for many years. The Chair’s letter on behalf of the Board directed that this process begin formally at the July 22, 2015, Board of Trustees Retreat. The directive also expressed hope that the individual campuses and other major parts of the enterprise would be able to coincide their respective strategic plans with the University system plan. The timeline given for this process was eighteen months.

During the past fifteen-months numerous opportunities for all University constituents to provide input into this plan have taken place at every campus. There have been retreats, town hall meetings, focus groups, one-on-some sessions with the president and input provided through a University system-wide website. A 21-member steering committee representing faculty, students, staff, alumni, and donors interests has provided
valuable counsel to the process, acting transparently as iterations of the work have been posted on a public website. President Killeen has provided the Board of Trustees with multiple updates at its meetings, and has made himself available at all campuses and regional sites for individual discussions regarding the plan as it has evolved.

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.

Therefore, the President recommends approval of the System Strategic Framework (https://www.uillinois.edu/strategic_framework/draft-framework/), which is a living document and shall be subject to further revisions.