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Some Issues Facing UI System Faculty

• The University of Illinois as “the Public’s University”: changing meanings

• Teaching and Preparing a Labor Force

• New Partnerships

• Shifting Forms of Shared Governance
1. The University of Illinois as “the Public’s University”

(1867/2018/2038)

“As The Public’s University, we are committed to serving the people and industries across Illinois.”

--University of Illinois Strategic Framework, Pillar III

Access to higher education and to academic success

Original land grant mission and commitment to the public in the 21st century
2. TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND PREPARING A LABOR FORCE

Education as life preparation ................. Education as job training

Preparing informed, literate citizens ............. Forming entrepreneurs

Nurturing cultural appreciation and creativity. ........ Teaching practical skills

Developing understanding of others ............ Emphasizing analytical skills

*Implications for curricular design, recruitment, and funding models*
3. NEW PARTNERSHIPS

How do changing funding models affect our academic enterprise?

Opportunities for productive and creative collaboration

but

Protection of institutional neutrality and of our core missions
4. SHARED GOVERNANCE:

*It’s about relationships and communication*

“. . .faculty, board members, and administrators actively engage to share responsibility for identifying and pursuing an aligned set of mission-driven sustainable outcomes and priorities” – Steve Bahl, AGB Blog, Dec. 21, 2015

“a college or university in which all the components are aware of their interdependence, of the usefulness of communication among themselves, and of the force of joint action will enjoy increased capacity to solve educational problems.” – AAUP Joint Statement on Shared Governance, 1966
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