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# ELIMINATE THE INSTITUTE FOR COMPETITIVE MANUFACTURING, THE GRAINGER COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Institute for Competitive Manufacturing, The Grainger College of Engineering

**Funding:** No Funding Impact Anticipated

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from The Grainger College of Engineering to eliminate the Institute for Competitive Manufacturing.

There has been no activity in the Institute for Competitive Manufacturing for approximately 20 years, since the retirement of the last executive director, Professor Clark Bullard. The institute’s continued listing on the university’s program inventory was recently brought to the attention of the college and the Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering. Department head Anthony Jacobi discussed the institute with retired faculty who were involved with it, as well as with active faculty in the department’s germane technical disciplines. All supported elimination. Elimination was also supported by the department’s advisory committee, by all tenure-system faculty in the department, and by all tenure-system faculty in the college.

Given that there has been no activity for two decades, there is no impact on faculty, students, facilities, or budget.

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.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.