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Board Meeting

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ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIAISON OFFICE IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, WITH A BRANCH OFFICE IN BENGALURU, INDIA

**Action:** Establish the University of Illinois Liaison Office in New Delhi, India, with

a Branch Office in Bengaluru, India

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The University of Illinois has extensive interactions and engagements in India. India is a major source of international students for University of Illinois campuses. Many University of Illinois alumni have been highly successful in India. There are numerous opportunities for growth in all these areas. This office will enable the University of Illinois to achieve this growth by having people on the ground to identify new opportunities and support ongoing engagements. It will also help us develop stronger connections with alumni as well as support student recruitment efforts.

Once established, the Liaison Office (LO) will have authority to represent the University in India, promote export/import from/to India, promote technical/financial collaborations between the University of Illinois and entities in India and act as a communication channel between the University and Indian entities.

The President of the University recommends that the Board approve the establishment of the University of Illinois Liaison Office in New Delhi, India, with a branch office in Bengaluru, India, and authorize the comptroller to complete all necessary formalities to establish the said offices.

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.