

Board Meeting
May 21, 2009

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APPROVE **RESOLUTION CONCERNING** GLOBAL CAMPUS ~~RESOLUTION~~

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has strongly and consistently supported the mission of Global Campus, “To develop and deliver high quality, accessible and affordable on-line college educations to qualified students, including high demand baccalaureate completion degree programs in partnership with community colleges”;

Whereas, the Trustees are satisfied with neither the progress of Global Campus toward this mission nor the costs incurred trying to achieve the mission;

Whereas, the Trustees directed at the November 13, 2008, Board meeting, on the recommendation of the President, that Global Campus seek accreditation as a degree granting entity organized at the University level to enable it to initiate development of the programs required to achieve its mission;

Whereas, the administration of Global Campus has submitted a statement of intention to seek accreditation to the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association;

Whereas, the Trustees recognize the expressed opposition to Global Campus accreditation by **the University** Senates Conference, the University’s overarching faculty governance body;

Whereas, the Trustees appreciate the action by **the University** Senates Conference in response to a request by the President to create a task force on Global Campus chaired by Professor Nicholas Burbules with faculty and administration membership from the University's three campuses;

Whereas, the task force has recommended an approach to the future of Global Campus called "Global Campus 2.0" comprised of a recommitment by the University to the above-cited mission and a "reset" of the University's approach to achieving the mission, including complete ownership and responsibility for all on-line education at the campus and academic unit level, with Global Campus serving as a service and support organization;

Whereas, the leadership of the University, including the President, Chancellors, Provosts, and Vice Presidents has reached consensus that adoption of Global Campus 2.0 is the recommended way forward to achieve the mission.

Be it resolved, therefore, that:

The Board of Trustees directs the administration of the University to achieve the access and affordability mission for which Global Campus was created and to do so by making operational key ideas for Global Campus 2.0 presented in the task force report. More specifically, **the trustees wish** to ensure that the mission is achieved and resources are not wasted.

The Board of Trustees directs the Chancellors of the three campuses, who will have responsibility for all on-line education under Global Campus 2.0, to do the following:

- Develop and present to the President and Board for approval a multi-year plan with a schedule and clear accountability for the creation and delivery of high demand, affordable on-campus and on-line baccalaureate completion programs in partnership with Illinois' community colleges.
- Develop and present to the President and Board for approval recommendations for the organization and management of human and other assets and resources of the current Global Campus organization as may be retained by the University.

The Board directs that this work be undertaken expeditiously and that it be completed and implemented, as recommended by the task force report, by January 1, 2010.