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APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
*STATUTES AND THE GENERAL RULES CONCERNING UNIVERSITY  
ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE*

**Action:** Approve Proposed Amendments to the University of Illinois *Statutes* and *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

In the fall of 2012, the Board of Trustees initiated a review of the University's two governing documents, the University of Illinois *Statutes (Statutes)* and *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure (General Rules)*. The purpose of the review was to ensure accuracy and update language to reflect current practices. The process has taken several years because of leadership changes, the complex required shared governance process involving all three university Senates as well as the University Senates Conference (USC), and the need for precision and care when adjusting such pivotal documents. Moreover, in May 2016, the University of Illinois adopted the organizational structure and nomenclature of a "system" for the effective and efficient impact, operation, and administration of the institution. Intricate terminology changes involving "system" and "university" required a new set of revisions and round of consultations.

The proposed revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* are attached to this item. The majority of the changes reflect the adoption of the system/university

nomenclature as well as updates to the titles and roles of various system-level and university officials. Several other changes reflect updates to current procedures, especially in the area of Intellectual Property. A few substantive changes are proposed in the areas of the nondiscrimination statement, academic freedom, and clarifying that both the USC and the President may initiate modifications to the *Statutes*.

The proposed changes in the attached governing documents have been reviewed extensively by President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and University Counsel. Pursuant to the requirements of the *Statutes* and *General Rules*, the President has consulted with the University Senates Conference regarding these proposed amendments.

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*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The changes to the University of Illinois *Statutes* and *General Rules* have the support of the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the university Senates, and the University Senates Conference.

The President of the University of Illinois recommends approval.