

**ILLINOIS STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 2015.02/06  
Higher Learning Commission  
Accreditation Assurance Argument**

**Resolution**

Whereas, accreditation is the primary process for assuring and improving the quality of higher education institutions in the United States and for ensuring compliance by the institutions with federal statutes and codes, and

Whereas accreditation is carried out by seven regional accreditation commissions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation, and

Whereas, the Higher Learning Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation as the regional accreditation commission responsible for accrediting colleges and universities in Illinois, and

Whereas, the Higher Learning Commission last accredited the University on June 24, 2005, for a ten-year period, and

Whereas, in January 2013, President C. Alvin Bowman appointed an Accreditation Steering Committee to prepare a request for reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, and

Whereas, the Accreditation Steering Committee and its work teams have prepared the reaccreditation request, known as the Assurance Argument, with substantial input from internal University constituencies, and

Whereas, on September 24, 2014, the Academic Senate unanimously endorsed the Assurance Argument, and

Whereas, on October 24, 2014, the Board of Trustees received the latest draft of the Assurance Argument and a report regarding the status of the reaccreditation process, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees finds that the Assurance Argument accurately and effectively documents University compliance with accreditation criteria established by the Higher Learning Commission.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees endorses the request to the Higher Learning Commission for reaccreditation for a ten-year period, as articulated in the Assurance Argument presented to the Board on October 24, 2014.

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Board Action on:	_____	Postpone:	_____
Motion by:	_____	Amend:	_____
Second by:	_____	Disapprove:	_____
Vote:	Yeas:_____Nays:_____	Approve:	_____

ATTEST: Board Action, February 20, 2015

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Secretary/Chairperson