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Subject: Invitation regarding strategic planning steering committee

(Sent on behalf of President Timothy Killeen)

Dear Colleagues,

Last spring, the Board of Trustees directed me to develop a University-wide strategic plan – a critical initiative that will chart our path to the future and build on our rich legacy of service to students and the public good.

To help guide the process, I am establishing a Strategic Planning Steering Committee comprised of students, deans, faculty, staff, alumni, and senior administrators from across the University. I believe the committee would benefit greatly from your leadership, experience and vision, and I am writing to invite you to serve as a member.

The committee's first meeting will take place on September 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in 364 Henry Administration Building in Urbana. Subsequent meetings will be held roughly every month throughout the 2015-2016 academic year. If you accept my invitation to join the committee, I know you will view this project as a priority and make every effort to attend all scheduled meetings.

To facilitate our planning process, we have retained AKA/Strategy, a consulting firm with broad experience providing strategic counsel to leading institutions and systems of higher education. But it is especially important to me that the strategic plan reflect your thinking, that of the broader University community, and input from external stakeholders. With AKA's assistance, we are designing a transparent and inclusive process to accomplish this goal.

Please let me know whether you can serve by responding to Dee Dee Williams at dwillms1@uillinois.edu as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are available to answer any questions you may have about the committee or the strategic planning initiative.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the University of Illinois, and I look forward to working with you on this important effort.

Sincerely,
Tim

Timothy L. Killeen, President
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