The Previous Political Climate
The Current One
Successful Outcomes for NIU and Higher Education

• 5% increase for NIU operations
• Increased funding for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants and AIM High scholarships
• $140 million for new capital investment over the next 6 years
• Re-appropriation of funding for the Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability
Capital Funding Priorities

$140M Reinvestment/New Construction at NIU

• $53M for miscellaneous facility improvements
  – $30M renovation of the DuSable academic complex
• $77M construction of a new Health IT Center
• $10.7M capital re-appropriations – including $3.1M for the planning/design of Health IT Center
• $15M from the DPI re-appropriation for NICCS
DuSable Priority

• 50 yr old academic building that touches all students
• First major renovation

GOALS

• Modernize adaptive learning environment
• Meet student and faculty needs/expectations
• Best practice pedagogies to promote student success
• Philanthropic opportunities
Health IT Center Planning

- Co-locate dispersed health professions programs
- Increase opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration
- Encourage community/external partnerships
- Philanthropic opportunities
Update: Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability (NICCS)

• NIU hub of the Illinois Innovation Network
• Announced Oct 9, 2018.

• Promoting research, education & workforce, development and economic growth related to community sustainability
IIN Organizational Updates

- The UofI System has hired an Associate VP for Economic Development to manage the IIN.
- Last month AVP visited NIU to discuss funding arrangements and IIN organization.
- As has been planned, each hub will have a member on the IIN Council.
- Currently the Council, in classic boot-strap style, is drafting by-laws and establishing committees.
- As part of the IIN, we’ve started discussions around an Economic Analysis for IIN. (Intake call Aug. 16)
The Illinois Innovation Network Rapidly Evolving
Leading IIN Hub –
Discovery Partners Institute

- Interdisciplinary public-private research institute
- Led by the UofI System with partners across the state
- Primary hub of the IIN
- Just south of the Loop
- Now staffed with an Interim Managing Director of Academic Affairs, Administration, Partnerships
- International partners: Cardiff University, Hebrew University, Ramaiah Medical College, Tel Aviv University
DPI Key Focus Areas

- Computing & Data
- Food & Agriculture
- Environment & Water
- Health & Wellness

Global Matters:
- Culture & Society
- Public Policy
- Education & Workforce Development
- Entrepreneurship & Technology Commercialization
NIU Research Vision

Building on existing strengths and strategies

Preparing Northern Illinois and the Nation for a Century of Change

- Responding to the changing climate
- Preparing for changing demographics
- Leading the evolution of technology
- Interpreting our changing world

Building on existing strengths and strategies
The Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability (NICCS)

- Reflects
  - NIU Research Strategy
  - IIN/DPI Themes
    - Food and agriculture
    - Environment and water

- Leading to three inter-related foci
  - Food systems innovation
  - Water resources stewardship/development
  - Ecosystem resiliency

- Plus development of an environmental policy effort and legal clinic
Proposed IIN Facility and Location

- Staged facility reaching 30,000 square feet
  - Laboratory
  - Instructional
  - Conference
  - Office space
  - High bay
- Green houses and field sites
- Funding $23M
  - $15M from appropriations
  - $8M NIU
Funding Status

- $500M for DPI/IIN re-appropriated in FY2020 but not released.
- Informal cost match requirement nearly met, not thought to be an impediment.
- Moved from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to the Capital Development Board (CDB).
  - Less performance reporting
  - Less administrative burden
  - Experience working with CDB.
  - UofI System will still have a voice in funding priorities.
- When CDB does release the money, NIU portion will be in the first round of disbursements.
Internal Planning

• Organization
  – Established a VP level oversight group just after announcement.
  – Proposed an initial organizational structure with three committees: program, facilities, and external advisory.
  – Groups will not be convened until we have received word of imminent DPI/IIN funding. (Nominations being accepted)

• Draft Mission and Vision
  – Serve as terms of reference for committees.
  – Received two dozen comments/suggestions.
  – Feedback in three general bins: improved articulation of the proposed mission and goals, comments on the level and tone of the goals, addition of new goals
  – Will continue discussion at today’s monthly town hall call
In Summary

- IIN and DPI organization taking shape and personnel in place.
- Funding for NICCS repositioned, no arrival date established.
- Internally poised to initiate.
DISCUSSION