



**Northern Illinois  
University**

# Capital Opportunities

Leadership Presentation  
August 27, 2019

# The Previous Political Climate



# The Current One



# Spring 2019 Legislative Session



## 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 (NIOCS)



- 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

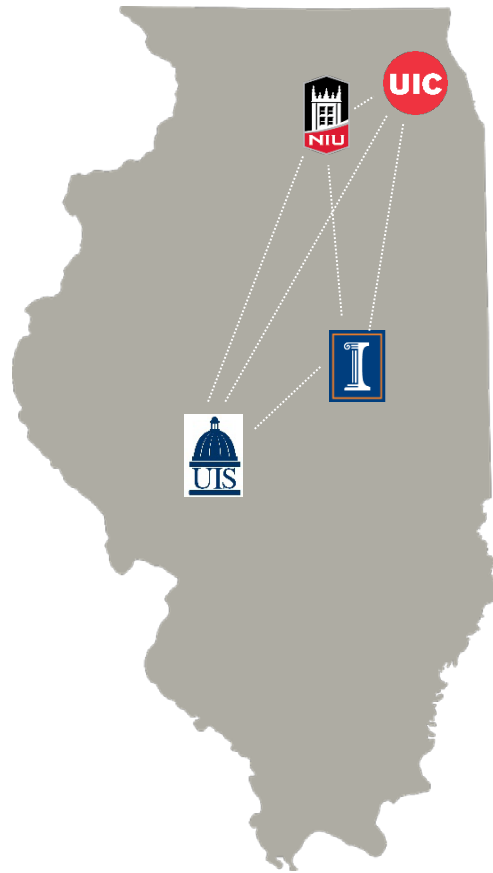


- The UofI System has hired an Associate VP for Economic Development to manage the IIN.
- Last month AVP visited NIU to discuss funding arrangements and IIN organization.
- As has been planned, each hub will have a member on the IIN Council.
- Currently the Council, in classic boot-strap style, is drafting 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



2018



2019



# 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



# 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

# The Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability (NIOCS)



- **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 NIOCS repositioned, no arrival date established.
- Internally poised to initiate.



# DISCUSSION