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**Subject:** Message from Chancellor Koch: HLC Reaccreditation

## Dear faculty, staff and students:

I am pleased to announce the University of Illinois Springfield has received official notice of its institutional reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

As you may already know, higher education accreditation is an important quality assurance process conducted by an external body to assure applicable standards are met. UIS has been accredited by the HLC since 1975. The HLC not only evaluated UIS' academic programs, but also the quality of the institution as a whole, including its governance and administration, mission, finances, operations and resources. HLC's institutional accreditation includes all degree levels as well as onsite and online offerings. As part of the new Open Pathway process, UIS will take part in two assurance reviews during the forthcoming 10-year reaccreditation cycle; one in four years and one in ten years. The next HLC site visit will occur during the 2027-2028 academic year.

This reaccreditation is not only a testament to the quality of academic programs offered at the University of Illinois- but also a recognition of the deep commitment of UIS faculty and staff to their students and to the mission and vision of the University. My sincere thanks and congratulations to the many members of our community who dedicated a great deal of time and effort to this very important process. I extend special thanks and appreciation to Associate Vice Chancellor Cecilia Cornell for her outstanding leadership.

If you would like to read more about the reaccreditation, please click on the following link: http://news.uis.edu/2018/09/uis-receives-institutional.html.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Koch

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