**Illinois State**

**University**

Board of

**Trustees**

 **Resolution No. 2016.10/26**

 **Apple Computer Resale**

 **Authorization**

**Resolution**

Whereas, the University has a partnership relationship with Apple Computer to provide technology products, software, and repair services, and

Whereas, the University believes it economically benefits University Departments, Faculty, Staff, and Students to provide these services, and

Whereas, the University Board of Trustees had previously authorized Student Technology Support and TechZone to provide Apple products and services for five years with a purchase schedule concluding in FY2016 for $2,000,000 annually, and

Whereas, the University constituency has continued to adopt a range of technology tools from Apple Computer including personal computers, mobile devices, and software applications:

Therefore, be it resolved that the University Board of Trustees authorizes TechZone and Student Technologies to provide Apple products and services to University departments, faculty, staff and students up to $2,000,000 for fiscal years 2017 to 2021.

Board Action on: Postpone:

 Motion by: Amend:

 Second by: Disapprove:

 Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

ATTEST: Board Action, October 28, 2016

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Secretary/Chairperson

**Board of Trustees**

**Illinois State University**

**Apple Computer Resale**

This item seeks an authorization from the Board of Trustees for TechZone to purchase goods from Apple Computer for resale. TechZone and Student Technologies serve as the campus computer store as well as providing warranty and general servicing of computers.

Illinois State University offers products and support to students, faculty, and staff for a variety of common computing platforms including Dell, Apple, Lenovo, etc. Illinois State has utilized Apple computer equipment and software for many years. Students in particular have increasingly chosen to utilize Apple equipment for their personal computing needs and to meet the requirement of the Illinois State student computer initiative (the policy recognizing the need for all students to be equipped with 24x7 access and to bring a personal computer for academic and personal productivity).

Apple Computer Corporation offers specific academic discounts to universities who become partners via computer

reseller and service operations. Illinois State’s TechZone is an “Authorized Apple Reseller” for students, faculty, staff and other university departments. This allows members of the University community to purchase Apple equipment and software in a familiar environment with the support of staff who are familiar with university operations. Many times purchases can be made at discounted prices or with Apple offered promotions. In addition, TechZone is an authorized service center, which provides certified technicians to perform needed warranty repair work directly on-campus.

Since the original resolution being passed seven years ago by the Board of Trustees authorizing more than $500,000 of purchasing authority, the adoption rates of Apple technology has increased on campus. It is estimated that approximately 50% of our students utilize an Apple computer.

The University purchases Apple equipment directly from Apple Computer Corporation under the Illinois Public

Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC). TechZone purchases Apple equipment and software and then resells the

goods to members of the University community.

Source of funding: local operating funds.