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**Illinois State**

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**Board of**

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 **Resolution No. 2014.02/06**

**Watterson Commons Dining Services Expansion, Planning**

**Resolution**

Whereas, Watterson Commons, a dining facility owned and operated by Illinois State University, was constructed in 1967, and;

Whereas, proposed program improvements for Campus Dining Services include a need for new spaces for bakery and food preparation functions, and

Whereas, investigation, analysis, and preliminary planning indicate that bakery and food preparation functions would be most efficient if relocated to Watterson Commons:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes a capital project for a Campus Dining Services addition at Watterson Commons, and directs the University Administration to appoint architects and engineers, develop design and construction documents, and establish a budget for a construction project which will eventually lead to a construction project for Board consideration.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes expenditures of $650,000 for planning the proposed Watterson Commons Dining Services Expansion project.

Board Action on: Postpone:

 Motion by: Amend:

 Second by: Disapprove:

 Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

 ATTEST: Board Action, February 21, 2014

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**Board of Trustees**

**Illinois State University**

**Watterson Commons Dining Services Expansion, Planning**

This item requests Board of Trustees approval to plan an expansion of Watterson Commons for Campus Dining Services.

**Background**. When originally constructed in 1968, the John Green Food Service building was used to prepare all baked goods for all campus dining venues. By the early 2000’s, the bakery equipment was beginning to fail and the baking operation was moved to Feeney Dining Center in the South Campus Residence Hall Complex. Some of the bakery functions were moved to Watterson Commons dining center and the remaining bakery functions were moved back to John Green in 2012 when the University discontinued use of the South Campus Residence Hall Complex.

A planning effort was completed in 2011 to determine future bakery and food preparation functions. This plan included a ‘cook/chill’ operation for processing food products for the dining halls. The bakery and cook/chill operations require space of approximately 12,000 gross square feet. Consolidating these functions in Watterson would increase operational synergy and efficiencies.

**Project Scope**. This project involves planning for an addition to Watterson Commons on the east, along Fell Avenue. A two story addition is envisioned to satisfy bakery and cook/chill operations in this location.

**Total Project Budget**. The estimated total cost of planning this project is $650,000. Funds for the project will come from Bond Revenue Reserves in Campus Dining. A request for approval to proceed with construction will be submitted to the Board of Trustees once an architectural design documents and total cost estimate have been developed.

# **Resource Requirements**

 Total Planning Costs $650,000

**Source of Funds**

 Campus Dining – Bond Revenue Reserves