

Board Meeting
December 2, 2011

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
BIOLOGY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Establish the Master of Science in Cell and Developmental Biology,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish the Master of Science in Cell and Developmental Biology.

The graduate curriculum in Cell and Developmental Biology is designed to educate students for careers in research and teaching in the biological sciences. This is a master's program for those Ph.D. candidates who have completed significant work but elect not to complete the Ph.D. program or whose work is deemed not satisfactory for the Ph.D. degree. In the past, students who did not complete the Ph.D. degree would have received a master's degree through the Master of Science in Biology program. There have been a significant number of proposed changes to the requirements for the master's biology program and it is no longer compatible with the Cell and Developmental Biology graduate program.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.