

Board Meeting  
December 2, 2011

APPROVE REVOCATION OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Revocation of Doctor of Philosophy Degree

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Graduate College at Chicago has conducted a thorough review of a matter concerning conduct by a former student who had received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Mechanical Engineering. In the review, the committee found that there was sufficient overlap between a published work and portions of the dissertation of the former student, enough to constitute plagiarism. The College provided the former student with appropriate due process rights, including notice, and the right to a hearing and appeal. A committee of three graduate faculty members conducted an initial review and recommended initiation of the degree revocation process. The former student participated in the process, acknowledged that the paragraphs and figures in the introductory portion of the thesis were copied without attribution. The Interim Dean of the Graduate College has recommended to the Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago that the degree be revoked.

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 President of the University concurs.