

Board Meeting
January 16, 2020

REORGANIZE AND CONSOLIDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES
EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY, COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE AT PEORIA, CHICAGO

Action: Reorganize and Consolidate the Department of Health Sciences Education and the Department of Pathology, College of Medicine at Peoria

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and College of Medicine recommends the reorganization and consolidation of the Department of Health Sciences Education and the Department of Pathology in the College of Medicine at Peoria (COMP). The combined department will be known as the Department of Health Sciences Education and Pathology.

The Department of Health Sciences Education was established in 2017 in order to provide first-year medical education at COMP. Previously, students completed their first year at the regional campus in Urbana and years two, three, and four at Peoria. The department houses thirteen faculty who oversee the foundational coursework for all medical students at Peoria, combining faculty across many basic science fields (e.g., biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, and cell biology). The Department of Pathology also contributes to the education of medical students, and is home to two salaried faculty and additional volunteer faculty who focus solely on teaching.

The retirement of the department chair in pathology presented an opportunity to reorganize the college. The reorganization and consolidation of the two departments into a single Department of Health Sciences Education and Pathology further facilitates an integrated cross-disciplinary teaching approach to the basic sciences while respecting the pathology roots of the department. In addition, the consolidation will result in lower administrative costs.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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 Executive Vice President and 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.