

Board Meeting
January 17, 2008

MERGE THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND THE DIVISION OF ENGLISH
AS AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND
SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Approve the Merger of the Department of Linguistics and the Division of English as an International Language, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to merge the Department of Linguistics and the Division of English as an International Language as the Department of Linguistics.

The common intellectual ground between the two units, applied linguistics, provides a natural congruence and reason to merge the units. More specifically, the merger will have a positive impact on the range of programs offered in the newly configured department, in that course offerings in the more applied areas of linguistics will be strengthened at all levels. Furthermore, existing opportunities for doctoral level work in second language studies will be expanded.

The merger proposal received unanimous support from both faculties.

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 University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

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