

Board Meeting
January 17, 2008

REDESIGNATE THE LIBRARY RESEARCH CENTER AS THE CENTER FOR
INFORMATICS RESEARCH IN SCIENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP, GRADUATE
SCHOOL FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, URBANA

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the Library Research Center as the Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship, Graduate School for Library and Information Science, 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 Graduate School of Library and Information Science to redesignate the Library Research Center as the Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship.

The Library Research Center was established in 1961 with a grant from the Illinois State Library and was an outgrowth of a previous research initiative supported by federal funds from the Library Services Act and support from other neighboring state agencies. While retaining the foundational aim of applying social science methods to research to increase the effectiveness of libraries, the projects undertaken by the Center have evolved to place more emphasis on information science and the development of digital information for scholarly and scientific research communities.

The expanded base of research brings a wide variety of techniques, experience, and knowledge to four core areas of concentration: scientific communication, digital humanities, collections and metadata, and next-generation libraries and museums. Current projects are funded primarily by the National Science Foundation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Andrew Mellon Foundation. They include studies of data curation requirements in bioinformatics and e-science, integration of ontologies with scientific publishing, institutional repository development, national federation of digital cultural heritage collections, literary text mining and analysis, digital music retrieval and evaluation, as well as studies of information use behavior and user communities, and long-standing, nation-wide annual library surveys.

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.