

Board Meeting
January 19, 2017

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN
MANAGEMENT, COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Establish the Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management, College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to establish the Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management.

The Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management will provide analytical and strategic skills for mid-career professionals who manage change in urban areas. This one-year program compliments the College of Fine and Applied Arts' existing Master of Urban Planning (MUP) degree. The MUP is a two-year program, which is too long, too costly, and not focused in the relevance needed for the market of professionals targeted by the Master of Science in Urban Management.

Students will select courses from one of three areas of study: regional systems and informatics, energy and environment, or governance and community, based on relevance to their profession and to their personal interest. Graduates of the program,

who are expected to be urban practitioners who are not professional planners, will have increased opportunity for career growth in fields such as policy organizations, public agencies, offices of elected officials, and not-for-profits.

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 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.