

Board Meeting  
January 20, 2011

APPROVE HONORARY DEGREE, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Honorary Doctorate Degree

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Senate at Urbana-Champaign has recommended that an honorary degree be conferred on the following person at Commencement Exercises on May 15, 2011:

**Gary R. List, Retired, U.S. Department of Agriculture** – the honorary degree of Doctor of Science

Gary List has had a long and distinguished research career as a research scientist for the USDA. He developed several new and important technologies in the edible oils field. His research methods have been standardized and adopted worldwide with hundreds of millions of pounds of edible oil annually analyzed using them. Mr. List is a pioneer in the detection of trans fatty acids, and in the development of alternative processing methods to achieve fats and oils with similar physical and chemical properties, but lacking trans fatty acids. He has authored hundreds of scientific and technical publications, and has regularly been recognized by his peers throughout the world as evidenced by the numerous awards given to him by scientific societies in the United States and Europe. Mr. List is on the editorial board of several journals and has served as a reviewer of competitive grant proposals for the USDA.

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 Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor of Urbana-Champaign concurs with the recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.