

Board Meeting
January 20, 2011

ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND SCIENCE EDUCATION
PROGRAM, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program,
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor of Urbana-Champaign campus with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program.

The overarching objective of the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program is to develop an interdisciplinary agricultural teacher education and leadership program that is nationally recognized for its educational quality, contributions to research, and service to the profession. The specific objectives of the program are to invigorate the teacher preparation program and leadership education program at the undergraduate level in ways that capitalize on the natural synergy that exists between those components of the program; to provide support to a proposed campus-wide leadership studies minor; to strengthen the online and residential master's programs in agricultural education; and to ultimately develop a doctoral program in agricultural

education. In addition, faculty members will contribute through research and service to scholarship in the field of agricultural education.

The Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program is proposed to be a college-wide, interdisciplinary program. As a college-level program, new opportunities exist to integrate education and leadership scholarship with those of the disciplines represented in the seven departments of the college. Relocating the program to the college will provide the program with greater visibility in its interdisciplinary, college-wide role.

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 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.