

Board Meeting  
January 20, 2011

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL  
LEADERSHIP AND SCIENCE EDUCATION, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL,  
CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Establish the Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education, 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 Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education with concentrations in agricultural science education and agricultural leadership education.

As a result of reconfiguring the current Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education major and moving the Agricultural Communications major to the College of Media, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences proposes to establish a new major in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education. The main goal of creating this major is to ensure the University of Illinois continues to educate undergraduate students to become certified high school teachers of

agriculture and to become leaders in non-formal educational roles in agricultural and related fields.

The major is designed to prepare students to be leaders as agricultural educators whether they use their educator skills as high school teachers in a formal educational setting or as leaders and non-formal educators in areas such as extension, instructional design and evaluation, organizational consulting, or community development and outreach. The major will prepare students for careers in the agricultural education and related fields and develop science literacy regarding the role and importance of the agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources in everyday life. This major also allows students in the agricultural science education concentration to meet Illinois State Board of Education requirements for teacher certification.

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.