

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION,
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Master of Science in Agricultural Education, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College

Funding: There are no funding implications directly associated with this item.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Science in Agricultural Education.

In March 2019, the Board of Trustees approved reorganization of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' Agricultural Education and Agricultural Communications programs. This action, approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on May 9, 2019, eliminated the Agricultural Education and Agricultural Communications Programs, replacing them with a program in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC). At that time, the reorganization included elimination of the existing B.S. in Agricultural Education and the B.S. in Agricultural Communications, replacing these degree programs through the

establishment of the B.S. in ALEC. This proposal and the companion item to establish the M.S. in ALEC are the next step in this multi-element reorganization process. This particular proposal seeks elimination via phasedown of the M.S. in Agricultural Education. Students currently enrolled in the existing program will be able to complete their degree. By moving to phasedown, the M.S. in Agricultural Education will no longer admit students. Prospective students will be directed to the proposed companion action item, the M.S. in ALEC, which combines agricultural communications and agricultural education and significantly updates the education-related coursework in the curriculum.

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.