

Approved by the Board of Trustees,
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REDESIGNATE M.S. AND PH.D. DEGREES IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TO
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING,
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, URBANA

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees from Electrical Engineering to Electrical and Computer Engineering

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Engineering to redesignate the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Electrical Engineering to Electrical and Computer Engineering.

In 1984 the Department of Electrical Engineering was redesignated the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The department now proposes to redesignate the title of their graduate degrees to be consistent with the department's name. The ratio of Electrical Engineering to Computer Engineering undergraduates has changed dramatically in recent years from 4:1 to about 1:1 nationwide. This coupled with the broadening scope of departmental research activities in computer-related areas indicates that a name change to the degree is overdue. Changing the names of the graduate degrees to match the name of the department will bring the department in line with the standard practice on campus and those offered by corresponding departments at

peer institutions helping to attract more graduate students with the appropriate background.

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 in this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.