Board Meeting July 23, 2015

## RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN PLANNING, COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning, College of Fine and

**Applied Arts** 

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning as the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning.

The College seeks to rename the degree as Urban Studies and Planning to better reflect the revised curriculum. Many students in this program of study are interested in exploring urban issues but do not want to pursue traditional land use or public sector planning careers. The redesigned curriculum allows students to develop a solid foundation in key theoretical and analytical tools of urban planning, thereby better preparing them for their career goals. Additionally, the redesigned curriculum emphasizes more experiential and practice-based work via workshops and a capstone course to prepare students for the workplace after they graduate.

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.