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TRANSFER THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NEUROSCIENCE,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE
COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Transfer the Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

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 Liberal Arts and Sciences to transfer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in neuroscience from the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology to the Neuroscience Program within the College.

The Ph.D. in neuroscience was established in 1990, when the Neuroscience Program was a subunit of the School of Life Sciences. When the School of Life Sciences was split into the School of Integrative Biology and the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, the Ph.D. in neuroscience was moved to the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology. Over the years, the Neuroscience Program has become more interdisciplinary and now operates as an independent program; it controls its own budget, makes its own admissions decisions, and the Director reports directly to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. While neuroscience continues to have strong linkages to the

School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, it is no longer a subunit of the School. Similarly, the Ph.D. in neuroscience is no longer under the School's jurisdiction.

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.