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RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Rename the Department of Human and Community Development, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

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 Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to change the name of the Department of Human and Community Development to the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

The Department of Human and Community Development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign grew out of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies, a larger unit named in 1974 and organized in 1978 with four divisions: Family and Consumer Economics; Food and Nutrition; Human Development and Family Ecology; and, Textiles and Interior Design. The current name of Human and Community Development came into being during the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' reorganization in 1995. At that time, the School of Human

Resources and Family Studies was dissolved and the Division of Human Development and Family Studies was combined with three other entities to create the Department of Human and Community Development. This department's configuration has changed considerably since the 1995 reorganization. It no longer houses Rural Sociology; Community Studies; Agricultural Communications; or Agricultural Education as majors. The "Community" portion of the departmental focus has greatly diminished, with most current faculty members focusing on human development and/or family studies.

Although "community" as a context of development is considered important across all these areas, "community" as the unit of analysis is not a focal point of studies. The single academic major that remains in this department is Human Development and Family Studies. The change in name to Human Development and Family Studies accurately reflects the department's identity.

Changing the name of the department to Human Development and Family Studies will improve recruitment of both undergraduate and graduate students searching for a family issues area of study, and it will increase capacity to attract high-caliber and appropriate faculty looking for positions in a recognizable disciplinary niche.

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.