

Board Meeting
July 24, 2014

REORGANIZE AND RENAME THE GRADUATE MAJORS IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION POLICY, ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP, COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION AND GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Reorganize and Rename the Graduate Majors in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, College of Education and 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 Education and the Graduate College to reorganize and rename the graduate majors in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership.

This proposal requests to reorganize and rename the three graduate majors in Educational Policy Studies, Educational Organization and Leadership, and Human Resource Education into a single new graduate major: Education Policy, Organization and Leadership. This request follows the reorganization of three departments that were combined into a single unit effective January 2011. As outlined in the reorganization proposal, curricular integration, efficiencies, and innovation were driving factors of the merger of the three departments. The present proposal addresses this goal by creating a

degree structure that is aligned with the new department name, simplifies and streamlines the curriculum, and opens opportunities for future curriculum innovation. The present proposal balances the need for curricular integration, consistency, and efficiency with the commitment to preserving the differentiated nature of academic programs and areas of study in the new department.

The single major in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership is proposed for five graduate degrees: Master of Education (Ed.M.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the Department. The range of academic offerings currently in place in the Department will be preserved, including existing campus, off-campus, and online degree programs, graduate concentrations, graduate minors, and medical scholar programs.

This proposal eliminates the need for the Master of Science (M.S.) degree option currently in place for Human Resource Education and Educational Organization and Leadership, and seeks to eliminate those degree options. The proposed major in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership has a single thesis-bearing masters degree, the Master of Arts (M.A.).

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.