

Board Meeting
July 25, 2019

ESTABLISH THE CENTER ON HEALTH, AGING, AND DISABILITY AS A
PERMANENT CENTER, COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Establish the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability as a Permanent Center, College of Applied Health 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 Applied Health Sciences to establish the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability as a Permanent Center.

The Center on Health, Aging, and Disability (CHAD) was established with temporary status in 2006 to support the growth and development of research and interdisciplinary collaborations on health, aging, and disability and to develop interdisciplinary collaborations in this research. Since that time, the center has supported and continues to support the research, education, and outreach missions of the College of Applied Health Sciences and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, addressing the many facets of health, wellness, aging, disability, and quality of life through a variety of strategies and services. CHAD also contributes to the university's training mission through outreach and internship programs that better prepare undergraduate and graduate students to serve the growing population of at-risk children and adolescents, older adults,

and persons with disabilities. The Center's financial support is stable, with the College of Applied Health Sciences supporting staff salaries, and external gift and indirect cost recovery funds supporting programmatic activities.

CHAD promotes and supports existing faculty-driven research while also developing and supporting new research themes in health, aging, and disability. It promotes training of faculty and students in the areas of health, aging, and disability and makes external stakeholders aware of the university's strengths in these areas through internship programs, faculty seminars, an annual symposium, and community educational outreach. The center is a local and national voice in the areas of aging and disability, serving as home to Age-Friendly Champaign-Urbana, a community-led initiative seeking to make the community move livable to residents of all ages. CHAD is part of both the World Health Organization and American Association of Retired Persons Networks of Age-Friendly Communities. Work with a steering committee of community leaders to increase livability in Champaign-Urbana is current and ongoing.

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 Executive Vice President and 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.