

ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN CRAFTS, COLLEGE OF FINE
AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts, 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 eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts (BFA-Crafts) has not admitted any new students for three years and currently supports only a few remaining students. The maintenance of this program is a resource drain for the School of Art and Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, as the unit must maintain expensive, remote lab facilities and support staff and faculty teaching assignments to provide the full curriculum for a dwindling number of students. As such, elimination via phasedown for the program is requested at this time. A companion report item seeks elimination via phasedown of the concentration in Metals within the BFA-Crafts.

During the phasedown, the currently enrolled students will be able to complete the program. When these students have completed their degrees, the program

will be eliminated. Prospective students interested in this area of study can apply to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art.

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.